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## **Memorandum of Understanding Between**

**Qatar University  
And  
Saint-Petersburg University,  
Russian Federation**

## **Area of Joint Cooperation in the field of Academic, Scientific, and Student Exchange**

This Memorandum has been issued between:

1. Qatar University, a governmental entity of academic nature,  
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2. Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education "Saint-Petersburg State University"  
(hereinafter referred to as SPbU), legally represented by its Rector Dr. Nikolay Kropachev, acting on the basis of  
proxy dated 21.12.2020 №28-21-356  
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All are referred to collectively as the "parties"

### **Preamble**

Recognizing the vital and effective role that ministries and government entities play in serving the country and the society, and in an effort to exchange information and experience to improve the performance of the two parties according to the comprehensive quality standards, and in accordance with the jurisdictions and legislations in force in the State of Qatar. Qatar University is keen to promote and enhance relations with Saint-Petersburg State University to establish a joint cooperation covering different, scientific, administrative, technical, and research areas.

To this end, the parties have agreed to sign this MOU, to constitute a basis for further collaboration between them.

### **Documents**

#### **Article (1)**

The aforementioned preamble and all communications exchanged between the two parties shall be deemed as an integral and complementary part of this Memorandum and its respective provisions





## **Areas of cooperation**

### **Article (2)**

To the extent applicable, the parties have agreed to sign this MOU, to constitute a basis for further collaboration between them. This collaboration shall include but not limited to:

1. The development of collaborative research projects;
2. The organization of joint academic and scientific activities, such as programs, conferences, seminars, symposiums or lectures;
3. Academic and scientific exchange;
4. Student exchange;
5. The exchange of publications and other informational materials of common interest;
6. The development of collaborative educational projects including the development and implementation of educational programs.

## **Mechanism of Implementation between the parties**

### **Article (3)**

The mechanism for implementing this Memorandum shall be as follows:

1. In order to implement and fulfil the aims of the memorandum, the parties will work out and sign annexes to this MOU .
2. Either party may initiate proposals for activities under this agreement.
3. Specific details of any activity can be set forth in the annexes to this memorandum upon signing by the authorized representatives of each Party.
4. The annexes may include such items as number and period of student and faculty exchange, budgets and sources of financing, the responsibilities of each party for the agreed upon activity and other items necessary for the efficient achievement of the activity.
5. The parties agree to post on their websites reciprocally information about the partner university, including links to online courses/MOOCs.

The above-mentioned articles shall be implemented after consultation with the respective departments of each Party, and agree to facilitate logistics arrangements within the limits of each Party's capacity.

## **Nominated Representatives**

### **Article (4)**

Each Party shall have the right to appoint a representative to serve as a point of contact and to follow up on issues under implementation. Each party shall notify the other on those representatives and, if one party desires to change/ replace its representative, it shall notify the other party in writing within a period not exceeding one week.

## **Funding**

### **Article (5)**

This Memorandum is not intended to create any financial obligations on the two parties, nor shall its provisions be construed so as to cause any damages of any kind whatsoever to the parties. Each party will be responsible for any cost, expense or obligation of its own necessary to their achievement of the object.

## **Confidentiality of Information**

### **Article (6)**

The two Parties undertake to maintain the confidentiality of the information available to them because of their cooperation and coordination under this Memorandum, whether oral or written, and may not disclose this information to any party or persons without the prior written consent of the other party.

## **Publication**

### **Article (7)**

News of the joint projects and research resulting from this memorandum shall not be published in the various media (visual, audio, print, digital) or similar aspects, except with the written consent of both parties.





## **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**

### **Article (8)**

1. The IPR under this Memorandum includes: copyright and related rights, data rights, documents, documents and information collected, issued or stored by any means for the purposes of this Memorandum. It also includes software, trademarks (registered and unregistered), designs, all patent rights and rights of confidentiality (including trade secrets and applied knowledge) and any other rights resulting from any activity or intellectual innovation, whether in the industrial, scientific, literary or artistic field.
2. The IPR of each party attained prior to the signing of this Memorandum shall remain its property in accordance with the applicable IPR laws of Qatar. The IPR created under this Memorandum shall be owned by the parties.
3. Neither Party shall be entitled to claim any rights or attempt to register or use any trademark, logo or design associated with this Memorandum of Understanding, unless the other Party agrees in writing.
4. Neither party may separately publish any data, reports or other IPR arising from joint research without the prior written consent of the other party.
5. Each Party shall, in the event of publishing or using any data, reports or IPR arising under this Memorandum, write the name of the other Party therein.
6. This Memorandum does not constitute a license or obligation to enter into any other agreement that interferes with any IPR owned or licensed at the time of execution of this Memorandum to either Party.
7. The Parties agree to abide by intellectual property rights of each Party created before the conclusion of the present Agreement.

## **Amendment of the MoU**

### **Article (9)**

Provisions of this MoU may be amended upon a mutual written agreement between the two parties.

## **Term and Duration**

### **Article (10)**

- This Memorandum shall take effect on and from the date of execution, and shall continue to be effective for a period of five years, and may be renewed for such periods as may be agreed by the parties in writing.
- Termination of the Memorandum shall not affect ongoing activities, programs and the like. Such activities will be carried out to completion, unless otherwise agreed by the two Parties.

## **Dispute Resolution**

### **Article (11)**

Any dispute relating to the application and interpretation of this MOU shall be settled amicably by the two parties.

## **Memorandum Termination**

### **Article (12)**

This MOU may be terminated by either party giving notice to the other at least six (2) months prior to the proposed date of termination.

## **Legal framework of the Memorandum of Understanding**

### **Article (13)**

Except for Articles 7, 6, and 8 regarding confidentiality, publication and intellectual property, this MOU shall not be binding and neither party will be bound to any legal obligation to the other party until and unless definitive agreements have been negotiated and approved by the parties





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## Notices

### Article (14)

Notices required hereunder shall be in writing and delivered to the other party. Notifications shall be sent to the address stated in this MoU. The two Parties may use the modern notification means to notify the other party on all matters relating to this MoU.

## Address of the MOU parties

### Article (15)

Each party acknowledges that it has taken the address stated in the Preamble of this memorandum as its chosen location. Letters and correspondence sent to this address are deemed valid and have realized their legal effects unless the party whose address has been changed notifies the other party in writing not later than one week after the date of that change.

## Headings of the MOU

### Article (16)

Headings in this MoU and the order of its articles are set for easy reference and do not affect the intended meaning of the text or its interpretation.

## Memorandum Edition

### Article (17)

This memorandum has been edited in two copies, one is delivered to each party to act accordingly.

In witness of the foregoing, the Parties have signed this Memorandum for duly implementation.

## Signatures

### First Party

Dr. Hassan Rashid Al-Derham  
Title: Qatar University President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Second Party

Dr. Nikolay Kropachev  
Title: Rector Saint-Petersburg State University

Date: \_\_\_\_\_