Benefits and Challenges of Agricultural Students' International Research 1 Collaboration 2 3 Mahtab Pouratashi¹ 4 ABSTRACT 5 International collaboration is the key element to expand the horizons of knowledge and 6 technology and to solve sustainability problems. To plan and implement this issue as 7 effectively as possible, this study analyzed the lived experiences of agricultural students about 8 the benefits and challenges of international research collaboration. This applied research used 9 a mixed-method approach in two steps. First, an interview was done with PhD-agriculture 10 students at the University of Tehran, who had published at least one article with international 11 co-authorship in an international journal. Interviews were continued with 19 participants until 12 the saturation point was reached. Interviews were transcribed and analyzed using the six stages 13 of thematic analysis of Braun and Clarke (2006) and by conducting MAXQDA software. 14 Second, a questionnaire was developed and conducted to investigate the importance of each of 15 the items from the same 19 students who participated in the interview step. In this step, 16 descriptive statistics were done by using SPSS software/ver23. Percentage, mean, and standard 17 deviation were calculated for descriptive analysis. The findings showed that the international 18 research collaboration had 24 benefit codes in the four dimensions of communication; 19 scientific-research; academic; and personal-professional. On the other hand, 17 challenge 20 codes were categorized into three groups of personal, motivational, attitudinal; managing the 21 research and publication process; and cultural, technical, and economic. Based on the means 22 of benefits and challenges of students' international research collaboration, the first ranks were 23 "academic" with Mean= 4.06 and "personal, motivational, attitudinal" with Mean= 4.28 for 24 benefits and challenges, respectively. According to the findings, building teamwork skills in 25 higher education is recommended as it can positively promote students' collaboration with 26 27 others for research projects. This original and innovative study has theoretical and practical implications and value. The results are beneficial for universities to make decisions and plan 28 activities that enhance students' international research collaboration. 29

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35 INTRODUCTION

Different factors impact the progress of developing countries, among them the most important 36 is agriculture (Tugendhat & Alemu, 2016). In many countries, the agricultural sector causes 37 significantly to the overall growth and development of their economies, and undoubtedly, 38 agricultural development has special potential for employment (Osabohien et al, 2019). 39 Agriculture has a key role to play in achieving sustainable food security throughout the world 40 and is an essential determinant in the quest for reducing and ending poverty at all levels 41 (Osabohien et al., 2018; Osabohien et al, 2019; Anderberg, 2020; Gunnarsson and Wingborg, 42 2022). But at the same time, there are several challenges. The agriculture has to produce more 43 food on less available soil. That means it is crucial to raise the efficiency of agriculture in the 44 future decades to serve the increasing need for food and to stop hunger (Horváth, 2016). The 45 understanding of the complexity of agricultural systems in the past decades and increasing 46 emphasis on sustainable agricultural development have stimulated researchers in the field of 47 agriculture to look for research approaches to effectively link scientific advancement for more 48 benefits and consequences (Galmiche-Tejeda, 2013). So, the productivity and the effectiveness 49 of agriculture have to be raised by using and applying the novel findings of the research and 50 51 development activities associated with agriculture (Fekete et al., 2014). Research is the foundation of development and progress across different fields, shaping 52 individuals' awareness, knowledge, and understanding of the world, driving innovation, and 53 solving complex issues and problems (Mendonca, 2009). Giving importance to research and 54 increasing research in each country causes development and progress and brings real 55 independence to that country (Hakkak et al., 2017, p. 46). So, the idea of progress without 56 paying attention to research seems far and unlikely. Today, the main criterion for determining 57 the scientific status of countries is the degree of participation in the production of science, 58 technology, and innovation and the role that the country plays in the process of global scientific 59 development (Taghizadeh Kerman et al., 2014). Accordingly, scientific research plays a critical 60 role in the field of agricultural development through knowledge generation, innovation, and 61 evidence-based solutions for emerging challenges in agriculture and for improving sustainable 62 practices and enhancing the productivity, development, and resilience of farming systems 63 (Mohamed El Mahdy, 2021). 64 65

In the present era, most scientific research is collaborative effort as opposed to individual efforts of the past decades. In other words, collaboration is a 21st-century orientation in academia; especially as research questions are larger and more complex and complicated,

requiring the efforts of more researchers and investigators from a broader variety of 68 perspectives and disciplines (Penniston, 2022). In academic research, collaboration usually 69 means an equal partnership between two or more academic faculty members, researchers, and 70 students involved in a research project (Delgadillo, 2016). In research collaboration, 71 researchers with diverse views and perspectives work and collaborate on interdependent 72 research tasks in order to knowledge production and achieve knowledge integration (Cooke & 73 Hilton, 2015). The world today has recognized the importance and influence of collaboration 74 in finding solutions for people, societal and global issues and problems (Bature & Atweh, 75 2019). Additionally, issues that were restricted to national borders have now become 76 international such as climate change, food security, health, environmental sustainability, etc. 77 Finding solution to these problems requires the collaborative effort of researchers from all 78 around the world. So, international research collaboration as one of the hottest topics in recent 79 years (Chen et al., 2019) is considered as one of the most important aspects of academic 80 careers (Bond et al., 2021). There is a greater need for internationally collaborative projects for 81 knowledge and technology transfer for sustainable agricultural development (Cakir & 82 McHenry, 2014). There are diverse levels of international research collaboration, which range 83 84 from exchanging ideas and insights, networking with international researchers, participating in grant applications, and publishing paper and research findings (Wai-Chan, 2017). In today's 85 increasingly globalized world, countries and institutions can benefit from international research 86 collaboration (Marginson, 2018), which is suggested by many as an indicator of high-quality 87 research (Kim, 2006). 88

Studies on research collaboration show that international collaboration in higher education 89 presents both challenges and opportunities. Networking with others, having shared interests, 90 sharing and exploring different ideas, and learning from others are some of the most important 91 reasons for conducting international research collaboration (Bond et al., 2021). Expanding 92 access to global knowledge resources (Waham et al., 2023), sharing knowledge and skills, 93 resources and costs between institutions (Abramo et al., 2019; Niederkrotenthaler et al., 2020), 94 improving research quality (Kumar & Ratnavelu, 2016; Mali et al., 2018), enhancing research 95 productivity (Waham et al., 2023), improving university quality indices and preparing students 96 for a global workforce (Aldieri et al., 2018; Waham et al., 2023), wider networking (Yemini, 97 2019), increasing the likelihood of collaborating with multiple authors in the future (Kumar & 98 Ratnavelu, 2016) were other benefits stated by different researchers. Studies on the impact of 99 international collaboration on citations showed a positive relationship between international 100

- 101 collaboration and the number of citations (Ni & An, 2018; Abramo et al., 2019; Alamah et al.,
- 102 2023). Ni and An (2018) found that papers published by more than three countries received103 more citations.
- According to the studies on the challenges of international collaborations, Caniglia et al. (2017) 104 identified two major challenges; institutional policy challenges and intercultural challenges. 105 Confusion over authorship order (Bukyova, 2010; Bozeman et al., 2016), language barriers 106 (Wöhlert, 2020), lack of clarity on who has responsibility for the results of the collaboration 107 (Bukvova, 2010), potentially less productivity, particularly as a result of navigating differing 108 work cultures (Abramo et al., 2019; Yemini, 2019), fiscal constraints (Kogan & Teichler, 109 2007), and high costs of collaboration (Cummings & Kiesler, 2007) considered as important 110 challenges in different studies. Ensuring academic quality and standards, cultural differences, 111 funding and resource constraints, and managing complexities were also stated as challenges of 112 research collaboration (Waham et al., 2023). International partnerships in research cause 113 additional financial costs that can be related to individuals, translators, travel, and equipment 114
- 115 (Freshwater et al., 2006).
- 116 In universities and higher education institutions, teaching and research missions form the core
- 117 functions that contribute as a key measure in evaluating the quality of universities and their
- 118 performance and contribution to society (Liu et al., 2022; Parr, 2022). It is expected from the
- 119 agricultural higher education system that, while performing their educational and research
- 120 missions, they move towards the production and dissemination of new knowledge and
- technologies in the agricultural sector (Pouratashi & Zamani, 2020; Karimi Etemad et al.,
- 122 2022). So, international collaboration in higher education has become necessary for universities
- 123 seeking to foster cultural exchange, enhance academic excellence, and address global
- 124 challenges (Waham et al., 2023).
- 125 Like many countries. Iran has paid attention to the need for internationalization of higher education, and universities and higher education institutions emphasize and implement various 126 measures towards internationalization, among them are international research collaborations. 127 Hence, research collaborations, both within and between higher education institutions, are 128 becoming increasingly vital in light of progressively complex problems (Bond et al., 2021). In 129 general, international research collaboration is an efficient and valuable process and can serve 130 as an opportunity to benefit. But at the same time, it can be complex and challenging. Since 131 international academic research collaboration is linked with many benefits, it is one of the 132 researchable issues in universities. However, there is limited research on the experiences of 133

individuals with international academic research collaboration. Accordingly, and given the 134 need for an in-depth investigation of higher education internationalization programs on the one 135 hand, and the lack of a study on the international academic research collaboration of 136 agricultural students on the other, the present study aids in fulfilling the gap in the literature. 137 Accordingly, this study intends to provide answers to the following research questions by 138 focusing on the research on agricultural higher education in Iran: (a) What are the benefits of 139 international research collaboration? (b) What are the challenges of international research 140 collaboration? 141

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143 MATERIALS AND METHODS

144 This research was a descriptive, non-experimental, and applied study that used a mixed-method

approach to properly answer the research questions. In different stages of this research such as

146 collection and analysis of data, the ethical standards were observed and effort was made to

147 ensure the accuracy to obtain verifiable and valid results.

148 First, a qualitative approach was conducted, using interviews and thematic content analysis.

Thematic analysis, which is a proper method to identify and analyze different patterns in thedata, was used to achieve an understanding of patterns of meanings from data on the lived

experiences of individuals. The interviews were conducted through a telephone conversation and the average time of each interview was about 45 minutes. Before conducting the interviews, the interview protocol was provided to the participants and they were assured that the interviews would remain completely confidential and the conversations would be analyzed only for the purpose of the research and without mentioning any personal information of the

156 participants.

The participants of this study comprised PhD-agriculture students at the University of Tehran, 157 who had published at least one article with international co-authorship in an international 158 journal. The selection of participants was purposeful of PhD-students who had experiences 159 related to the subject of the research and with diversity from departments of horticulture, soil 160 science, agricultural extension and education, food science and technology, irrigation and 161 reclamation engineering, and agricultural management and development. In qualitative 162 163 research, the number of participants is not predetermined and a fixed number of participants is not defined from the beginning. So, after the data becomes repetitive and reaches the point of 164 165 saturation, the researcher comes to the conclusion that interviews and data collection are

- 166 enough. In this way, the process of conducting interviews continued until the saturation point167 was reached and 19 students were interviewed.
- 168 After collecting the data, the interviews were transcribed and coding was used to analyze the
- 169 collected information, with the stages of thematic analysis introduced by Braun and Clarke
- 170 (2006) in the six stages including familiarization, codes formulation, themes generation, review
- 171 of themes, naming and defining themes, and formation and writing the report. Accordingly, the
- 172 texts of transcribed interviews were studied several times and the coding was determined in the
- 173 form of words and concepts. MAXQDA software, which is a powerful tool for analyzing
- 174 qualitative data to obtain accurate results from data analysis, was used to analyze the collected
- information and to identify the concepts and dimensions in the data. In order to check the
- accuracy and validity of the data, the criteria of reliability, transferability, and verifiability were
- 177 used.
- 178 For the second step of data collection and in order to study the importance of each of the items
- 179 from the views of the same 19 students who participated in the previous step, a quantitative
- 180 approach was conducted. A questionnaire in which items were extracted from the data of the
- 181 first step was developed for gathering data. The respondents were asked to express their views 182 about the importance of each item on a Likert scale from 1 to 5. Face validity of the 183 questionnaire was confirmed by a panel of experts consisting of faculty members. After that, 184 data were analyzed descriptively, including Percentage, mean, and standard deviation, using 185 SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Science, Chicago, IL)/Windows version 23.

186187 **RESULTS**

188 Step 1: Qualitative findings

The participants were asked to express their experiences of international research collaboration with foreign partners and to identify the benefits of the collaboration. The findings showed the extraction of 24 codes in the form of four categories: (a) communication, (b) scientific, research, (c) academic, and (d) personal-professional. The findings are shown in Table (1).

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Core category	Category	Code		ple of statements
Benefits of international research collaboration	Communication	Networking with experts Create professional connections with peers in other countries. Forming multidisciplinary and specialized teams to conduct research	-	Academic research is becoming more international. The joint research project that I did, made my networking wider and I was in contact with several other professors and researchers who were active in my field of interest and expertise. We will soon submit a joint proposal to receive an international grant.
	Scientific, research	Exploring new ideas for research Publishing the research findings at the international level Increasing the number of students' articles in international Journals Accelerating the research process Improving the quality of research Creating synergy and broadening research	_	Well, science is an international endeavor. So, collaboration with a person who is aware of current issues in a foreign context and university helps to expand research ideas international perspectives, and research knowledge.
	Academic	experiences Active participation in the internationalization of higher education Enhancing reputation of the university Sharing costs and resources between participating universities Strengthening the research performance of the university	_	In recent years, there has been a lot of dialogue about the internationalization of higher education, and this issue is important. Well, when I publish an article with the name of a professor from whom I take advice; it is valuable for me and the brand of my university to be highlighted and known. Citation to articles is considered one of the indicators in some university ranking systems. When we publish quality research work with the name of a prominent professor, it not only increases the brand and visibility of the person; it also increases the reputation and scientific standing of the university.
	Personal- professional	Help to improve one's scientific status Negotiation for acquisition the postdoctoral position Opportunity to learn and update experiences The formation of complementary capabilities and skills Strengthening students' cultural skills Increasing visibility	_	A paper I published with a team of foreign colleagues in a prestigious high-impact journal was highlighted in my resume and was noticed in the academic interview at the university. International collaboration on research helped me understand and experience other people's cultures.
		Sharing different ideas Increasing the number of citations		

Table 1. Extracted categories of benefits of international research collaboration.

One another question asked participants was about the challenges of international academic research collaboration according to their experiences of research collaboration. As can be seen from Table (2), the 17 codes were categorized in the form of three groups including (a) personal, motivational, attitudinal, (b) managing the research and publication process, and (c) cultural, technical, and economic.

Core category	Category	Code	Sample of statements
Challenges of	Personal,	Limited English proficiency	- It is very difficult and time-
international	motivational,	Long time to find a foreign	consuming to find a foreign
research	attitudinal	professor/partner and get a	colleague who has worked in my
collaboration		positive response to the request	research field and is interested in
		Weakness in establishing	the joint activity. I emailed and
		multicultural interaction and	reminded a professor more than 5
		communication	times and asked him to help me in
		Wrong choice of research	writing a part of an article. But I
		partner	did not receive any answer.
		Negative mental records from	
		some previous joint	
		collaborations	
		Lack of sufficient motivation to	
		conduct joint international	
		research	
		Ignorance of international joint	
		research activities in the	
		university	
		Lack of trust to provide data and information to others	
	Managing the	Time and research management	- We conducted joint research with
	research and	Work overload	the collaboration of 4 people, and
	publication	Confusion on authorship order	since we had not discussed the
	process	Responsibility of results	order of names from the beginning
	process	Responsionity of results	when submitting the article, the
			name of the first professor was
			included and we had a
			disagreement about the order of the
			other three. This factor caused us
			to somehow lose our motivation
			for further collaboration.
	Cultural,	Technology issues	- I met a PhD student in another
	technical,	Funding	country who was doing research in
	economic	Different time zones and	my research field and had
		geographical distance	published an article. We talked
		Cultural difference	about a topic to do a joint scientific
		University policy	activity. That student benefited
			from the financial support of his
			professor, but I had to pay the
			research costs personally and the
			university did not have any
			financial support for this scientific
			activity from me.

Table 2. Extracted categories of challenges of international research collaboration.

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206 Step 2: Quantitative findings

Participants' views on the benefits of international academic research collaboration are shown
in Table (3). Due to the participants' views, amongst the items in the communication category,
the mean of "networking with experts" was 4.18, indicating that this item was at a relatively

very high level of importance. The mean of "publishing the research findings at the 210 international level", "active participation in the internationalization of higher education", and 211 "increasing the number of citations" were 4.12, 4.37, and 4.68, respectively; showing the great 212 value of the aforementioned items in the other benefit categories. 213

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Table 3. Mean and standard	deviation	related	to	the	codes	of	benefits	of international	1
research collaboration.									

Core	Category	Code	Μ	SD	Rank
category	<i>a</i>	NT . 11 .1	4.10		
Benefits of	Communication	Networking with experts	4.18	.54	1
international research		Create professional connections with peers in other countries	3.87	.80	2
collaboration		Forming multidisciplinary and specialized teams to conduct research	3.62	1.14	3
			3.89		
	Scientific,	Exploring new ideas for research	4.00	.81	4
	research	Publishing the research findings at the international level	4.12	.80	1
		Increasing the number of students' articles in international Journals	4.06	.85	3
		Accelerating the research process	3.68	.94	5
		Improving the quality of research	4.06	.77	2
		Creating synergy and broadening of research experiences	3.50	1.03	6
			3.90		
	academic	Active participation in the internationalization of higher education	4.37	.83	1
		Enhancing reputation of the university	4.06	.53	3
		Sharing costs and resources between participating universities	3.62	.88	4
		Strengthening the research performance of the university	4.18	.83	2
			4.06		
	Personal-	Help to improve one's scientific status	4.25	.77	3
	professional	Negotiation for acquisition of the postdoctoral position	4.00	1.09	5
		Opportunity to learn and update experiences	3.56	.89	6
		The formation of complementary capabilities and skills	3.43	.81	8
		Strengthening students' cultural skills	3.50	.87	7
		Increasing visibility	4.43	1.09	2
		Sharing different ideas	4.12	.80	4
		Increasing the number of citations	4.68	.47	1
		-	4.00		

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Due to the students' views on the challenges of international research collaboration (Table 4), in the category of "personal, motivational, attitudinal" the first rank was related to "lack of sufficient motivation to conduct joint international research" (M=4.62). In the categories of "managing the research and publication process" and "cultural, technical, economic" the first ranks were related to "confusion on authorship order" (M= 4.62) and "funding" (M= 4.56), respectively.

Core category	Category	Code	Μ	SD	Rank		
Challenges of	Personal,	Limited English proficiency	4.50	.51	2		
international	motivational,	Long time to find a foreign	4.37	.73	5		
research	attitudinal	professor/partner and get a positive					
collaboration		response to the request					
		Weakness in establishing multicultural	3.87	.95	7		
		interaction and communication					
		Wrong choice of research partner	4.18	.67	6		
		Negative mental records from some	3.81	.98	8		
		previous joint collaborations					
		Lack of sufficient motivation to conduct	4.62	.71	1		
		joint international research					
		Ignorance of international joint research	4.43	.62	4		
		activities in the university					
		Lack of trust to provide data and	4.43	.50	3		
		information to others					
			4.28				
	Managing the	Time and research management	3.68	.79	4		
	research and	Work overload	4.12	.51	3		
	publication	Confusion on authorship order	4.62	.62	1		
	process	Responsibility of results	4.43	.81	2		
	1		4.21	101	-		
	Cultural,	Technology issues	4.12	.57	2		
	technical.	Funding	4.56	.25	1		
	economic	Different time zones and geographical	3.81	.23	4		
	ceononne	distance	5.01	.17	+		
		Cultural difference	3.43	.51	5		
		University policy	3.43	.51	3		
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			3.96				

Table 4. Mean and standard deviation related to the codes of challenges of international
research collaboration.

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Based on the means of each of the categories related to benefits and challenges of conducting a successful international research collaboration, the first rank on benefits of international research collaboration was related to the "academic" variable (M=4.06). The other ranks related to personal-professional (M=4.00), scientific, research (M=3.90), and communication (M=3.89), respectively. Regarding the challenges, the first rank was related to the "personal, motivational, attitudinal" variable (M=4.28). The other ranks were managing the research and publication process (M=4.21) and cultural, technical, economic (M=3.96), respectively.

231232 DISCUSSION

In the age of global science, higher education plays a significant role in the social, cultural, and economic development of a country (Fitriani & Muljono, 2019). On the other hand, according to the fact that agriculture has a very important role in the life of humankind; improving sustainable agricultural management and achieving the goals of agricultural and rural development requires the comprehensive attention of universities and academics to conduct problem-oriented research. International research collaboration is a specification of rapidly changing research systems and a key element of a university's research reputation. So, research

is becoming ever more international, and international collaboration in higher education 240 research has increased rapidly in the last two decades (Avdeev, 2019). Accordingly, this paper 241 emphasized the importance of enhancing international research collaboration and sought to 242 analyze the lived experience of PhD-agriculture students of international academic research 243 collaboration. As Freshwater et al. (2006) stated, international research is challenging, but at 244 the same time, it has significant and remarkable outcomes. The findings of this study indicated 245 that the research collaboration was potentially a valuable activity that had benefits in the 246 dimensions of communication; scientific-research; academic; and personal-professional. The 247 findings are consistent with previous studies (Mali et al., 2018; Aldieri et al., 2018; Abramo et 248 al., 2019; Yemini, 2019; Bond et al., 2021). As Altbach & Knight (2007) suggested, it is more 249 important than ever to be engaged in advantageous collaborative international academic 250 research. Although positive achievements can be expected from international research 251 collaboration, which brings growth and skill empowerment to students; challenges and 252 obstacles have been reported by participants, which can be categorized into the three groups of 253 personal, motivational, attitudinal; managing the research and publication process; and 254 cultural, technical, economic. The findings are consistent with previous studies (Bozeman et 255 256 al., 2016; Yemini, 2019; Abramo et al., 2019; Wöhlert, 2020).

The findings revealed that personal-motivational-attitudinal was the biggest challenge in 257 conducting successful international research collaboration. Students have a collection of 258 strengths and weaknesses regarding research collaboration. The most important strength of 259 students is benefiting from specialized knowledge and skills, which can be an effective factor 260 for expanding scientific and research connections and conducting international research with 261 foreign researchers and professors. In contrast, a weak point, is the limited English proficiency 262 of some students, which was also prominent in the findings of this study. Since a significant 263 number of international scientific productions are published in English, students' mastery and 264 265 proficiency in English help them to communicate with foreign colleagues in a better way. In Wöhlert's (2020) study, language barriers were mentioned as one of the important barriers to 266 international scientific cooperation. Language differences make several barriers. For example, 267 a lack of clarity of the meaning of words can lead to misunderstandings, not only among the 268 research team but also among audiences and participants (Freshwater et al., 2006). Therefore, 269 it is necessary for universities to increase students' awareness and skills so that they can benefit 270 from more positive outcomes. 271

International collaboration in higher education is an important effort and endeavor that needs 272 careful planning and serious institutional commitment (Waham et al., 2023). The challenges of 273 international research ask for smart and creative problem-solving and participants' commitment 274 to the overall purpose of the research project. Research collaboration requires a positive 275 research culture to succeed (Gilmour, 2023). Effective collaborative teams bring significant 276 outcomes, more than what could be done by individuals independently. So, the culture of 277 teamwork, participation, and scientific collaboration among students should be taken into 278 consideration by university professors and managers. Holding training workshops and 279 encouraging teamwork in research projects by professors can positively promote this culture 280 among students. 281

283 Conclusions

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This study examined agricultural students' lived experiences and views on the benefits and challenges of international research collaboration. So, this study adds to the current body of knowledge and literature in the field of international research collaboration and internationalization of higher education.

This study has theoretical and practical implications. At the theoretical level, the findings add to the existing literature on international research collaboration. At the practical level, the results are beneficial for universities to make decision and plan activities that enhance agricultural students' international research collaboration.

Along with many benefits, this study has its limitations. This research measured the benefits and challenges of agricultural students' international research collaboration from the views of a limited sample. It would be helpful to examine the importance of the extracted items with a large statistical sample of agricultural students from different universities. Conducting such studies, along with examining and assessing similarities and differences between the views of different groups of respondents, is recommended for future studies.

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413	همکاری بین المللی عنصر کلیدی بر ای گستر ش افق دانش و فناوری و حل مشکلات پایداری است. بر ای بر نامه ریزی و
414	اجرای هرچه مؤثرتر این موضوع، این مطالعه تجربیات زیسته دانشجویان کشاورزی را در مورد مزایا و چالش های
415	همکاری تحقیقاتی بین المللی مورد تجزیه و تحلیل قرار داد. این پژوهش کاربردی از رویکرد ترکیبی در دو مرحله
416	استفاده کرد. ابتدا مصاحبه ای با دانشجویان دکتری کشاورزی دانشگاه تهران که حداقل یک مقاله با تالیف مشترک بین
417	المللي در يک مجله بين المللي منتشر کرده بودند، انجام شد. مصاحبه با 19 شرکت کننده تا رسيدن به نقطه اشباع ادامه
418	یافت. مصاحبه ها با استفاده از شش مرحله تحلیل موضوعی براون و کلارک (2006) و با اجرای نرم افزار
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420	آموزی که در مرحله مصاحبه شرکت کردند، تهیه و اجرا شد. در این مرحله آمار توصیفی با استفاده از نرم افزار
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422	که همکاری پژوهشی بین المللی دارای 24 کد مزیت در چهار بعد ارتباطی، علمی-پژوهشی، دانشگاهی، و شخصی-
423	حرفه ای است. از سوی دیگر، 17 کد چالش در سه گروه شخصی، انگیزشی، نگرشی؛ مدیریت فرآیند تحقیق و انتشار؛
424	و فر هنگی، فنی و اقتصادی دسته بندی شدند. بر اساس میانگین مز ایا و چالش های همکاری پژو هشی بینالمللی دانشجویان،
425	رتبههای اول «آکادمیک» با میانگین 4/06 و «شخصی، انگیزشی، نگرشی» با میانگین 4/28 به ترتیب برای مزایا و
426	چالش،ها بهدست آمد. بر اساس یافتهها، ایجاد مهارتهای کار گروهی در آموزش عالی توصیه میشود، زیرا میتواند به
427	طور مثبت همکاری دانشجویان را با دیگران برای پروژههای تحقیقاتی ارتقا دهد. این مطالعه اصیل و نوآورانه دارای
428	مفاهیم و ارزش نظری و عملی است. نتایج برای دانشگاهها برای تصمیمگیری و برنامهریزی فعالیتهایی مفید است که
429	همکاری تحقیقاتی بینالمللی دانشجویان را افز ایش میدهد.