



GENERAL ACADEMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT
between
BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY, MASSACHUSETTS, USA
and
**SUMY STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER A.
S. MAKARENKO, SUMY, UKRAINE**

1. General provisions

1.1. In accordance with mutual wish to develop cooperation and having common areas in education and research, Bridgewater State University, a public institution of higher education and agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with an address of 131 Summer St., Bridgewater, MA 02325, United States of America, and Sumy State Pedagogical University named after A. S. Makarenko with an address of 87 Romenska St., Sumy, 40002, Ukraine, have come to agreement on the following basic principles of cooperation.

1.2. Cooperation is carried out on the basis of equality, mutual benefit, honest business partnership as well as maintaining bilateral contacts.

1.3. This Agreement neither imposes any property or financial commitments on the Parties, nor does it set any limitations to their independence and autonomy whilst carrying out their statute activity.

2. Subject of the Agreement

2.1. Potential cooperation will include participation in any program offered by either of the two partners, which is necessary and feasible for the development of relationships between the institutions. Any specific program will be subject to mutual consent, availability of funds, and approval of the partner universities. Such programs include, but are not limited to:

- Joint grants, research and scholarship projects;
- Joint degree programs or other activities at bachelor's and master's levels;

- Joint conferences, seminars, workshops, internships, summer schools, and learning excursions;
- Exchange between the two institutions of academic staff for purposes of:
 - Fostering research collaborations
 - Interchange of teaching expertise
 - Visiting lectureships and appointments
 - Joint Publications
 - Membership in the editorial boards of scientific journals
 - Peer reviews
- Exchange between the two institutions of undergraduate and/or graduate students in semester exchanges, virtual course exchanges, and short-term academic travel courses/programs;
- Collaboration in educational outreach activities, teacher preparation and professional development, and advancing teaching technologies;
- Access to expertise or resources available at each institution;
- Provision of briefing services by each institution for visitors from the other institution;
- Cooperation to promote the education, culture, and economy of the region in which each institution resides;
- Other forms of cooperation that the Parties may jointly arrange.

3. Conditions of Cooperation

3.1. Prior to initiation of any program or activity, the terms are discussed and agreed upon in writing by the cooperating entities of the Universities and approved by the respective University Administrations.

4. Amendments and Supplements

4.1. Both Parties have the right to amend and supplement this Agreement.

4.2. Any amendments and supplements to this Agreement shall be in writing. The amendment agreements and supplementary agreements that have been signed by the Parties and that relate to this Agreement shall be an integral part of this Agreement and shall have the same legal validity as this Agreement.

5. Final Provisions

5.1. This Agreement shall come into force on the day it has been signed for a period of five (5) years. The Parties shall confer concerning the renewal of this MOU no later than six (6) months prior to its expiration.

5.2. The Agreement is drawn up in English and Ukrainian in two copies. Each copy has the same force.

6. Signatures

On behalf of Bridgewater State
University

Frederick W. Clark, Jr., Esq.
President
Bridgewater State University



Date: 8-24-22

On behalf of Sumy State Pedagogical
University, named after A.S. Makarenko

Yurii Liannoi, DSc in Education, Prof.
Rector
Sumy State Pedagogical
University, named after
A. S. Makarenko




Date: _____