

The change is approved

by the Rector's Order №501 of October 02.2024  
(The effective date of the order: October 03. 2024.)

Rector, Professor Marina Pirtskhalava

## **Internationalization Policy of Geomedi University LLC**

In accordance with the mission of Geomedi University LLC, one of the university's most important priorities is integration into the global educational space.

To fulfill this mission, the university has developed an internationalization policy that will support its integration into the international educational and scientific community. The aim of the policy is to promote collaborative educational and scientific projects by initiating and strengthening connections with international educational and research institutions, supporting student and academic staff exchange programs, and facilitating certain types of scientific research projects.

The university's internationalization policy and directions (planned activities) are approved by the Academic Council, together with the university's strategic development plan, based on the analysis of a questionnaire on the internationalization policy for the university's academic staff and students.

### **1. Internationalization Policy**

Based on the results of a survey conducted among university staff and students, the following directions were developed for planning the university's internationalization policy:

1. Student exchange programs
2. Academic staff exchange programs
3. Integration of exchange programs into academic curricula
4. Exchange programs for administrative staff
5. Involvement of foreign lecturers in the teaching process
6. Enhanced instruction in the English language
7. Joint educational programs with foreign higher education institutions
8. Joint scientific research and conferences with foreign higher education institutions
9. Support for scientific research projects of international significance
10. Taking into account foreign labor market research when modifying academic programs
11. Attracting international students to educational programs

## **2. Planned Activities in the Direction of Internationalization:**

### **2.1. Student Exchange Programs**

- a. Enrollment in international exchange programs (ERASMUS PLUS)
- b. Signing memoranda with foreign universities regarding student exchange programs

### **2.2. Academic Staff Exchange Programs**

- a. Enrollment in international exchange programs (ERASMUS PLUS)
- b. Signing memoranda with foreign universities regarding academic staff exchange programs

### **2.3. Integration of Exchange Programs into the Curriculum**

- a. Agreements with foreign universities/clinics for the completion of academic courses, which will be recognized as credits for elective courses included in the study program
- b. Spring schools at foreign universities and internships in foreign clinics, which will be recognized as credits for elective courses provided by the program

### **2.4. Administrative Staff Exchange Programs**

- a. Enrollment in international exchange programs (ERASMUS PLUS)
- b. Signing memoranda with foreign universities regarding administrative staff exchange programs

### **2.5. Enhanced English Language Instruction**

- a. Raising the level of English language instruction in the academic curriculum (minimum B2 level) to improve participation and communication in exchange programs
- b. Free English language courses for university staff

### **2.6. Involvement of Foreign Instructors in the Educational Process**

- a. Recruitment of foreign instructors from the international labor market
- b. Signing memoranda with foreign universities to attract foreign professors

### **2.7. Joint Educational Programs with Foreign Universities**

- a. Development and implementation of joint Master's and Doctoral degree programs

### **2.8. Promotion of Joint Scientific Research and International Conferences**

- a. Organization of international symposiums/conferences
- b. Funding the participation of the university's academic and research staff in international conferences
- c. Support for the university's academic and research staff to participate in national and international grant competitions together with foreign colleagues
- d. Signing memoranda with foreign universities and research institutions regarding the conduct of joint scientific research
- e. Support for those types of scientific research that are attractive to foreign researchers, especially in the context of comparative scientific studies

- f. In order to increase the motivation of affiliated academic staff, joint scientific activities with foreign colleagues will be awarded the highest possible score under the university's "System for Evaluating the Productivity and Quality of Scientific Work of Affiliated Academic Staff"

**2.9. Consideration of Foreign Labor Market Research in Program Modifications**

- a. Study of the European labor market prior to program accreditation
- b. Monitoring of international labor market demands

**2.10. Attraction of Foreign Students to Educational Programs**

- a. Participation in international educational fairs
- b. Agreements with intermediary agencies
- c. Participation in international projects of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia