

# **The Educational Role of Friendship in Virtual Communities among University Students**

## **Abstract:**

The current research aimed at identifying the educational role of friendship in virtual communities among university students. The researcher used the descriptive method as it suits the nature of the research. A random sample of (413) students was selected from Fayoum University. The study concluded that virtual friendship has many social, educational, psychological and political roles, contributes to a social role and expands the range of social interactions among students, it also has a psychological role in the entertainment and recreation of individuals, and also moral roles in supporting others and helping them, In addition to its roles in the educational process, and its political and cultural roles to increase political and economic awareness. The research recommended the need to activate the role of education to make students acquire the culture of optimal use of virtual communities.

## **key words:**

Educational Role , Friendship - Virtual Communities