



# AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS UNIVERSITY OF UZBEKISTAN (Republic of Uzbekistan) AND NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF OSTROH ACADEMY (Ukraine)

Journalism and Mass Communications University of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as "UzJMCU"), having its principal office at Center-5, 88-st., Kiyat, Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, and National University of Ostroh Academy (hereinafter referred to as "Ostroh Academy"), having its principal office at 2 Seminarska Street, Ostroh, Rivne Region, 35800, Ukraine, agree to conclude the following Agreement of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") with the objective of promoting cooperation in the fields of education and academic research.

# Article 1

UzJMCU and Ostroh Academy agree to promote the following activities for the purpose of enhancing the Universities' educational and academic roles: conducting collaborative research, lectures, seminars, and symposia; exchanging information and materials in fields of mutual interest; facilitating the exchange of scholars, researchers, and staff; organizing student exchanges at the undergraduate and graduate levels; developing and implementing dual degree programs that enable qualified students to study at both institutions and earn degrees from each; and pursuing other activities as mutually agreed upon.

### Article 2

Matters related to the implementation of exchanges under this Agreement shall be negotiated and mutually agreed upon by UzJMCU and Ostroh Academy on a case-by-case basis. Specific mechanisms for carrying out cooperative and collaborative activities, as outlined above, shall be established and detailed in separate Memoranda of Agreement associated with this Agreement.

# Article 3

Any differing viewpoints and interpretations of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by mutual consultation or negotiation.

## Article 4

Both Universities understand that all financial arrangements for each specific case are to be negotiated and may depend upon the availability of funds or budgets.

#### Article 5

Any activities and exchanges between UzJMCU and Ostroh Academy, wherever executed, must comply with the laws and regulations of the regions where the Universities are located and where the activity or exchange is executed.

## Article 6

Both UzJMCU and Ostroh Academy shall keep all Confidential Information received from the other party confidential until such information becomes non-confidential. Confidential Information shall be used solely for the purposes contemplated in this Agreement. In cases where disclosure is required by law, regulation, or order of a competent authority, or if any Confidential Information is unintentionally disclosed, the receiving party shall immediately notify the disclosing party. Any issues resulting from such disclosure shall be resolved through mutual consultation or negotiation.

#### Article 7

This Agreement shall take effect and remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of its signing by representatives of both Universities. Where the Agreement remains active, both Universities agree to review its contents after five (5) years from the date hereof. Either University may terminate the Agreement by providing six (6) months' prior written notice to the other.

# Article 8

Any amendments to this Agreement shall be made in writing, following mutual negotiation and consent. Once approved by both UzJMCU and Ostroh Academy, such amendments shall become an integral part of this Agreement.

## Article 9

UzJMCU and Ostroh Academy agree to explore and, where feasible, establish dual degree programs at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels. These programs shall be designed to enable students to study at both institutions and, upon successful completion of the prescribed coursework and requirements, earn degrees from both Universities. The structure, duration, admission criteria, tuition responsibilities, credit transfer mechanisms, and degree awarding procedures for each dual degree program shall be specified in a separate Agreement of Cooperation, subject to the approval of the appropriate academic and administrative authorities of both institutions.

## Article 10

UzJMCU and Ostroh Academy agree to explore opportunities for cooperation in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) usage in media and journalism. This collaboration will aim to enhance the understanding of AI's impact on the media landscape, support the development of innovative AI-driven solutions for media platforms, and promote training and education in AI applications for journalism students and professionals. The Universities may also initiate joint research projects, seminars, and academic activities focused on AI technologies in journalism.

# Article 11

UzJMCU and Ostroh Academy will jointly pursue the development of collaborative academic and research projects under the Erasmus+ programme framework. This cooperation shall include resource sharing, submission of joint project proposals for research and educational grants, and facilitation of student and faculty exchanges. The aim of this collaboration is to strengthen academic ties, promote internationalization, and expand mobility opportunities for students and staff of both institutions.

# Article 12

This Agreement shall be executed in the English language.

Journalism and Mass Communications University of Uzbekistan

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