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**An Analysis of the Saudi Higher Studies in light of Fine Quality,
Technology and Finance variables.**

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This study aimed at identifying the nature of higher studies at the Saudi universities. It also aimed at identifying the extent to which these studies need to be promoted to fulfill the demands of the fine quality, technology and finance variables. To obtain the data of the study, two instruments were employed; the personal interview with the six members of the higher education council (٦ members), and a questionnaire with the members of the deanery council of the higher studies (٦٢) and (٩٣) students at the PhD program. The study was conducted during the second semester of the academic year ١٤٢٦/١٤٢٧H.

The study manifested the fact that Saudi – higher studies students spend longer time than their peers at international universities. Nonetheless they turned to be distinguished members of the teaching staff who participate in enriching the scientific production. Besides, students who get a place in the higher studies programs demonstrate high quality of research and academic competencies. However, Higher studies programs were modest in hosting international scientific conferences.

Saudi higher studies encounter certain problems such as; the limited benefits the public and private sectors utilize from students' researches, the lack of scholarships for local and international distinguished students, and routine procedures which are so obvious.

With regard to the need to develop higher studies programs within the fine quality, technology, and finance variables, it is found to be a desire to establish a strategic plan for the higher studies, establishing a specialized department to attain fine quality for Saudi higher studies, and achieving autonomy of them both academically and administratively. Concerning technology variable, it is found to be a need for training higher – studies students to utilize computer in conducting their researches, training teaching staff to be familiar with the new trends of technology and employ them in the teaching and training process, and connecting students with international conferences and seminars via technology.

At the finance levels, there is a need to increase the financial allowances for the higher studies budgets, apply some of the successful experiments of international universities, and to make use of the financial support by regional and international organizations which demonstrate concern with scientific research.

The study recommended applying the standards of fine quality on higher studies programs, supplying Saudi departments, faculties and research centers with modern technology, and establishing ways of coordination between higher studies and private consultant institution which are willing to support research.