

## RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

This Agreement is established between:

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and

**Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen**, headquartered in Shumen, 9700, 115, Universitetska str., Telephone: +359 54 830 350, E-mail: rector@shu.bg, represented by RECTOR - Prof. Nataliya Vitanova, Dr. Habil, Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs - Assoc. Prof. Konstantin Konstantinov, PhD and Head of Centre for Doctoral Training - Prof. Penka Kozhuharova, PhD.

**Art. 1. The object of the partnership agreement** establishes the framework within which the research and innovation activity of doctoral students is organized and carried out in order to develop scientific research, ensure technological transfer and develop doctoral theses.

(1) The regulatory framework that will form the basis of the partnership agreement is represented by the specific legislation from Romania and Bulgaria

### **Art. 2. General activities within the partnership:**

(1) Carrying out research activities within the two partner institutions

(2) Establishing agreements for the use of the institution's equipment by the university, under the supervision of specialist employees from the partner institution.

(3) Participation of qualified personnel from the partner institution in training doctoral students on the use of equipment's.

(4) Proposal, by the institution, of research directions regarding the completion of doctoral theses.

(5) Participation, at the invitation of the university, of representatives of the institution, with an advisory role and without the right to vote or evaluate, in the public defenses of doctoral theses.

(6) In the case of sustained support granted to the university and based on the approval of the Board of Directors, during the duration of the agreement, the University may promote the company/institution as a permanent partner on its website, respectively the company/institution may promote the university on its own website.

### **Art. 3. Duration of the Research Partnership Agreement**

The duration of the Research Partnership Agreement is 5 years; this duration may be extended with the agreement of the partner institution.

This collaboration protocol is concluded for the period of 2025-2030.

### **Art. 4. Obligations and rights of the partners**

(1) The conditions for the development of the doctoral research partnership include: research topics; research objectives and expected results; research methodology and the framework for

developing and implementing solutions; experimentations/simulations to be carried out; infrastructure to be made available by the parties for the students' research activity;

(2) Aspects relating to confidentiality and intellectual property on the results of doctoral research obtained by doctoral students, including the patenting and use of the research results carried out, as well as the dissemination and publication of the research results carried out. None of these agreements will obstruct the conditions imposed by the Code of Doctoral Studies and by OM 3020/2024 - Framework Regulation on Doctoral Studies and the obligation of doctoral students to publish during the doctoral internship results obtained in their scientific research activity for the development of the doctoral thesis.

#### **Art. 5. Modification and termination of the collaboration protocol**

(1) This Research Partnership Agreement may only be amended by an Additional Act signed and stamped (if applicable) by both parties.

(2) This Research Partnership Agreement may terminate in the following cases:

- a) upon reaching its term;
- b) by agreement of the parties - with the written mention of the date of termination of this collaboration protocol;
- c) in the event that one of the parties does not comply with the obligations assumed by the collaboration protocol, the other party, by written notification, may terminate the collaboration protocol, the termination producing full legal effects.

#### **Art. 6. Disputes**

(1) Disputes that may arise as a result of the application and interpretation of the provisions of this collaboration protocol will be resolved amicably.

(2) If it is not possible to resolve disputes amicably, the parties will address the competent courts from Romania and Bulgaria.

#### **Art. 7. Other provisions:**

- The objectives and activities of this partnership agreement may be supplemented over time, with the agreement of both parties.
- This partnership agreement constitutes the general framework on the basis of which collaboration contracts for specific activities will be concluded.
- This partnership agreement is concluded for a period of 60 months, starting from the date of signing and registration of the document. The request for termination must be formulated in writing and sent to the other party at least six months before the expiration of the validity period of the agreement and at least 15 days before the date of termination.
- This partnership agreement was concluded in 2 (two) original copies, of which 1 (one) for the University of Craiova 1 (one) for the partner.

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