

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the Ministry of Education and Science of The Russian Federation
and the Department of Education and Skills of Ireland
on co-operation in the field of higher education

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and the Department of Education and Skills of Ireland, hereinafter referred to as the Participants,

wishing to further improve and to develop the cooperation in higher education between the two states based on the principles of equality, mutual benefit and efficiency,

seeking to give a new impulse to bilateral cooperation in education,
have reached the following understanding:

1. The Participants shall encourage the development of constructive relationships in higher education and with this purpose to co-operate in the following areas:

training of specialists and qualification upgrade of the teaching and research personnel;

promotion of partnership relations between higher education institutions in both countries;

development of joint programs and projects in the field of higher education facilitating improvement in the humanitarian, natural science and

engineering education, including within the framework of international programs and projects in education;

exchange of students, postgraduates, teaching and research personnel;

exchange of information on the higher educational systems and quality of education and also procedures of licensing and accrediting the educational programs and institutions of higher education;

exchange of the available studies and methodological materials;

encouraging study of the language and culture of each country in the higher education institutions in both countries;

organisation and holding of joint exhibitions of educational services and new technologies in higher education;

and other areas in accordance with the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding.

2. The Participants recognise the importance of supporting the development of favourable conditions for the study of the Russian language and literature in Ireland and the English language and Irish literature in the Russian Federation, including the training of teachers, intensive language courses and qualification upgrade courses, students and youth exchanges, in order to improve knowledge of the language and culture of each country.

The Participants will facilitate co-operation on issues related to testing of Russian and English languages.

3. The Participants will co-operate on issues relating to the mutual recognition of higher education and qualifications within the context of relevant international arrangements.

4. The Participants will encourage mutually beneficial mobility of academic staff, teachers, trainees, experts, researchers and students.

5. The Participants shall facilitate the holding of educational exhibitions, fairs, conferences with participation of higher educational organizations to attract Russian nationals into Irish higher education institutions and Irish nationals into Russian higher education organisations on a mutual basis.

6. Where appropriate, a Joint Working Group to be chaired by a Senior Official of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and a Senior Official of the Department of Education and Skills of Ireland can be established from time to time to review implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding. Such a Joint Working Group would meet from time to time, alternatively in the Russian Federation and Ireland at agreed times.

7. This Memorandum of Understanding is not an international treaty and does not create rights and liabilities regulated by the international law.

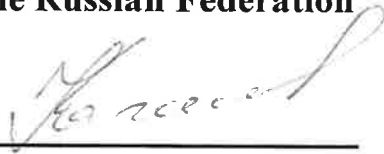
This Memorandum may be amended by mutual consent of the Participants, which is implemented by separate protocols.

This Memorandum of Understanding comes into effect on the date of signing. This Memorandum may be terminated by either Party by providing written notice six months in advance of any such termination and the date of termination shall be the date set out in that notice.

Termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the implementation of projects and programmes not completed at the time of termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.


Signed on December 8, 2015 in Moscow in duplicate in Russian and English,
both texts being equally valid.

**On behalf of
the Ministry of Education and
Science
of the Russian Federation**



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