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INFORMATION LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the VIII International Scientific and Practical Conference **"Education for the 21st Century: Challenges, Issues and Prospects",** which will take place online on **4 December 2026**, hosted by the Educational and Research Institute of Pedagogy and Psychology of Sumy State Pedagogical University, Ukraine.

Conference aim

To discuss current challenges and future directions in education amid global transformations; facilitate the exchange of research ideas and innovative practices; identify priorities for the modernisation of education and science; and strengthen international academic and educational partnerships.

Participants

Academic and teaching staff from education institutions, researchers, doctoral and PhD students, undergraduate and postgraduate students, and representatives of non-governmental organisations and international partner organisations interested in the development of contemporary education and research are warmly invited to participate.

Interactive Discussion Platforms

Platform 1. Education in a Changing World: Resilience, Innovation and Sustainable Development

Platform 2. Internationalisation of Higher Education and Research: European Integration, Academic Mobility and International Partnerships

Platform 3. Young People in Contemporary Education: Developing Key Competences and Transversal Skills

Platform 4. Synergies between Research and Education: Interdisciplinarity, Innovation and Research Practices

Platform 5. General Secondary Education in the Face of Contemporary Challenges: Innovative Strategies, Educational Practices and Future Prospects

Conference Format and Working Languages. The conference will be held online. The link to join the conference will be sent to registered participants together with the conference programme.
The working languages of the conference are Ukrainian and English.

Participation and Publication

Following the conference, an electronic conference proceedings will be published on the official website of Sumy State Pedagogical University.
Participants will receive electronic certificates of participation. The electronic proceedings and certificates will be sent to the email addresses provided in the registration form by 20 December 2026.

Participation Fees

Participation is free

Registration and Submission

ДParticipants are kindly requested to complete the online registration form by **1 December 2026 (inclusive)**. Registration form: **- https://forms.gle/14LgtzYwMPXZZcMV8**

Conference Papers Submission Guidelines

Conference papers in Ukrainian or English are accepted. **The length must not exceed three full A4 pages. The recommended formatting parameters for estimating the length are as follows: Times New Roman, 14 pt; line spacing: 1.5; first-line paragraph indent: 1.25 cm; margins: 2 cm on all sides**.
Papers should present a coherent account of the research and its findings, be relevant to the conference themes and follow an appropriate academic structure.

Submission Procedure

Abstracts must be submitted exclusively through the online Google Forms registration form. Each component of the submission must be entered into a separate field in the form:

- **Title of the abstract**
- **Main text of the paper**
- **Abstract**: 3–5 lines, in the same language as the main text
- **Keywords**: 3–5 words or phrases, in the same language as the main text
- **References**: formatted in accordance with the Ukrainian bibliographic standard DSTU 8302:2015

Please do not combine different components in a single field. Carefully check all information before submitting the form.

Additional Information for Participants

1. Papers will be published as submitted, in the authors' original version. Authors are responsible for the content of their submissions, the accuracy of the information provided, proper citation and correct referencing of sources.
2. The Organising Committee reserves the right to reject submissions that do not correspond to the conference themes, fail to meet the stated requirements or violate the principles of academic integrity.
3. All submissions must be original, respect copyright and avoid plagiarism and other forms of improper appropriation. All sources and borrowed ideas must be appropriately acknowledged.
4. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools is permitted as an auxiliary means of preparing submissions, provided that the principles of academic integrity are respected. Authors retain full responsibility for the content, accuracy and originality of their abstracts, for verifying AI-generated information and for ensuring that all references to sources are accurate and appropriate.

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We look forward to welcoming you to the conference!
Yours sincerely,
The Organising Committee