



**Academic Cooperation Agreement  
Between  
Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic  
And  
Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher  
Education  
Moscow Pedagogical State University in the Russian  
Federation**

Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and Moscow Pedagogical State University (MPGU) in the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Based on the mutual desire to promote the academic cooperation and scientific research between them, in order to exchange knowledge and experiences,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article /1/**

**Objectives of the Agreement**

This Agreement aims at enhancing and developing scientific, academic and research cooperation as well as encouraging student and academic exchange between the Parties on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

**Article /2/**

**Areas of Cooperation**

Both Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Developing and implementing joint educational programs.
- b. Exchanging students visits of all academic levels (undergraduate, postgraduate and (MA and Ph.D. students) and young scientists for

- study and scientific training in areas of mutual interest.
- c. Exchanging academic and administrative staff members, lecturers, and researchers for lecturing, professional development, seminars, and consultations on educational issues for the benefit of both Parties.
  - d. Organizing and holding joint scientific projects, conferences, seminars, round tables and other activities in the field of education and development of international cultural relations.
  - e. Exchanging publications and periodicals issued by the two Parties in areas of mutual interest.
  - f. Any other areas mutually agreed upon by the Parties.
  - g. For the purpose of implementing each specific cooperation activity, both institutions shall prepare a work program describing the forms, the means and the respective responsibilities, which shall thereupon be the object a Specific Agreement, to be executed by the concerned Parties.

**Article /3/  
Commitments**

- a. Each Party shall exert its best efforts to procure funding from internal or external sources, so as to ensure the feasibility of the cooperation programs under this agreement.
- b. The Parties shall undertake to support participants in the work programs by providing the required information and facilities for the cooperation and by settling problems related to organizational issues, which should be done in accordance with the enforced regulations in both countries.
- c. The Parties undertake to set items such as exchange conditions of students and staff, budgets, sources of financing, responsibilities of each Party for the agreed upon activities and other items necessary for the efficient and joint realization of activities and under subsequent Executive Programs, subject to the specific conditions of each case.

**Article /4/  
Intellectual Property Rights**

- a. The intellectual property rights created under the present agreement will belong to the Party that created them.

- b. The Parties shall conclude a separate agreement that includes legal protection and utilization and ensuring of confidentiality of such intellectual property rights that jointly were created by the Parties.
- c. The Parties are committed to the protection of intellectual property rights in accordance with the relevant laws and the national rules and regulations and the agreements in force in the two countries.

**Article /5/  
Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute that may arise between both Parties from the application or implementation or any provisions of this agreement shall be settled amicably by direct consultations and negotiations or through diplomatic channels.

**Article /6/  
Final Provisions**

- a. This agreement shall enter into force from the date of its signature.
- b. This agreement shall be valid for a period of five years and may be renewed 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. The termination of this agreement will not affect any ongoing activities until their completion.
- d. Either Party may amend, change or add any item or article of this agreement by mutual written consent through diplomatic channels.
- e. With the aim of implementation this agreement, 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 agreement.
- f. Each Party may nominate a coordinator for the agreement through mutual official correspondence within a maximum period of three months from its entry into force.
- g. The execution of this agreement is subjected to the enforced laws and regulations in both countries.

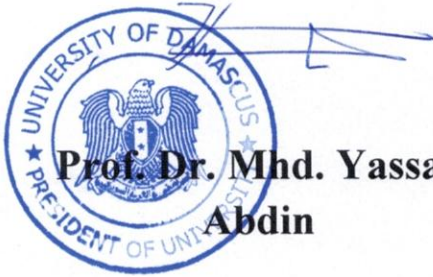
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This Agreement done and signed in Damascus on 28/10/2021, in two original copies in Arabic, Russian and English languages.

Both texts have the same authenticity, in case of any divergence, the text in English prevails.

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

**President**



**Prof. Dr. Mhd. Yassar  
Abdin**

**For Moscow Pedagogical  
State University  
In the Russian  
Federation**

**Rector**



**Prof. Dr. A. V. Lubkov**