



UNIVERSITY OF
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(1) UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL, UNITED KINGDOM

(2) SUMY STATE UNIVERSITY, UKRAINE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (TWINNING)

Parties

- (1) University of Liverpool, United Kingdom (**UL**).
- (2) Sumy State University, Ukraine (**SumDU**)

1. Background and Status

- 1.1 The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to underpin relations between UL and SumDU, in relation to the UK/UKR Twinning project. It is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial obligations between the Parties.
- 1.2 Twinning is aimed at creating a long term partnership between the universities, the initial focus will be on identifying ways the UK university can support their Ukrainian partner during the current Russian aggression, following this the partnership will provide a framework for both institutions to work together on the development of the Ukrainian partner, as well as develop a range of academic collaboration activities.

2. Principles of Collaboration

- 2.1 Areas of activity may be proposed by either Party.
- 2.2 Potential areas of activity of mutual interest and concern may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Initial Phase

- i. Providing support to the UKR partner's academics and students;
- ii. Support in developing online materials;
- iii. Opening up of research groups to UKR partner's researchers;
- iv. Hosting summer schools/island programmes etc;
- v. Providing equipment.

Second Phase

- vi. Collaborative academic provision;
- vii. Faculty/staff or student exchange programs;
- viii. Visiting scholar activities;
- ix. Collaborative research projects.

- 2.3 The terms of any activity relating to areas identified will be agreed on an individual basis and will be subject to a separate memorandum of agreement between the two Parties which will detail the respective obligations of each Party.

3. Management of the Collaboration

- 3.1 UL will nominate a member of staff to act as liaison for this collaboration who will be responsible for overseeing the Collaboration on behalf of UK partner.
- 3.2 SumDU will nominate a member of staff to act as liaison for this Collaboration who will be responsible for overseeing the Collaboration on behalf UKR partner.

4. Confidentiality

- 4.1 The Parties agree that all information and material appertaining to the MoU and all activity pursuant to it remains confidential at all times and will not be shared with any third parties without the prior written consent of the other Party.

5. Publicity

- 5.1 Any publicity material produced which mentions this Collaboration and uses the name or logo of the Parties must be approved in advance by the appropriate authority of the Party concerned.

6. Funding

- 6.1 This MoU does not create any financial obligations for either Parties.
- 6.2 Each Party will be responsible for their own costs in relation to activity pursuant to the MoU. However, the UK partner will look to offer as much support as possible at no cost to the UKR partner.
- 6.3 Any costs associated with the provision of any specific products or services by any Party will be subject to separate negotiation and agreement.

7. Term and Termination

- 7.1 The commencement date for the MoU is 28th June 2022.
- 7.2 The duration of the MoU is for a period of five years from the commencement date.
- 7.3 During the validity of the MoU, either Party may terminate the MoU by giving three months written notice to the other Party.

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