

RULEBOOK
ON COOPERATION WITH THE SCIENTIFIC DIASPORA
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I. BASIC PROVISIONS

Subject matter

Article 1

This rulebook shall govern the forms and methods of establishing and promoting cooperation between the University of Montenegro (hereinafter referred to as "the University") and the scientific diaspora - expatriates (hereinafter referred to as "the scientific diaspora"), as well as other issues of significance concerning the exercise of their rights and interests within the framework of cooperation.

Partners in cooperation

Article 2

The establishment of cooperation with the scientific diaspora, particularly with prominent professors and scholars-alumni, is one of the strategic objectives for the further development and advancement of the University of Montenegro.

The University aims to cooperate with the scientific diaspora with the goal of enhancing its capacities in the fields of scientific, professional, educational, and cultural activities within the organizational units of the University. This cooperation is intended to increase international visibility and recognition, improve the University's ranking on international lists, and expand its partnership network with institutions where members of the scientific diaspora are employed (hereinafter referred to as "host institutions").

Scientific diaspora

Article 3

The term "scientific diaspora" refers to Montenegrin citizens and other individuals of Montenegrin origin who reside abroad and engage in professional, scientific research, or artistic research activities within the framework of the University, scientific research institutes, companies, or international organizations.

Individuals referred to in paragraph 1 of this article are also considered to include alumni from the scientific diaspora.

Montenegrin citizens who are residing abroad for the purpose of education, medical treatment, or other reasons that do not imply the intention of permanent residency abroad are not considered part of the scientific diaspora.

II. FORMS OF COOPERATION WITH THE SCIENTIFIC DIASPORA

General forms of cooperation

Article 4

The University shall establish scientific, professional, educational, and cultural cooperation with members of the scientific diaspora through the following forms of engagement:

- Visits to host institutions and members of the scientific diaspora.
- Facilitation of bilateral cooperation and signing of bilateral agreements with host institutions.
- Facilitating the exchange of academic and research staff and students between the University of Montenegro and host institutions.
- Engagement and cooperation by involving diaspora scientists in joint projects with University employees.
- Organization of joint conferences, events, and activities aimed at promoting scientific, professional, educational, and cultural cooperation between the University and the scientific diaspora.
- Engaging members of the scientific diaspora in the work of advisory bodies, committees, and working groups at the University.

Special forms of cooperation

Article 5

Special forms of cooperation between the University and Members of the Scientific Diaspora are realized through the following categories:

- Mentor and Co-mentor for Master's and Doctoral Studies: A member of the scientific diaspora or alumnus employed at a foreign higher education institution may serve as a mentor or co-mentor to students/candidates from the University, following the University's general regulations.
- Visiting Professor: A member of the scientific diaspora or alumnus employed at a foreign higher education institution may act as a visiting professor for master's or doctoral programs conducted at the University, in accordance with the University's general regulations.
- Guest Lecturer (Invited Lectures): A member of the scientific diaspora or alumnus may be engaged to deliver invited lectures at the University on topics relevant to the advancement of science, profession, education, and culture.
- Visiting Researcher: A member of the scientific diaspora or alumnus can apply for and participate in study visits, work visits to laboratories and research centers, with the right to use all available resources at the University.
- Expert Assistance: A member of the scientific diaspora or alumnus may be engaged as an expert in a relevant field to exchange experiences, prepare studies, develop strategic documents, address specific issues in the fields of science, profession, education, and culture, participate in projects as part of a working team, and other segments of interest to the University.
- Participation in University Bodies: A member of the scientific diaspora or alumnus may be engaged as a reviewer, member of advisory bodies, committees, and working groups at the University.

- Host at the Host Institution: A member of the scientific diaspora or alumnus may act as a host or supervisor to a scientist-researcher (or a group of researchers) from the University during their study visit to the host institution, organizing scientific research and other forms of academic cooperation during the visit.

Contract on cooperation

Article 6

For each specific form of cooperation, in accordance with this rulebook, a separate contract is concluded with a member of the scientific diaspora.

The contract on behalf of the University is concluded by the Rector.

III. FINANCING AND COMPENSATION

Financing cooperation

Article 7

Funds for the establishment and strengthening of cooperation with the scientific diaspora are provided from the University's budget and other sources in accordance with the law.

Compensation for engagement in master's and doctoral studies

Article 8

A member of the scientific diaspora who serves as a lecturer and/or mentor/co-mentor in master's and doctoral programs is entitled to compensation in accordance with the University's general regulations.

The decision regarding the disbursement of compensation is made by the Rector of the University of Montenegro.

Compensation for the visiting professor

Article 9

A member of the scientific diaspora who serves as a visiting professor is compensated by the University in accordance with a specific contract concluded with the visiting professor.

The decision regarding the entitlement and disbursement of monetary compensation is made by the Rector.

Compensation for the guest lecturer

Article 10

A member of the scientific diaspora who serves as a guest lecturer is entitled to compensation in accordance with a specific contract concluded with the guest lecturer.

The decision regarding the entitlement and disbursement of monetary compensation is made by the Rector.

Securing funds for study visits

Article 11

The University will allocate annual funds for study visits of members of the scientific diaspora at the University, as well as for study visits of researchers from the University at host institutions.

Compensation for expertise and membership in University bodies

Article 12

A member of the scientific diaspora who is engaged as an expert, reviewer, member of advisory bodies, committees, and working groups of the University is entitled to compensation in accordance with a specific contract concluded with the member of the scientific diaspora.

The decision regarding the entitlement and disbursement of monetary compensation is made by the Rector.

One-time awards

Article 13

The Rector may award annual one-time awards to distinguished members of the scientific diaspora for their exceptional contributions to strengthening cooperation with the University of Montenegro and for stimulating the development and international positioning of the University.

The detailed criteria and procedure for awards as stipulated in paragraph 1 of this article shall be determined by the Rector.

IV. FINAL PROVISION

Entering into force

Article 14

This rulebook shall enter into force on the eight day from the date of publication in the Bulletin of the University of Montenegro.