

THE STRATEGY OF INTERNATIONALIZATION

Kharkiv National Medical University

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Kharkiv National Medical University (hereinafter referred to as “University”) is a successor and a continuer of the best traditions of medical education in Ukraine.

The main goal of the University is training of highly qualified professionals and scientists fit to meet the current and future labour market conditions, the improvement of professional skills of health-care workers, the upbringing students in accordance with modern standards of national and world higher university education, formation of a science-production cluster on the basis of the University involves the unity of education, science and practice.

The growing role of education and science in society as well as diversification and internationalization of higher education mark the international aspect of the University’s activity as an essential prerequisite for its overall development.

The expanding geography of international links, the will of foreign universities to cooperate with KhNMU, the cooperative attendance of the University into the work of lots of international academic organizations are recognizable signs of the University’s sizable reputation on the international arena of education.

Internationalization is considered to be a key development priority and an integral part of the University. The international cooperation of the University is developed within a unified process of the Ukrainian higher school integration into the world higher education system.

1. The main directions of internationalization

Internationalization of the University is carried out in the following fields:

- educational services for foreign students;
- participation in international grant programmes, conferences, seminars and symposia;
- cooperation with foreign educational, practical, governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions in education, science, and culture spheres, practical medical activities as well.

2. Priority tasks of KhNMU for internationalization

At present, the priority tasks of KhNMU for internationalization are:

2.1. Increasing the number of direct contracts and involving a wide range of partners for sharing experiences, the introduction of advanced technologies as well as approaches in the educational, scientific and clinical spheres in the conditions of both Europeanization and globalization;

2.2. Improving the efficiency of work under existing contracts;

2.3. Ensuring active international academic and student mobility to facilitate the improvement of the academic staff qualification, setting new scientific relations and partnerships, joint research activities, and receiving extra language practice;

2.4. Development and introduction of educational training areas with the possibility of obtaining double diplomas of higher education;

2.5. Active involvement of KhNMU in participation in project and donor programmes in order to stimulate the development of scientific, managerial and financial potential;

2.6. Implementation of the remote educational system that will allow for an exchange of best practices with all partners;

2.7. Growing image, international recognition and the credibility of the University;

2.8. Accreditation of the higher education institution as well as training programmes in international accreditation agencies;

2.9. Improving the quality and modernization of education services and scientific researches by optimizing material costs and introducing advanced technologies;

2.10. Monitoring the quality of the initial level of knowledge of the KhNMU's foreign students;

2.11. Ensuring the University brand awareness through participation in world and international partnership forums, official visits, development and promotion of souvenir and presentation products;

2.12. Active attraction of foreign specialists for systematic participation in the educational process;

2.13. Improvement of the University's international activity management;

2.14. Establishment of an international association of graduates and interaction with them.

3. The Strategy of Internationalization

The Strategy of Internationalization envisages the coverage of all activities of the University and implementation of the following tasks:

3.1. In educational activity:

– integration of the University into the international education space through the curricula and courses internationalization, and their accreditation in European and world agencies;

– increase in the institutional capacity of the University (faculties) in the matter of international activities;

– development of the University curricula and programmes in line with international standards and recommendations in the field of medical education;

– development and implementation of joint educational programmes and double degree programmes with partner universities;

– ensuring the exchange of students and academics with foreign higher education institutions, that will facilitate more quantitative coverage of students

who are sent abroad for their studies at partner universities (integrated semester/ academic year/ summer practice/ internship etc.);

- attracting of foreign specialists to teach at the University in order to increase the teaching level and networking for future cooperation;

- ensuring the improvement of language teacher training in accordance with international standards in order to improve the quality of students' training at KhNMU;

- participation in educational and scientific projects, exhibitions, festivals, and forums.

3.2. In scientific activity:

- supporting for the development of strategic partnerships and consortia with leading universities, research centres to receive grants for research;

- expansion of vectors of cooperation with partner institutions, taking into account the latest trends, including interdisciplinary, for wider involvement of teachers, scientists, post-graduate students of the University in carrying out joint international scientific projects;

- identification of the most priority scientific areas of the University through which it is possible to achieve the most significant results and facilitate the development of research groups with well-known scientists from different countries for joint long-term researches;

- stimulating and monitoring of the publishing activity of university professors in the authoritative international editions that are a part of Web of Science, Scopus, and other databases;

- promoting regular international scientific and practical forums, Internet conferences, congresses, and seminars;

- development of a mechanism for stimulation and support the faculties and departments in their initiatives on joint educational and scientific researches.

3.3. In international activity:

- improvement of the University’s management system in the field of international activity and international cooperation by ensuring coordination of departments on the development and implementation of international agreements;

- identification of new priority directions of international cooperation with potential partners;

- ensuring sustainable international development of the University in its education field through the intensification of work on the preparation of project applications for participation in the EU educational programmes;

- joint development and implementation of international educational programmes of scientific and pedagogical workers with foreign partner universities;

- creation of conditions at KhNMU that will increase the number of international projects and programmes with the participation of the University’s departments (Erasmus +, USERN, DAAD, etc.);

- organizing and conducting trainings on writing applications and participating in grant programmes;

- facilitating the active participation of the University’s professors and scientists in education and research activities of foreign universities, medical institutions, and organizations;

- search for opportunities to receive grants for the participation of students and academics in international educational programmes;

- adoption of international experience in the management of international activities, systematic training of specialists of the International Relations Office.

3.4. In the intercultural sphere:

- allowing for expanding student intercultural cooperation, and student self-government;

- attracting of foreign students in the Student Self-Government of KhNMU from the moment they are enrolled for their studies;

– appointing of responsible persons to work with foreign students of the University from among the members of the Student Council of KhNMU which is the governing body of the Student Self-Government of KhNMU;

– integrating of foreign students into the Student Council of KhNMU;

– holding roundtables aimed at dialogue between the foreign contingent and local students on the improvement and modernization of the University's educational process;

– building partnerships with student and community organizations of foreign universities to exchange experience and scale up work and projects;

– facilitating the integration of foreign students into the University's cultural space;

– implementing meetings and teleconferences between students of KhNMU and universities abroad;

– enhancing cooperation with graduates (alumni associations) who have realized themselves and work abroad.