The University of Kyiv (www.univ.kiev.ua/en/) is a classic university with a distinct research profile, and the leading contemporary academic and educational hub of Ukraine. On 21 April 1994, Kyiv University was granted the status of "National" by Leonid Kravchuk, the President of Ukraine by Decree № 176/94. Then on 29 July 2009 the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine with Regulation № 795 granted the University the status of being a self-governing and autonomous national research university, while providing increased funding for the future development of the university.

The University awards Junior Specialist's, Bachelor's, Specialist's and Master's degrees, Higher Qualification Post-graduate degrees and Doctoral degrees. Training and retraining programs are provided in 14 specialties of Junior Specialist qualification, 55 fields of Bachelor training programs, 49 areas of Specialist training programs and 98 fields of Master training programs.

More than 26 thousand students study at the University. Approximately 1,645 postgraduate students and 125 PhD students are working for higher qualifications at the University. Over 350 doctoral and higher postgraduate theses are submitted annually at the university. Courses are provided by 198 Departments.

The academic potential of TSNUK is demonstrated by more than 60 full members and corresponding members of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, 626 members of staff with Doctor's degrees and 1,645 staff with higher postgraduate degrees.

There are 13 Faculties and 8 Institutes within the University.

Today the University has bilateral partnership agreements with 227 foreign educational and scientific institutions from 57 countries. 180 foreign academics and lecturers from 32 countries visit the University annually to collaborate in research, attending conferences, and giving lectures. Each year more than 1500 lecturers, researchers and students travel abroad to 59 countries. TSNUK has become more proactive in the foreign citizens recruitment process. At present, the number of foreign students enrolled at the University is 935.

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv ranked in the top 421-430 brackets in QS World University Rankings (Great Britain) in 2014-2015.

Description of the team

**Prof. Petro Bekh.** Vice-Rector on Scientific-Educational Work (International Cooperation); Chairman of the Convention of the European Collegium of the Polish and Ukrainian Universities, Member of Educational and Methodology Association on Romance and Germanic Philology of the Universities under the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, Member of the National Commission of Ukraine for UNESCO.

**Prof. Volodymyr Bugrov.** Vice-Rector on Scientific-Educational Work (participation in the Module “Academy of Changes” in Odessa, 14-16 June 2016).

**Svitlana Paschenko.** PhD, Deputy Dean on Science and International Cooperation, the Faculty of Psychology; PhD, Associate Professor; Certified coach in soft skills development of students, university staff and managers (UK, 2014); Erasmus professor with an experience of lecturing and training work at the universities of Estonia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, Turkey, Portugal and Germany; coach in the programme ”Efficiency of Leader” in the School of Senior Civil Service of Ukraine and the author of the books on this issue; co-founder of Ukrainian Association of Educational and Developmental Psychology.

**Ganna Kharlamova.** PhD, responsible for international activity (science, E+), the Faculty of Economics, PhD, Associate Professor; certified coach in soft skills course; co-director and member of Organizing Committee of few NATO ARWs, ASIs; coach and successful grant programme applicant for NATO grant for the provision of educational services in English language training; staff member of exchange programme in scope of MEVLANA at METU (Turkey); participant of the Warsaw Euro-Atlantic Summer Academy (WEASA).

**Oleg Serbyn.** Head of M. Maksymovych Scientific Library at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv; winner of the scientific projects competition for the young scientists and the grant holder of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine; official representative of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv at the second meeting for accepting applicants in HUMERIA programme (Erasmus Mundus).

**Taras Karamushka.** PhD student, Social Psychology Department, the Faculty of Psychology; leading manager of the Charity Foundation “Ancora”; grant holder of the programme “Tomorrow.UA”, Viktor Pinchuk Foundation; member of the programme for young leaders “Study Tour to Poland”; founder of the scientific programme “Scientific picnics in children's homes and boarding schools of Ukraine”; founder of the charity programme...
“Dobrotur”; co-founder of the NGO “Our Tomorrow, Ukraine”

Prof. Olena Chuiko, Dr. Sc., Head of Social Work Department, the Faculty of Psychology; coach in the programme “Efficiency of Leader” in the School of Senior Civil Service of Ukraine and the author of the books on this issue; Head of the programme “Social Leadership”.

Maksym Sytnytskyi, PhD, Associate Professor at Management of Innovation and Investment Activity Department, Faculty of Economics; developer and lecturer of the study courses "Modern Concepts of Leadership", "Strategic Management", "Innovative Management"; Head of the "Improving the Effectiveness of Student Services" part in the TEMPUS "IMPRESS" project.

Aim and planned outcomes of the project

**Name of the project: Skills Plus Portal for Leadership (SPPL)**

The main aim: support and deliver soft skills excellence to the university staff and students, and maintain the concept of Skills Plus Portal for their leadership development.

Planned outcomes:
1. Development of the conceptual and informational background for SPPL: analysis of the UK experience in realization of universities’ role in soft skills development for leadership; create the Programme Development Framework; define the role of the university library as an area for learning and development.
2. Creating the infrastructure for: SPPL at the university library; ongoing delivery of skills plus modules; effective usage of the university network and library resources; making space for the future leaders and constructive teams meeting, debating and socialization.
3. Building methodological and learning environment for supporting and training soft skills in the future leaders.
4. Skills sessions holding.
5. Constructing on-going learning hub for the soft skills training sessions in M. Maksymovych scientific library of TSNUK.

Expectations from the cooperation with the UK university

Support of hands-on workshops, mentoring, and interactive dialogues, which could help to guide university team in developing soft skills modules, on-line skills programmes and Cabinet Office’s Customer Service in M. Maksymovych Scientific Library.

Group the university team with UK peers who have similar experience of work for the NU Skills Plus Portal.

Brush English Language proficiency of the University managing staff, lecturers/coaches and students-leaders who participates in the programme of the soft skills development.

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