



جامعة السلطان قابوس
Sultan Qaboos University

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LETTER OF AGREEMENT ON STUDENT EXCHANGE

between

SAINT-PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY, RUSSIAN FEDERATION

and

SULTAN QABOOS UNIVERSITY, SULTANATE OMAN



The Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education «Saint-Petersburg State University» (hereinafter referred to as “Saint-Petersburg University/SPbU”), duly represented by its Vice-Rector for International Affairs Sergey V. Andryushin, acting on the basis of proxy 26.01.2024 № 32-06-45, on the one part,

and

Sultan Qaboos University (hereinafter referred to as “SQU”), duly represented by its Assistant Vice-Chancellor for International Cooperation, H.H. Dr. Mona Fahad Al-Said, on the other part,

hereinafter collectively referred to as Parties,

agreed to continue their academic cooperation and have prepared to that effect the following Letter of Agreement on Student Exchange (hereinafter referred to as the “LoA”).

§ 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 LoA.

§ 2

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

2.1. The total number of exchange students per one academic year from each Party shall not exceed 10 (*ten*) undergraduate or graduate students for study period of one term or 5 (*five*) students for study period of one academic year. In the exceptional cases the exchange period can be prolonged for more than it is stipulated in this LoA by mutual consent of the Parties. The Parties strive to distribute the candidates for exchanges evenly. The exchange is based on reciprocity, i.e. an equal number of students from each university will be exchanged during the term stipulated by the agreement.

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. Exchange students have to pay all other compulsory fees as according to the rules and regulations of the host university. Exchange students shall be informed about all compulsory fees in advance.

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



- 2.4.1. at SQU:
- Free of charge accommodation at the dormitories of Sultan Qaboos University.
- 2.4.2. at SPbU:
- Free of charge accommodation at the dormitories of Saint-Petersburg University.

The parties undertake to fulfill the obligations specified in clause 2.4 if there are adequate financial capacities.

2.5. Expenses related to participation in the exchange in accordance with this LoA, including visa related expenses, medical insurance expenses, travel expenses as well as living costs and any additional expenses connected to the participation in the exchange shall be covered by the exchange student.

2.6. All the exchange students should have a medical insurance valid on the territory of the host country during the whole exchange period. Students are responsible to obtain adequate medical/health insurance coverage (including emergency medical evacuation) to the satisfaction of the host university.

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. A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than 1 (one) month after the end 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 academic privileges as the other students in the host university. Exchange students are not subject to the same scholarship payments that are available for host university students.

2.10. The Parties will assist exchange students in all practical and academic matters, especially concerning obtaining visa, accommodation, and academic integration.

2.11. This LoA forms the framework for mutual effort between the two Parties to facilitate and develop a cooperative relationship. This LoA does not impose any financial obligations on either Party. However, the home university agrees to provide appropriate assistance in repaying to the host university any unpaid accommodation debt by the exchange student during his/her mobility period at the host university, in case such situation arises.

§ 3

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



3.2. Each Party shall not use names and logos of the other Party without its prior written consent, if not related directly to the performance of obligations under the present LoA, except as provided by law.

3.3. This LoA shall take effect from the date of the last signature by the Parties and shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. It can be renewed for a similar period by mutual written agreement. Either Party may terminate the LoA at any time by giving six (6) months' advance notice in writing to the other Party. In case of termination by either Party, any on-going exchange program or any other form of cooperative activity under this Letter of Agreement shall continue to apply until their completion.

3.4. Disputes arising under this LoA should be resolved through discussions between the participating institutions as far as possible. If not, then the dispute will be resolved in front of a competent court of justice of the country where the dispute is raised or originated.

3.5. At SQU, the management of the exchange will be the responsibility of the International Cooperation Office and at Saint-Petersburg University it will be the responsibility of the International Academic Cooperation Department.

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3.6. Two signed originals (in English and in Russian) of this LoA will be produced, one to reside with each party. The texts in Russian and English are of equal legal force. If there is any disagreement, controversy and/or dispute over the interpretation of this LoA, the English text shall prevail.



3.7. This LoA is signed by the representatives of both parties.

For Saint-Petersburg State University

For Sultan Qaboos University

Sergey V. Andryushin
Vice-Rector for International Affairs

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