UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP (IAG)

**International Partnership Initiation Consent Form for**

***<Enter full name of Proposed Partner and Country>***

*\* This form is for new international teaching partnerships and renewals, including articulation, dual degree, and Transnational Education (TNE) involving in-country teaching.*

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| Proposed Partner name |  | | | | | | | | Country (s) | | | | |  | | | | | |
| Proposer(s) name |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [Partnership type](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/teaching/types-of-partnership-3887.php) |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parent School |  | | | | | | | | | | | University wide | | | | | | |  |
| Programme name(s) | *<Type NA if proposed partnership is ‘University wide’>* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Programmelevel |  | Undergraduate | |  | Postgraduate | | | | | |  | | | Postgraduate research | | | | | |
| Source of origin |  | UoA Internal | | | | |  | External | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *<Enter UoA staff name>* | | | | | | *<Enter external source of origin>*  *e.g. DIT, British Council etc.,* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Abstract of partnership seeking initiation**   1. Summarise the partnership seeking initiation, highlighting time pressures, any critical dates and next steps.   *(50 – 100 words)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Proposal outline**   1. Describe the opportunity indicating perceived benefits of the partnerships, distinctiveness from competitors and detailing the potential scale of the fully delivered outcome including partnership model, admissions requirements, and curriculum mapping if appropriate.  * For renewals, please also include rational for signing the original agreement, historic background and high-level partnership outcomes during the previous period(s) of agreement.   *(250 – 300 words)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Strategic fit**   1. High Level assessment of the proposal broadly against the Transnational Appetite Statement (attached) and alignment with Aberdeen 2040   *(50 – 100 words)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Initial** [**Due Diligence**](#_APPENDIX_3)   1. Background information of potential partner (type, staff numbers and student population etc.), high-level due diligence including recognition, accreditations, rankings position (including international rankings (Times HE World / QS) and regional/national), and current partnerships in UK and other International HEIs.   *(50 – 100 words)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Indicative business case and financial information**   1. Include table with total annual value (expected fee income and student numbers) linked to explanation of market potential and assessment of minimum viable student numbers  * include an estimate of direct pre-operationalisation and ongoing costs (e.g. staff travel) with explanation in the box provided below. Please also explain in the box below wider resource requirements and the particular implications for professional services and School capacity required) * For renewals, please provide a summary of these for the previous period of the agreement and below information for the proposed period of the agreement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Proposed date of first intake of students | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of funding | Tuition fee | |  | Paid by partner | | | | | | | |  | | | Self-funded by student | | | | |
| Stipend | |  | Paid by partner | | | | | | | |  | | | Self-funded by student | | | | |
| Expected total | **Year 1** | | **Year 2** | | | **Year 3** | | | | | | **Year 4** | | | | | **Year 5** | | |
| Student numbers |  | |  | | |  | | | | | |  | | | | |  | | |
| Fee income |  | |  | | |  | | | | | |  | | | | |  | | |
| Direct costs |  | |  | | |  | | | | | |  | | | | |  | | |
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| *Further comments* *(100 – 250 words)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Monitoring Academic Quality**   1. Provide a brief outline of how academic quality and overall student experience will be monitored. For renewals, please also include student progress during the previous period of the agreement. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Approved by Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) | | | | | | | | | |  | | | Yes | | |  | | No | |
| *Further comments* *(100 – 150 words)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Initial Risk assessment and due considerations**   1. Demonstrate consideration of key potential risks and mitigations (e.g. reputational, environmental sustainability, financial, cybersecurity, regulatory/accreditation risks and human rights situation etc.) as appropriate   *(100 – 200 words)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Further information**   1. Any additional relevant information | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Supporting statement**   1. Statement of Support from Head of School   *(50 – 100 words)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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*[Date: 26 October 2022]*

**Freedom of Information/Confidentiality Status:**Closed/ Strictly Confidential (Commercially Sensitive)

On completion, please email this form to Vimal Subramanian ([vimal.subramanian@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:vimal.subramanian@abdn.ac.uk)).