



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### LANCASTER UNIVERSITY and KHARKIV NATIONAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

This Memorandum is made on

23/03/2026

BETWEEN:

(1) **LANCASTER UNIVERSITY** of Bailrigg, Lancaster LA1 4YW, UNITED KINGDOM

and

(2) **KHARKIV NATIONAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY** of 4 Nauky Avenue, Kharkiv, 61022, Ukraine ("KNMU"), represented by the Vice-Rector for Scientific and Pedagogical Work, Kryvoshapka Oleksandr Viktorovich, acting on the basis of Power of Attorney No. 18 dated 07.02.2025.

Also herein after referred to as the Parties.

#### 1. Aims

1.1 The Parties wish to explore further opportunities for collaboration in teaching and research. The aim of this Memorandum is to provide a framework within which the Parties will seek to develop a long-term collaborative relationship.

1.2 As Universities we subscribe to the common values of academic freedom and freedom of speech and embrace our duty to teach and undertake research ethically and with integrity, producing reliable, trustworthy and accessible results.

#### 2. Status of this Memorandum

2.1 The parties recognize that the provisions of this Memorandum do not oblige them to take any actions, but to implement specific tasks and projects of this Memorandum. Following further discussion, the Parties agree to cooperate in any of the activities provided for in this Memorandum. The Parties will enter into an agreement (cooperation), setting out the rights and obligations of each party in relation to that activity.

#### 3. Areas of potential collaboration

3.1 Subject to paragraph 3.2, the Parties will explore opportunities for potential collaboration in the following areas:

(a) staff and student mobility;

- (b) development of joint research projects, conferences and seminars;
- (c) any other areas which may promote the academic interests of the Parties in research and/or teaching.

3.2 The development of a collaborative relationship between the Parties is subject to:

- (a) the approval of the relevant authorities of both Lancaster University and KNMU. In particular, approval by Lancaster University of KNMU as a collaborative partner and approval of any courses leading to awards of (or credit towards an award of) Lancaster University is subject to the procedures set out in Lancaster University's Academic Standards and Quality Handbook; and
- (b) obtaining all necessary or advisable governmental, regulatory or other relevant approvals, consents or licences.

#### **4. Financial implications**

4.1 Each party shall be responsible for its own costs incurred in connection with this Memorandum. Lancaster University and KNMU shall, where possible, explore opportunities for external funding of the collaborative activities anticipated in this Memorandum.

#### **5. Exchange of information**

5.1 Each party will exchange information with the other with a view to understanding whether it would be effective and practical for the institutions to work together.

#### **6. Confidentiality**

6.1 This Memorandum and any information provided in connection with it may not be disclosed to any third party other than (a) the parties' professional advisers; (b) as required by law or a relevant regulatory authority; (c) with the prior written consent of the other party; or (d) where the information has come into the public domain through no fault of the party wishing to disclose it.

#### **7. Intellectual Property**

7.1 Unless agreed otherwise in writing, any Intellectual Property rights belonging to the Parties, whether in existence at the date of this Memorandum or created during the course of it, shall belong to the respective Parties.

#### **8. Publicity**

8.1 The Parties will not include the name or logo of the other Party in any advertising or publicity material without the prior approval of the other Party on a case-by-case basis.

8.2 Neither Party will do anything which, in the reasonable opinion of the other, would damage the other's reputation and/or business.

#### **9. Disputes**

9.1 The Parties shall attempt to resolve in good faith any dispute arising between them out of the operation of this Memorandum. If the dispute cannot be resolved informally, it shall be referred to the Head of Global Engagement, Lancaster University and the Head of the International Relations and Grant Work Office of KNMU.

9.2 This Memorandum shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Ukraine.

9.3 Any dispute arising out of the operation of this Memorandum shall be finally settled by arbitration under the Rules of Arbitration and Conciliation of the International Chamber of Commerce by two or more arbitrators appointed under those rules.

#### 10. Duration, termination and review

10.1 This Memorandum shall commence on the date set out on the first page and shall continue for a period of 3 years. It may be extended by the written agreement of both Parties.

10.2 Either Party may terminate this Memorandum at any time by giving to the other not less than 6 months' notice in writing, or with immediate effect by written notice if the other Party fails to comply with its obligations under this Memorandum. Termination of this Memorandum shall be without prejudice to any other collaborative arrangement between the Parties.

10.3 The Parties shall review the operation of this Memorandum on an annual basis. The Memorandum is drawn up in two original copies in the English language, one copy for each Party, which are equally valid.

Signed for and on behalf of  
**LANCASTER UNIVERSITY** by

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**KHARKIV NATIONAL  
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY** by  
Oleksandr KRYVOSHAPKA  
Vice-Rector for Scientific and  
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