

June 16, 2022

King Salman Global Academy Prize for Arabic Language

**Re: Nomination Letter for Professor Nizar Habash**

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

It gives me great pleasure to nominate Professor Nizar Habash to the prestigious King Salman Global Academy Prize for Arabic Language. Professor Habash has been a dedicated and influential leader in the field of Arabic Computational Linguistics and Natural Language Processing in the last two decades. He is the most cited researcher in this area, and the founding president of the Special Interest Group on Arabic Natural Language Processing. His highly cited book “Introduction to Arabic Natural Language Processing” is a commonly used starting point for new researchers in this field. His Computational Approaches to Modeling Language Lab has produced numerous resources and tools for the service and modeling of the Arabic language.

Nizar is a great colleague, an excellent scientist and an outstanding teacher. He is extremely diligent, dedicated and a true asset to NYUAD. We are very proud to have him as part of our faculty.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Marta Losada  
Dean of Science, New York University Abu Dhabi