



**Memorandum of Understanding**

№ 01/1-40-11-01874

between

**ROBERT GORDON UNIVERSITY,**

a body corporate incorporated under The Robert Gordon University (Establishment) (Scotland) Order 2006, a Scottish Charity (Charity Number SC013781) and having its principal administrative office at Garthdee House, Garthdee Road, Aberdeen, AB10 7QB ("RGU")

and



**St Petersburg  
University**

**Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education "Saint-Petersburg State University" (hereinafter referred to as SPbU)**

University Embankment, 7/9, St Petersburg, 199034

**Purpose of the Memorandum**

This 'Memorandum of Understanding' has been drawn up following preliminary discussions held between the Saint-Petersburg State University and the Robert Gordon University. It reflects the wishes of both parties to collaborate in areas of mutual strategic interest.

Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education "Saint-Petersburg State University" (hereinafter referred to as SPbU), duly represented by its Vice-Rector for International Affairs Sergey Andryushin, acting on the basis of proxy dated 15.12.2021 №32-06-409 and the Robert Gordon University, hereinafter together referred to as the "Parties" and solely to as the "Party", enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") and agree to the following:

With exception to Clause 3, the Parties acknowledge that the Clauses of this MoU are not intended to be legally binding and no legal obligations or legal rights shall arise between the Parties from these

provisions of the MoU. For the avoidance of doubt and unless otherwise specified in the relevant provisions, Clause 3 shall be legally binding on the Parties.

## **1. Initial Discussions**

Based on initial discussions between the parties, and subject to further in-depth exploration, the initial key area(s) of collaboration between the two parties relates to:

- a) the development of collaborative research projects;
- b) the organisation of joint educational and scientific activities, such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposiums or lectures;
- c) academic and scientific exchange;
- d) student exchange;
- e) the exchange of publications and other information of common interest;
- f) the development of collaborative educational projects including the development and implementation of educational programs.

## **2. Medium Term Goals**

In the medium term it is anticipated that the collaboration will extend to:

- a) the development of collaborative research projects;
- b) the organisation of joint educational and scientific activities, such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposiums or lectures;
- c) academic and scientific exchange;
- d) the exchange of publications and other information of common interest;
- e) the development of collaborative educational projects including the development and implementation of educational programs.

## **3. Intellectual Property**

- 3.1 The Parties agree to abide by intellectual property rights of each Party created before the conclusion of the present MoU.
- 3.2 The intellectual property rights created under the present MoU will belong to the Party created the intellectual property
- 3.3 In respect of intellectual property jointly created by the Parties under the present MoU the Parties agree to conclude a separate agreement on the legal protection, deployment and ensuring of confidentiality of such intellectual property.

## **4. Principles**

Prior to implementation, all proposed collaborative activity which arises from this Memorandum of Understanding will be developed into a formal written agreement. Once an agreement is finalised it will be signed on behalf of each party by an authorised signatory. Both parties acknowledge that, until such an agreement is signed by their authorised signatory, all the discussions, understandings

(including this Memorandum of Understanding) and agreements will not be legally binding.

Both parties agree to keep any discussions, including information and materials disclosed in the course of these discussions, confidential. They further agree not to disclose or use any information, knowledge or materials gained in the course of the discussions, at any time in the future unless it becomes publicly available from another source.

**5. Duration**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for an initial period of three (3) years following formal signing by all parties unless terminated in writing at an earlier date in terms with this Memorandum of Understanding.

**6. Termination**

Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving to the other party(ies) no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice.

**Signatories**

Signed for and on behalf of:

ROBERT GORDON UNIVERSITY

SAINT-PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERISTY

Signature:



Name: Prof. Steve Olivier

Designation: Principal and Vice-Chancellor

Date: 2022/208



Signature:



Name: Sergey Andryushin

Designation: Vice-Rector for International Affairs

Date: 17.02.2022