



PROTOCOL ON STUDENT EXCHANGE

between

**SAINT-PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY,
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

and

**HAMAD BIN KHALIFA UNIVERSITY,
DOHA, QATAR**

№ 01/1-40-16-СПбГУ

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 Andryushin, acting on the basis of proxy dated 26.09.2022 № 32-06-352, 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 collectively referred to as Parties,

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

§ 1

1.1. The Parties will conduct exchange of graduate students for non-degree studies in accordance with the rules and regulations set in this Protocol.

§ 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 4 (four) graduate students for study period of one term or 3 (three) for study period of one academic year. In exceptional cases, the exchange period can be prolonged by mutual consent of the Parties. The Parties strive

to distribute the candidates for exchanges evenly throughout the academic year and keep the balance of the number of exchange students annually.

The obligations of the Parties under this Protocol exclude spouses and dependents.

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. The list of prospective exchange students should be communicated to the host institution at least three months prior to the start of the semester.

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

2.4. All the expenses related to participation in the exchange in accordance with this Protocol, including visa related expenses, medical insurance expenses, travel expenses as well as accommodation and living costs and any additional expenses connected to the participation in the exchange shall be covered by the exchange student, or by the home university, or by a third party where available.

2.5. Each host institution will ensure that students receive the necessary documents for visa purposes. It is the responsibility of the individual student to apply for a visa in time. The host university assists the exchange student in arranging accommodation at HBKU – at the Student Housing in Education City at SPbU – at the dormitories of Saint-Petersburg University.

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 for obtaining adequate medical 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. Partner institutions agree to provide appropriate assistance, which assumes no financial obligations, for the purpose of contacting the exchange student for the repayment of accommodation debt in case such arise during mobility period at the host university.

2.12. Either Party and its directors, employees, and agents shall not be held liable for any loss, damage or injury whatsoever caused to the other Party or its authorized persons, employees, exchange students under this Protocol including all direct or consequential loss or damage, notwithstanding that such loss, damage or injury does not arise from or be due to any gross negligence or misconduct attributed to that Party.

3.1. The Parties can, by mutual written consent, introduce changes and additions to this Protocol 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 Protocol, except as provided by law.

3.3. This Protocol will come into effect from the date of last signature and will remain in force for 5 (five) years until 22.01.2028, but may be renewed by mutual written consent/unless either party terminates it by giving the other six months prior written notice. In the event of termination, any exchanges already underway shall be allowed to be completed.

3.4. Should any dispute, disagreement or claim arise between the Parties concerning this Protocol, the Parties shall try to settle them by negotiations.

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

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This Protocol is prepared in two original copies in English; one copy for each Party.

For Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education «Saint-Petersburg State University»

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Date: 22.01.2023

For Hamad Bin Khalifa University



Dr. Michael Benedik
Provost

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