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Declaration of Honour

I, Sergey Andryushin confirm that Saint-Petersburg State University wishes to participate in the Finnish-Russian Student and Teacher Exchange Programme (FIRST+). I confirm that no eligible incoming students moving within the framework of this FIRST+ programme will be charged tuition fees, that all outgoing students will be given full academic recognition for work successfully completed during their study period abroad and that our institution will assist in finding accommodation for all incoming students. I also confirm that I am authorized to endorse this letter on behalf of my institution.

Signature: _____

Name: Sergey Andryushin

Position: Vice-Rector for International Affairs

Date: 27.09.2017



Each Russian higher education institution willing to participate in the FIRST+ programme as a partner is recommended to submit a FIRST+ statement to the Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI) in connection to the application round.

In the FIRST+ statement the participating Russian institution will describe their internationalisation strategy in regard to Finland. EDUFI provides a template for the Russian institutions to fill in. Each higher education institution will fill in only one FIRST+ statement template on behalf of all FIRST+ cooperation with Finland, even if the HEI takes part in cooperation with several different Finnish institutions or faculties.

The FIRST+ statement should be duly signed by a legal representative of the Russian institution, then scanned and submitted to EDUFI (FIRST@oph.fi). The deadline for submitting the statement is 29 September 2017.

Contact information of the Russian higher education institution

Name of the Russian higher education institution	Saint-Petersburg State University
Name in Russian	ФГБОУ ВО «Санкт-Петербургский Государственный Университет» / Sankt-Peterburgskiy Gosudarstvenniy Universitet
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Position of the legal representative	Vice-Rector for International Affairs
City/cities	St.Petersburg

PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRST+ PROGRAMME

Please list all the Finnish higher education institutions that you will cooperate within the framework of the FIRST+ programme (2018–19). Please note that you must coordinate with the Finnish institutions and communicate the list to them as well as to your own university!

Please list the Finnish higher education institution(s) which coordinates the FIRST+ network and Faculties / departments (if applicable)

Number 1: Finnish higher education institution (HEI)

Name of the HEI which coordinates the FIRST+ network	University of Helsinki
Faculties / departments	All

Number 2: Finnish higher education institution (HEI)

Name of the HEI which coordinates the FIRST+ network	University of Turku
Faculties / departments	All

Number 3: Finnish higher education institution (HEI)	Name of the HEI which coordinates the FIRST+ network	University of Jyväskylä
	Faculties / departments	Priority to Natural sciences (in particular chemistry), languages & philology, social sciences, humanities
Number 4: Finnish higher education institution (HEI)	Name of the HEI which coordinates the FIRST+ network	University of Eastern Finland
	Faculties / departments	All
Number 5: Finnish higher education institution (HEI)	Name of the HEI which coordinates the FIRST+ network	Saimaa University of Applied Sciences
	Faculties / departments	Priority to Social Sciences
Number 6: Finnish higher education institution (HEI)	Name of the HEI which coordinates the FIRST+ network	Lappeenranta University of Technology
	Faculties / departments	Priority to Management
Number 7: Finnish higher education institution (HEI)	Name of the HEI which coordinates the FIRST+ network	Aalto University
	Faculties / departments	Priority to Management and business administration
Number 8: Finnish higher education institution (HEI)	Name of the HEI which coordinates the FIRST+ network	University of Tampere
	Faculties / departments	First+ Network Cross-Border International Relations, coordinated by the UT (Faculty of Management)
Number 9: Finnish higher education institution (HEI)	Name of the HEI which coordinates the FIRST+ network	Hanken school of economics
	Faculties / departments	Priority to Management and business administration

Number 10: Finnish higher education institution (HEI)

Name of the HEI which coordinates the FIRST+ network

University of Oulu

Faculties / departments

Priority to the Institute of Earth Sciences (geology)

OBJECTIVES

Please describe the objectives of your cooperation with Finnish higher education institutions. Why did you choose these partner institutions?

At the moment SPbU is seeking for support of long-term student mobilities and teacher exchange (plus intensive course with Jyväskylä University), as those directions of cooperation are on top-priority list of goals of SPbU.

For the past 5 years SPbU has accepted 110 students from Finland and sent 161 students to Finnish universities in total. For the same period SPbU has accepted 47 researchers and teachers from Finland and sent 124 researchers and teachers to Finnish universities named above (p.1-3) in the framework of bilateral exchange programs (on institutional level, faculty level not included). The universities named above (p.1-8) are most active partners of SPbU and for the past 5 years they have accepted 157 SPbU students and sent 86 students to SPbU. The rest universities are less active partners but we would like to use the opportunity of FIRST+ programme to support exchanges and further develop cooperation with all named Finnish universities and universities, which are connected to corresponding FIRST+ networks. Apart from student long-term mobilities, SPbU strives for development of deeper cooperation in academic area. SPbU has a number of joint projects with universities named above (p.1-9 plus Abo Akademi University and Karelia University of Applied Sciences), including already existing or only developing joint programmes. For example, SPbU has joint programmes with University of Tampere and Lappeenranta University of Technology that we would like to support and further develop. SPbU has in plan to further develop Nursery (Karelia University of Applied Science) and Social Work (Saimaa University of Applied Sciences) fields. One of the visits from Karelia University of Applied Sciences to SPbU (Medical college of Saint Petersburg State University) within teacher exchange within the First Network is already scheduled for October 30 – November 3, 2017. We would like to support further ideas and experience exchange between colleagues by stimulating staff mobility.

THE QUALITY OF MOBILITY

Incoming students:

What are the measures for ensuring the quality of the implementation of the mobility flows (e.g. information activities for incoming students, promotion of the study programmes for Finnish students, the number of study opportunities available in English and their provision)?

Incoming students receive all kinds of support. SPbU organizes informational activities for such students, as well as different extracurricular activities to involve incoming students in student and everyday life, to help them with adaptation and finding new contacts and friends. Apart from different cultural events, SPbU implements BUDDY programme, which helps to support incoming students with more informal approach. During their stay at St.Petersburg, incoming students receive the possibility to learn about study programs of the University, find interesting lecturers for further supervision (in case they choose to return to SPbU) and even to participate in the SPbU Ambassador programme, when they leave.

Incoming students are guaranteed the same academic rights as students of the University. SPbU has a number of programmes taught in English or other foreign languages in different fields of study. Incoming students have a possibility to choose any of the subjects that are available at the moment of their study period. All the programmes have official accreditation and SPbU strives for having their programmes accredited by most respected international accreditation agencies for example, SPbU programmes have such accreditations as EQUIS, AMBA, ACCA, etc. One of strategies of SPbU is to stay on top by continuous improvement of quality of education and educational possibilities available, such as developing educational programmes in foreign languages, educational programmes with foreign component, interdisciplinary programmes, organization of internships in different organizations and companies, etc.

Outgoing students:

Describe shortly the provision and monitoring of the recognition of studies.

Along with the application to the exchange programme students submit his Learning Agreement including all the courses he is going to take at the Host University. The Changes to Learning Agreement can be signed within a month after arrival to the Host University. Learning Agreement should be approved by the Head of the Educational programme. If the students successfully completes the exchange period and receives 30 ECTS, his study period is completely recognized at SPbU. If the workload of the courses at the Host University is less than 30, the student has to pass some additional courses at SPbU upon approval of the Educational Committee.

IMPACT

Explain the desired impact of the activities on individual participants as well as on your organisation and wider society, if applicable.

SPbU has "Development Strategy 2020", which sets increase in mobility numbers and quality as one of the goals of the University, which leads to higher educational standards, programmes quality, research and teaching as well as study experience.

St.Petersburg University strives for the top quality education for people who take their education, science knowledge and experience seriously. FIRST+ support enables more students with different financial background to take part in the student mobility programme and allows them to concentrate on their studies and research rather than financial problems. It gives opportunities for closer cooperation with partner university on different levels.

As cooperation with Finland has strategic importance (as for Russia in total and North-western Federal District particularly) and Finnish universities traditionally attract Russian students, it is very important for us to help our students with finding suitable university for exchange and financial support for them, as Finland is a very expensive country to live in.

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