

## **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

**Between**

**Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic**

**And**

**Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education**

**“Minin Nizhny Novgorod State Pedagogical University”**

The Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU" ) establishes relationship between Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education “Minin Nizhny Novgorod State Pedagogical University” hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"; and separately –"Party".

Desiring to enhance and develop their relationships of scientific cooperation and academic exchange between them,

**Have agreed on the following:**

### **Article /1/**

#### **Objective of the Memorandum**

The MOU is signed by the Parties with the purpose to establish and develop academic, cultural and other kinds of cooperation between Damascus University and Minin University in the field of assistance in promotion of higher education programs; promotion of educational programs of higher education including foreign countries; information support of educational activities, to foster and develop scientific, academic and research cooperation as well as encouraging student and academic exchange between them on the basis of equity and mutual benefit.

**Article /2/  
Areas of Cooperation**

Both Parties hereby agree, within their available resources, to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Exchange students for the purpose of study and research;
- b. Organization of joint research and training programs;
- c. Exchange academic staff for the purpose of teaching and research;
- d. Collaborate in publications and research projects;
- e. Development of experience exchange programs for administrative staff;
- f. Development and realization of mobility programs;
- g. Organize joint seminars, conferences and other scientific and educational events;
- h. Organize joint cultural activities;
- i. Joint training of Academic staff (PhD, DSc);
- j. Financial support from relevant organizations in both countries, e.g. government, industry or business, as well as international organizations;
- k. Any other areas mutually agreed upon by the Parties in future.

**Article /3/  
Financial Obligations**

- a. Each Party shall bear its own costs resulted from the implementation of this MOU.
- b. The two institutions specify financial conditions of the implementation of any scientific activity mentioned or not in this MOU according to the financial regulations applied at each Party.
- c. Implementation of any specific event, programs, and project within areas of cooperation depends on the availability of financial resources and mutual agreement of the Parties. The term of such cooperation must be agreed and approved by the Parties in writing by concluding separate contracts or agreements before the start date of a specific event, project, program.
- d. The Parties will make efforts to obtain financial support from relevant organizations in both countries, whether they are government bodies, legal entities regardless of their organizational and legal form, or individuals for the implementation of activities related to areas of cooperation, and will, if possible, assist each other in preparing applications for financing.
- e. Specific details related to the process of any academic activities shall be subject to negotiation between the Parties and being done by the bilateral consent.

**Article /4/  
Implementation Mechanism**

With the aim of implementation this MOU, the two Parties agree to sign Executive Programs, based on their desire and the available resources, to determine the mechanisms and details of implementation of the provisions of this MOU.

**Article /5/  
Confidentiality**

- a. The Parties shall undertake to observe the confidentiality of all documents, information and other data which are disclosed, in writing or orally, by the disclosing Party to the receiving Party, and each Party shall treat and answer information confidentially and shall not disclose it to any third Party without a prior permission of the other Party.
- b. The Parties shall abide by the provisions of this Article for 5 (five) years after the termination of this Cooperation Agreement.

**Article /6/  
Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding the interpretation or the implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably by direct consultation and negotiations or through diplomatic channels without referring to any third Party.

**Article /7/  
Final Provisions**

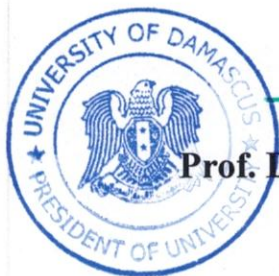
- a. This MOU shall enter into force from the date of reception of the last written notification in which one party notifies the other, through diplomatic channels, about the completion of the internal procedures required for its entry into force.
- b. This MOU shall be valid for a period of **five years** and may be renewed automatically for similar period unless either of the Parties notifies the other in writing and through diplomatic channels, about its intention to terminate it six months prior to its date of expiration.
- c. Either Party may amend, change or add any item or article of this MOU by mutual written consent through diplomatic channels. These amendments, or changes or additions will enter into force according to the same procedures mentioned in paragraph /a/ of this Article, and it will be considered as an integrated part of it. The termination of this MOU will not affect any ongoing activities until their completion
- d. Each Party may nominate a coordinator (or a management committee) for the MOU through mutual official correspondence within a maximum period of three months from its entry into force.
- e. This MOU does not give any Party the right to be a procurator or a representative of the other Party.

- f. The execution of this MOU is subjected to the enforced laws and regulations in both countries.
- g. The Parties consider this MOU as a declaration of intent that does not entail legal or financial obligations for joint activities. They also proceed from the fact that no actions within the framework of this Memorandum of Cooperation should infringe on any powers and rights of any of the Parties. In all cases, this Memorandum applies only to the part that does not contradict the national legislation of the Parties.

**Done and signed in Damascus on    /    / 2022 in six original copies in Arabic, Russian and English languages. All the texts have the same legal force. In case of any divergence, the text in English prevails.**

**For Damascus University  
in the Syrian Arab Republic**

**For Federal State Budgetary  
Educational Institution of Higher  
Education “Minin Nizhny  
Novgorod State Pedagogical  
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