



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") is made on 23.4.2021

BY AND BETWEEN

- A. **University of Turku** (0245896-3) a University organized and existing under the laws of Finland, having its principal place of business at Yliopistonmäki FI-20014 TURUN YLIOPISTO, FINLAND
- and
- B. **Samarkand State University**, a University organized and existing under the laws of Uzbekistan, having its principal place of business at University Boulevard, 15 Samarkand 140104 Uzbekistan

each of which is also referred to hereunder individually as the "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

WHEREAS

The University of Turku (UTU) is an internationally competitive university whose operations are based on high-quality, multidisciplinary research. University promotes education and free science and provides higher education that is based on research. The University is active contributor in the international academic community.

Samarkand State University (SamSU) is a leading university in Uzbekistan with historical and academic roots to the Medieval period of 1420. It is an internationally competitive university whose scientific, educational and cultural programs are based on high-quality, multidisciplinary activities. University promotes education and free science and provides higher education that is based on research. The University plays a great role in the social life of the Uzbekistan

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The Parties enter into this MoU for future academic collaboration between the Parties in relation to university research and education especially within but not limited to the fields of early childhood education and teacher education. The MoU only contains the general principles for collaboration between the Parties.

In order to accomplish the above goals, the parties shall pursue collaborative activities, including but not limited to:

- Support the initiative of Samarkand State University to organize a Joint Uzbek-Finland Institute of Pedagogy including an idea of teacher training school
- Student and staff mobilities,
- Lectures, conferences and publications,
- Training programmes and short courses,
- Joint degree programmes
- Other scope of cooperation in fields of interest to both parties

Each individual collaborative project will be planned, developed and executed by the Parties respecting the principles agreed in this MoU and be subject to a separate written agreement to be executed between those parties taking part in such project.



Each Party bears all the charges of its own related activities under this MoU, if not specified differently in further agreements.

This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Finland.

The Parties tend to solve all the issues to implementation of this MoU by means of consultations.

Any amendments, alterations or additions to this MoU must be made in writing as addendum to this MoU and signed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

This MoU is to be valid for a length of five (5) years. It is expected that the actual activities as well as the first payment if any within this MoU will take place during one (1) month after the signing. MoU shall be subject to review by both parties by the end of its last month, and may be extended, amended or terminated at that renegotiation.

Confidentiality

No rights of any kind whatsoever in any invention, copyright, trade secret, or any other form of intellectual property are granted or transferred under this MoU. Distribution and use of information and intellectual property resulting from the cooperation activities under this MoU are performed in compliance with the existing legislation of the Parties and in compliance with further agreements signed by the Parties.

Any use of the names 'University of Turku' or 'Samarkand State University', including any of its constituent schools, departments, programmes or logos, relating in any way to the activities described in this MoU, shall be subject to prior written approval.

All data and information identified as being confidential are considered confidential. The receiving Party shall use diligent efforts to maintain such data and information in confidence, and use only for the purposes contemplated in this MoU.

Both Parties, shall keep strictly confidential all information and materials provided by one Party (the Disclosing Party) to the other Party, pursuant to this Agreement (the Confidential Information) and shall not provide the Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party.

This Clause shall not apply to any information which:

- (a) is required to be disclosed by law, pursuant to legal process or by any governmental or competent regulatory authority;
- (b) at the time of its disclosure is or subsequently becomes public knowledge other than by breach of this Agreement; or
- (c) is lawfully received by, is already in the lawful possession of or subsequently comes lawfully into the possession of a Party from a third party who does not owe and is not under any obligation to keep the information confidential.

The provisions of this Clause are binding and shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Each party shall reserve the right to the intellectual property on studies, research, documents and programmes of its own, including the right to use them in the method determined by each Party to the other party for such use and its scope. Neither Party, nor any third party, may practice such right without the written permission of the other Party.

Either Party may terminate this MOU under a written notice given to the other Party before thirty (30) days from the date on which it wishes to terminate the MOU. However, this MOU shall remain valid with respect to all outstanding matters that have commenced prior to the date of receipt of such notification, and will continue until such matters are completed, suspended or withdrawn by the requesting Party.



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OF TURKU**



This MoU has been executed in two (2) identical copies, one (1) for each Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MoU has been signed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties on this 23rd day of April, 2021.

For and on behalf of

University of Turku

For and on behalf of

Samarkand State University



 Jukka Kola
 Rector





 Rustam Khalmuradov
 Rector

