



LOBACHEVSKY
UNIVERSITY

COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SHARIF UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
AND
NATIONAL RESEARCH LOBACHEVSKY STATE UNIVERSITY
OF NIZHNY NOVGOROD

Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

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In a mutual desire to promote further intercultural, educational, scientific and technological exchanges, SHARIF UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY represented by the President, Professor **Mahmoud Fotuhi Firuzabad**, hereinafter referred to as 'SUT', and, NATIONAL RESEARCH LOBACHEVSKY STATE UNIVERSITY OF NIZHNY NOVGOROD (Nizhny Novgorod, Russia) represented by the Rector, Professor **Evgeny Chuprunov**, hereinafter referred to as «UNN», hereinafter collectively referred to as the «Partners», agree to the following framework of interuniversity cooperation:

Partnership Coordinators

Each of the parties will appoint a Partnership coordinator to facilitate the communication between the respective Faculties:

For SUT: Prof. Mohammad Mahdi Nayebi
For UNN: Dr. Irina Leonova

When a new Partnership coordinator is appointed, all personnel involved must be informed as soon as possible and a separate addendum specifying the names of the new coordinator(s) will be drawn up. The validity of the contract is unaffected by any change in coordinator.

Article 1. Objectives of cooperation

Under this Agreement, the Partners will make efforts to promote the cooperation for mutual benefit in the following areas:

- promotion of joint educational and research activities;
- invitation to short-term visits of faculty members and academic staff for lectures, conferences, colloquia, and symposia or other academic activities;
- exchange of faculty members, researchers and students for study and research.

Terms of cooperation in specific areas will be determined by separate written Agreements. Other forms of cooperation may be established when agreed separately on each specific case.

Article 2. Education

In accordance with the aim of the Partners to develop and offer higher education of the highest quality, the Partners intend to share knowledge, experiences and to support each other in further educational development when appropriate. Among other things, this mutual support may relate to curriculum development, the development and application of innovative methodological approaches such as problem-based learning, student assessment, educational quality assurance, programme contents development, internationalization of the curriculum and student support services.

Article 3. Research

The Partners will seek opportunities to cooperate in research. The details of work in specific areas of cooperation will be stipulated in separate Agreements between relevant departments of the Partners. The forms of cooperation may vary depending on the objectives of each project. Issues related to intellectual property rights shall be addressed in these Agreements.

Article 4. Academic and cultural interchange

The Partners will invite each other, when appropriate, to participate in conferences, symposia and workshops. The Partners will also encourage setting up joint educational programmes and developing joint curricula.

Article 5. Staff visits

The Partners will notify each other of the proposed staff to be exchanged during the calendar year. The sending institution will arrange all matters concerning travel and accommodation costs for their staff. The host university will assist them in finding suitable accommodation.

Article 6. Student programmes

The Partners will seek possibilities to facilitate undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The details of specific proposals will be determined by mutual Agreements on a case-by-case basis. A student programme may include student exchange, short-time language training, summer school, double diploma degree programme, joint supervision of PhD and doctoral study programmes.

Article 7. Intellectual property rights, results and publications

Intellectual property rights on any information which already exists prior to this cooperation or which is not the result of this joint collaboration remain the property of the University which provides the information, unless explicitly agreed otherwise in writing between the Partners. An Agreement on intellectual property rights shall be drawn up separately in accordance with the laws of the respective countries for all intellectual property rights, results and publications which are jointly generated as a result of the cooperation between the partner Universities.

Article 8. No agency and no assignment

This Agreement shall not constitute either partner as the legal representative or agent of the other, nor shall either partner have the right or authority to assume, create or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind, express or implied, against or in the name, or on behalf of the other partner. This Agreement shall not be assigned or transferred by either partner without the prior written consent of the other partner.

Article 9. Funding

All activities detailed in this Agreement are subject to the availability of adequate funding. Neither partner shall be held in breach of the Agreement if unforeseen circumstances prevent them from participating in any activity previously agreed upon.

Article 10. Compliance with Laws

Both parties will mutually assist each other and cooperate in order to ensure that the activities to be carried out under this Agreement comply with all applicable laws under which the Partners are operating.

Article 11. Duration and Termination

This Agreement will be effective for a duration of five years starting from the date of the last signature. It may be extended subject to mutual written agreement. Each party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving three months' written notice of the intention to terminate the Agreement. As far as possible, ongoing projects and exchanges shall remain unaffected by this termination.

Article 12. Amendment of the Agreement

No amendment to this Agreement shall be valid unless the same is made jointly in writing by both Partners and signed by their authorized representatives, specifically stating this to be an amendment to this Agreement.

Article 13. Final provisions

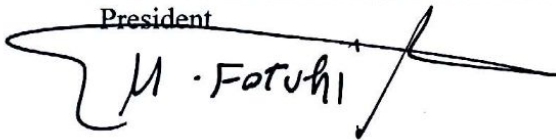
This Agreement is drawn up in two original copies, being equally authentic, signed by both Partners and certified by the seal of each University. The first copy remains deposited at SUT, the second one – at UNN. The Partners have been explained the content of all provisions of this Agreement and have no unclarified questions.

ADDRESSES AND SIGNATURES OF THE PARTNERS

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