



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (TWINNING)

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PARTIES

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1. BACKGROUND AND STATUS

- 1.1. The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to underpin relations between UoB and LTSNU, in relation to the UK-Ukraine Twinning Initiative. It is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial obligations between the parties.
- 1.2. Twinning is aimed at creating a long-term partnership between the universities. The initial focus will be on identifying ways that the UoB can support LTSNU during the current conflict with Russia. The partnership will provide a framework to allow for both institutions to work together on the development of a range of academic collaborative activities.

2. PURPOSE OF THE COLLABORATION

- 2.1. Areas of activity may be proposed by either party.
- 2.2. Potential areas of activity of mutual interest and concern may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Initial Phase

- Support in procurement of VCS (video-conference system), which would connect structural subdivisions of LTSNU, as well as LTSNU with its foreign partners.
- Keep abreast of initiatives such as Rapid ILL (electronic document delivery service) for LTSNU to supplement their library collections.
- Explore and engage with opportunities to provide access to electronic information resources as part of any national response co-ordinated by Jisc.
- Joint development of professional training programmes for academic and administrative staff (different aspects of internationalization process at higher educational institutions including COIL trend in teaching-studying process).
- Student mobility windows for BD, MD, PhD students of LTSNU.

Second Phase: explore potential opportunities to provide support through:

- Student exchange activities. For example, explore possibility of joint Summer / Winter schools for BD, MD, PhD students (online / offline), Inter-Universities Visiting Fellowship Programme for BD, MD and PhD students.

- Education support. For example, explore support can offer to development at LTSNU of innovative laboratories including the procurement of technical equipment. Explore TNE opportunities.
- Research collaboration: Explore possibility of collaborative research applications and/or jointly authored publication possibilities.

- 2.3. The terms of any activity relating to areas identified will be agreed on an individual basis and will be subject to a separate memorandum of agreement between the two parties which will detail the respective obligations of each party.

3. MANAGEMENT OF THE COLLABORATION

- 3.1. UoB nominates, The Director of International Relations, International Relations Office, UoB to act as liaison for this collaboration and who will be responsible for overseeing the collaboration on behalf of UoB.
- 3.2. LTSNU nominates **Iryna V. MYHOVYCH**, Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Professor, Head of International Relations Office, to act as liaison for this collaboration and who will be responsible for overseeing the collaboration on behalf of LTSNU.

4. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 4.1. The parties agree that all information and material appertaining to the MoU and all activity pursuant to it remains confidential at all times and will not be shared with any third parties without the prior written consent of the other party.

5. PUBLICITY

- 5.1. Any publicity material produced which mentions this collaboration and uses the name or logo of the parties must be approved in advance by the appropriate authority of the party concerned.

6. FUNDING

- 6.1. This MoU does not create any financial obligations for either party.
- 6.2. Each party will be responsible for their own costs in relation to activity pursuant to the MoU. However, UoB will look to offer as much support as possible at no cost to LTSNU.
- 6.3. Any costs associated with the provision of any specific products or services by any party will be subject to separate negotiation and agreement.

7. TERM AND TERMINATION

- 7.1. The commencement date for the MoU is **1 December 2022**.
- 7.2. The duration of the MoU is for a period of five years from the commencement date.
- 7.3. During the validity of the MoU, either party may terminate the MoU by giving three months written notice to the other party.

On behalf of

University of Bath

I. H. White

Professor Ian WHITE

Vice Chancellor

Date: 15 /11 /2022

On behalf of

**State Institution "Luhansk Taras
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The Rector

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