

Strategy of Zaporozhye State Medical University for international cooperation

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Nowadays, world leading universities, including Ukrainian universities, consider international educational exchanges and programs as an important integral part of its foreign policy. Each of them take active steps in order to integrate into the world educational space, solving complex organizational issues concerning the modification of its education system and recognition of national diplomas abroad.

New reality encourages ZSMU to reevaluate the conceptual priorities of strategic development that means to increase greatly the role of all aspects of international activity and international service in particular.

International activity of ZSMU aims to ensure greater integration of the University into international community, gain additional opportunities of accelerated development and competitive advantages. The main aim of international cooperation is integration of ZSMU into the world educational space. The international cooperation of the university is focused on development of educational, scientific and creative processes.

The main components of ZSMU international development are:

1. Cooperation in the field of scientific research;
2. International academic mobility;
3. International relations in the field of educational service export;
4. Improvement of ZSMU prestige;
5. Participation in the development and implementation of grant programs;
6. Enhancing the efficiency of international activities.

1. Cooperation in the field of scientific research

Aim: integration of ZSMU into the international scientific and technical space as an equal partner, ensuring and maintenance of relations with foreign partners in the field of scientific research; achieving international competitiveness of the results of scientific research activity; entering the world market of science-based technologies and scientific and technical products.

Tasks for achieving the aim:

1. Determining the priority directions for development of scientific relations with certain countries, regions, HEIs and organizations; creation of international programs and projects of

collaboration based on them; development of international cooperation in the field of fundamental and applied researches.

2. Participation in implementation of international agreements, contracts and protocols on cooperation in the research field that supposes the exchange of researchers with foreign partners.
3. Participation in the international research programs, conferences that are held abroad, promotion of competitive science-based products to the world market.
4. Organization of annual representative international scientific forums in ZSMU, carrying out scientific research work by orders of foreign countries; implementation of achievements of foreign scientific schools and best scientific methodological practices.
5. Creation of international scientific research working groups and consortiums for carrying out joint researches in the field of fundamental and applied issues; creation of joint problem laboratories.
6. Recruiting the scientists and researchers from foreign countries.

2. International academic mobility

Aim: creation of optimal conditions for staff and student academic mobility in ZSMU; sustainable support of educational process with highly-qualified staff having international experience in organization of educational work and knowledge quality assessment.

Tasks for achieving the aim:

1. Determining the priority directions for academic mobility development for the near future and long term perspective.
2. Carrying out analyses of current regulatory basis that regulates relations between Ukrainian and foreign partners in the field of specialists training; exploration of existing international experience in this field.
3. Taking into account the issues of staff and student exchange while drafting agreements and long term programs with foreign partner-universities.
4. Ensuring conditions for abroad recognition of academic credentials issued by ZSMU.
5. Creation of sustainable system of interconnections with ZSMU graduates from foreign countries.
6. Developing service infrastructure on providing international academic mobility.
7. Increasing the choice and enhancing the foreign languages learning.
8. Recruiting (on-the-job training) the professors from foreign countries.

3. International relations in the field of educational service export

Aim: equal and comprehensive participation of ZSMU in international process of education development; growth of competitiveness of ZSMU on the world market of educational services; providing highly-qualified specialists for the world market of education and labor; analysis of priority specialties that are in the great demand among the foreign applicants.

Tasks for archiving the aim:

1. Improving system of formation of foreign student number based on marketing researches of educational service market, search and implementation of effective market mechanisms of regulating export of services of ZSMU.
2. Extension of network of long-standing partners abroad, organizations that ensure enrollment of foreign citizens for study at ZSMU; attraction of foreign financial, informational and other resources for solving the tasks of educational services export.
3. Orientation of the University to training foreign citizens for certain countries, regions and in certain specialties.
4. Enhancing efficiency of promotional companies of ZSMU in the web and international educational fairs.
5. Participation in international projects focused on enhancement of quality and extension of range of educational services that are provided.
6. Increasing of weight of different forms of study (preparatory, undergraduate and postgraduate) in the general system of training and retraining of foreign specialists, as well as qualification upgrading courses, traineeship etc.
7. Improving methods of work with foreign students in social and cultural field.

4. Improvement of ZSMU prestige

Aim: using image making (system of means that aims to form and extend the positive prestige of the institution) in the international activities.

Tasks for archiving the aim:

1. Joining the international educational, medical and pharmaceutical associations, federations, etc.
2. Providing support to staff and students in joining international professional organizations, federations, etc.
3. Carrying on activities on recognition of ZSMU diploma abroad through cooperation with bodies of recognition (legalization, nostrification) of documents of other countries.
4. Constant updating of ZSMU site in foreign languages.
5. Participation of ZSMU in international rankings on activity assessment of HEI).

5. Participation in the development and implementation of grant programs

Aim: using possibilities and resources of ZSMU for search, development and implementation of grant programs.

Tasks for achieving the aim:

1. Searching for potential international and local partners for joint development and implementation of grant programs.
2. Creation of working group of project managers together with representatives of other structural units of ZSMU.
3. Dissemination of achieved results of implementation of grant programs among staff and students of ZSMU and other HEIs.

6. Enhancing the efficiency of international activities

Aim: maximum possible using potential possibilities and resources of ZSMU for achievement of maximal results in all fields and aspects of international activity.

Tasks for achieving the aim:

1. Conducting monitoring of current situation and potential opportunities of international cooperation at faculties, departments and other units of ZSMU, their involvement into the extension of international educational and scientific cooperation.
2. Increasing level of foreign language skills of staff and students of ZSMU, first of all English.
3. Creation of mechanisms of funding of international activity of ZSMU using budget funds of international projects; increasing financial and material donation from each international project.
4. Development of system of informational support of international activities; creation of library of informational materials; constant updating of web pages of international activity.
5. Formation of mechanisms of interconnections between faculties and units for implementation of main aims and tasks of international activities; development of informational infrastructure of international activities, creation of informational connections between informational system of international service and informational system of ZSMU.
6. Collaboration with international educational, medical and pharmaceutical communities.
7. Organizational and informational work on preparation and submitting applications for grants of international organizations, funds and programs.