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**PROTOCOL ON ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE**

**BETWEEN**

**HAMAD BIN KHALIFA UNIVERSITY**

**AND**

**SAINT PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY,  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

for the period from 2023 till 2025



Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education «Saint-Petersburg State University» (hereinafter - SPbU), duly represented by its Vice-Rector for International Affairs Sergey Andryushin acting under the proxy № 32-06-352 dated 26.09.2022 on the one part  
and

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (hereinafter referred to as “HBKU”), a private university for public benefit established under Qatar Law 21 of 2006 wholly owned by Qatar Foundation for Science, Education, and Community Development at Al Luqta St, Education City, Doha, Qatar with PO Box 34110, duly represented by its Provost, Dr. Michael Benedik on the other part,  
hereinafter together referred to as the “Parties” and solely to as the “Party”,

in accordance with the *Framework Agreement for Cooperation* concluded by the Parties on June 06, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the “*Agreement*”), agreed to continue their academic and scientific cooperation and have prepared to that effect the following Protocol on Academic and Scientific Exchange (hereinafter referred to as the “*Protocol*”).

## § 1

- 1.1. The Parties will continue to develop scientific, academic, and other forms of cooperation in the areas of their mutual interest.
- 1.2. The Parties will promote joint scientific and academic activities, publications of research articles and textbooks, organization of tutorials, seminars and conferences, and joint research projects.



- 1.3. With the objects indicated in cl. 1.1. and 1.2. of the Protocol the Parties will promote the exchange of academic and research staff during the validity of the present Protocol and in accordance with the terms and conditions set by the present Protocol.

§ 2

- 2.1. The Parties agree that annually each Party will have the possibility to send up to 2 professors and/or researchers involved in teaching and/or research co-operation, for a visit of maximum 15 days/ per person.
- 2.2. The host University assists the exchange participants in arranging accommodation during the exchange period.
- 2.3. All visa related expenses (besides those indicated in cl. 3.3.3 of the present Protocol), medical insurance expenses, travel expenses, and any additional expenses related to the participation in the exchange shall be covered by the exchange participant, or by the home University, or by a third party, in accordance with the national law.
- 2.4. The Parties undertake not to impose any charges (admissions and taxes) to the exchange participants in connection to their participation in the exchange, with the exception of those relating to optional activities offered, as well as charges indicated in cl. 2.3.
- 2.5. All the exchange participants should have a medical insurance valid on the territory of the host country during the whole exchange period.
- 2.6. Possibility and terms of acceptance of academic and research staff over the total annual duration of exchange stated in cl. 2.1 will be agreed upon separately in each case.





§ 3

- 3.1. In order to administrate the joint activities within the frameworks of the present Protocol, each Party (within 1 month after the date of signing of the present Protocol) shall appoint a coordinator responsible for the concurrence of exchange conditions and documental support of the exchange participants.
- 3.2. The Parties shall promptly notify (within 10 working days) each other about the appointment or change of the coordinator, as well as about change of his/her contact information.
- 3.3. The Parties agree to set the following procedure for assessment of the applications for exchange under the conditions of the present Protocol:
  - 3.3.1. Each application shall be issued according to the rules of the host University and forwarded by the coordinator of the home University to the coordinator of the host University at least 3 months prior to the visit.
  - 3.3.2. The final decision on the admission possibility and terms of each exchange participant (including the duration, financial and organizational support as well as the final program of visit) shall be made by the host university. The host University shall notify the coordinator of the home University about its decision at least 1 month prior to the visit.
  - 3.3.3. In case of consent to the conditions of the exchange, the host University, on its own account, will send a formal invitation for the exchange participant (containing a full description of the admission terms) to the coordinator of the home University.
- 3.4. The procedure referred to in cl. 3.3 can be changed only by mutual written consent of the Parties.



§ 4

- 4.1. Cooperation of the Parties within the frameworks of the present Protocol shall be carried out in accordance with the *Agreement*, as well as procedures, policies and practices of each Party and in accordance with the law of the Russian Federation and the law of the State of Qatar.
- 4.2. Shall any dispute or disagreement arise between the Parties connected with or concerning the Protocol, the Parties shall first try to resolve the dispute by negotiations. If the dispute is not resolved by such negotiations, the Parties shall be free to submit the dispute to a court of the respondent's place of business. The applicable law is the law of the country where the questionable commitment arose.
- 4.3. Each Party shall not use names and logos of the other Party without its prior consent, if not related directly to the performance of obligations under the present Protocol, except as provided by law.
- 4.4. This Protocol comes into force from the date when St Petersburg University receives the conclusion provided for by Part 4 of Article 105 of the Federal Law "On the Education of the Russian Federation", for the purpose of concluding agreements on educational issues with foreign organizations and citizens. St Petersburg University will notify Hamad Bin Khalifa University of receipt of the relevant conclusion.

§ 5

- 5.1. The present Protocol shall enter into force upon its signature and shall be valid during the period from 2023 till 2025 (*during the term of the Agreement*).



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- 5.2. This Protocol may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice at least 6 months prior to termination of the Protocol. The Protocol ceases to be in force after the termination, whereas the Parties agree to complete the initialized activities.
- 5.3. Any changes or amendments to the Protocol shall be done in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of the Parties.

§ 6

- 6.1. The Protocol is signed in two copies in English – one copy for each Party.

On behalf of Hamad Bin Khalifa University

**Dr. Michael Benedik**

Provost

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

On behalf of Federal State Budgetary  
Educational Institution of Higher  
Education "Saint-Petersburg State  
University"



**Sergey Andryushin**

Vice-Rector for International Affairs

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