

(1) UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE, UNITED  
KINGDOM

(2) STATE UNIVERSITY 'UZHHOROD NATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY', UKRAINE

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (TWINNING)

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## **Parties**

- (1) University of Central Lancashire of Preston, PR1 2HE, Lancashire, United Kingdom (**UK Uni**)
- (2) State University 'Uzhhorod National University', of Address, Ukraine (**UzhNU**)

## **1. Background and Status**

- 1.1 The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to underpin relations between UK Uni and UKR Uni, 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 partners academics and students
- ii. Support in developing online materials
- iii. Opening up of research groups to UKR partners 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 written agreement between the two Parties which will detail the respective obligations of each Party.

## **3. Management of the Collaboration**

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

## **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.
- 5.2 Neither Party shall acquire any rights in intellectual property owned or controlled by the other Party. The rights of the Parties to intellectual property created through this collaboration shall be set out in the individual project contracts.

## 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 this MoU. However, the UK Uni will look to offer as much support as possible at no cost to the UKR Uni.
- 6.3 Any costs associated with the provision of any specific products or services by any Party will be subject to the provisions of the respective agreement for such products or services.

## 7. Term and Termination

- 7.1 The commencement date for this MoU is the date of signature by both Parties.
- 7.2 The duration of the MoU is for a period of five years from the commencement date.
- 7.3 During the term of this MoU, either Party may terminate the MoU by giving three months written notice to the other Party.
- 7.4 This MoU is not intended to be legally binding, and no legal obligations or legal rights shall arise between the Parties from this MoU. This is with the exception of clause 5 and this clause 7, which it is agreed do constitute legally binding obligations and shall be governed by English law.
- 7.5
- 7.6 Nothing in this MoU is intended to, or shall be deemed to, establish any partnership or joint venture between the Parties, constitute either Party as the agent of the other, nor authorise either Party to make or enter any commitment for or on behalf of the other.

On behalf of  
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