

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN ASSIST PROJECT, MCMASTER UNIVERSITY (CANADA)
AND POLTAVA STATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY (UKRAINE)**

AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN

Party of the first part, Dr. Markian PAHUTA, Head of the ASSIST Canada-Ukraine Project, Assistant Professor of Department of Surgery, McMaster University (Canada)

Party of the second part, Prof. Viacheslav ZHDAN, Rector of Poltava State Medical University (Ukraine),

Acting for and on behalf of both Parties, the above hereby mutually recognize one another's authority to enter into this Memorandum and

DECLARE

1. That both Parties are interested in establishing cooperation to promote the exchange of professors, postgraduate and PhD students. Such exchanges are taken to be the starting point for possible subsequent collaboration in the other Party's matters (academic, research, and cultural).
2. That both Parties possess the appropriate curriculums and the necessary resources to undertake such cooperation.
3. That to achieve the stated aims channels must be established to facilitate both the exchange of programs, scientific knowledge, research techniques and methods, and the validation of teaching from each Parties' curriculum, in addition to ensuring the due use of human and material resources.

By virtue of their authority, pursuant to the powers and representative capacity they hold, the above hereby agree to sign this framework agreement with the following clauses

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1. Objective of the Memorandum of Understanding
This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to set a framework for cooperation between both Parties. Specifically, it aims to foster the exchange of professors, postgraduate and PhD students as the starting point for other Party related matters.
2. Responsibilities of the Parties
Both Parties undertake to collaborate in academic and research areas in the following aspects:
 - a) Support reciprocal visits by teaching personnel from both Parties with the involvement of Departments for as long as both Parties deem beneficial.

b) Promote student and graduate exchange opportunities between the Parties.

c) Carry out the necessary administrative tasks to provide visiting students and professors with the means to conduct their academic and research activities in suitable conditions.

d) Provide information on their own curriculums, degrees and research programs, generally ensure information on all aspects pertaining to academic and research materials, and other areas of collaboration are available.

e) Ensure as far as possible that the home Party recognizes the subjects that students take at their host Party.

3. Collaboration in other areas

Both parties further undertake to collaborate in the following areas:

a) Promote the participation of postgraduate, PhD students and professors from both Parties in any programs that may be ran and led jointly.

b) Support the inclusion of trainee personnel in research groups to foster mutual collaboration in this area.

c) Conduct research projects of special interest for each Party, providing their researchers with the human and material resources to achieve said aim.

d) Facilitate the use of materials for PhD theses.

4. Specific agreements

If the Parties seek to carry out joint activity within the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding, a Specific Agreement shall be signed by both Parties, in which the terms and conditions under which said activity will be undertaken shall be stipulated. The framework of the Memorandum of Understanding shall be applicable to these agreements.

5. Termination

Either Party may terminate this Protocol by giving notice to the other Party in writing 3 months in advance of the date on which it wishes to terminate.

Failure to perform any of the actions that constitute the subject of the Memorandum, the expiration of the term, or any other cause jointly agreed by the Parties shall be grounds for termination.

If there is a specific agreement in force signed under this Memorandum framework, it shall continue in effect until the specific actions contained therein are concluded.



6. Legal framework

This Memorandum is governed by the general legislation on public sector administrative procedure and legal framework and cannot create enforceable specific legal obligations and commitments.

7. Term

This Memorandum shall come into effect upon signature by both Parties and shall have a term of three years. It may be extended by the express will of the signatory Parties by an agreement that shall be recorded in writing prior to the expiration of the agreed upon deadline.

In the fullest spirit of collaboration, both Parties hereby sign this Memorandum of Understanding, in two counterparts, in the place and on the date as below.

For ASSIST Project of McMaster University (Canada) The Head	For Poltava State Medical University (Ukraine), The Rector
Signed: Dr. Markian PAHUTA Date:  Sept. 02, 2024	 Signed: Prof. Yurii ZHDAN Date: _____