

PROTOCOL ON STUDENT EXCHANGE

between

**SAINT-PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
(RUSSIAN FEDERATION)**

and

**UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI
(FINLAND)**

Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Professional Education "Saint-Petersburg State University" (hereinafter – Saint-Petersburg University), duly represented by Senior Vice-rector for Academic Affairs and Research Professor Igor Gorlinsky, acting on the basis of Proxy dated 26.12.2011 № 28-21-160, on the one part,

and

University of Helsinki, duly represented by Rector Prof. Thomas Wilhelmsson, acting on the bases of the University Charta, on the other part,

hereinafter collectively referred to as Parties,

according to and basing on the General Agreement for Cooperation between the University of Helsinki and Saint-Petersburg University signed on 20.10.2011, agreed to continue their academic cooperation and have prepared to that effect the following Protocol on Student Exchange.

§ 1

1.1. The Parties will conduct exchange of undergraduate and graduate students for non-degree studies in accordance with the rules and regulations set in this Protocol.

§ 2

The Parties agree to set following terms and conditions for student exchange:

2.1. The total number of exchange students from each Party shall not exceed 6 (six) undergraduate or graduate students for one term or 3 (three) students for one academic year. The Parties strive to distribute the candidates for exchanges evenly throughout the academic year. In the exceptional cases the exchange period can be prolonged for more than it is stipulated in this Protocol.

2.2. The home university will be responsible for the initial selection of exchange students; however, the host university reserves the right to deny admission to any candidate not meeting its general admission criteria.

2.3. Exchange students will be exempted from paying tuition fees to the host university, but shall pay tuition fees at the home university, if applicable.

2.4. Students participating in the exchange under the terms of this Protocol shall be provided:

2.4.1. at University of Helsinki:

- A scholarship covering living costs as stipulated by the University of Helsinki, in the amount equal to the University's scholarship for incoming exchange students.

2.4.2. at Saint-Petersburg University:

- Monthly scholarship equal to double national scholarship for native students;
- Free of charge accommodation at the dormitories of Saint-Petersburg University.

2.5. All visa related expenses, medical insurance expenses, travel expenses and any additional expenses connected to the participation in the exchange shall be covered by the exchange student, or by the home university, or by a third party where available.

2.6. All the exchange students should have a medical insurance valid on the territory of the host country during the whole exchange period.

2.7. Students who participate in the exchange program will be awarded grades and credits in accordance with the academic policies and regulations of the host university. All the exchange students receive a transcript of records at the end of the exchange period. If the transcript cannot be given directly to the student in accordance with the host university rules, it shall be put into the home university's disposal not later than one month after the termination of the exchange period.

2.8. Exchange students shall follow the rules of the host university and the law of the host country. Any infringement of the given rules and laws can be subject to pre-term dismissal from the host university.

2.9. All the exchange students will be enrolled on an equivalent base and given the same privileges as the national students.

§ 3

3.1. The Parties can, by mutual written consent, introduce changes and additions to this Protocol in order to improve the effectiveness of cooperation.

3.2. This Protocol on student exchange will come into effect from the date of signing and will remain in force unless either party terminates it by giving the other six months prior written notice. In the event of termination any exchanges already underway shall be allowed to be completed.

3.3. Should any dispute, disagreement or claim arise between the Parties in concern of this Protocol, the Parties shall try to settle them by negotiations.

This Protocol is prepared in two original copies in English; one for each Party.

For Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Professional Education «Saint-Petersburg State University»

For University of Helsinki

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Date

Date: 14.8.2012

