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**ADDRESS
TO THE ALUMNI COMMUNITIES OF WORLD LEADING UNIVERSITIES
FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF LVIV UNIVERSITY, UKRAINE**

We, the alumni of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, strongly and unequivocally condemn the war against Ukraine launched by President Putin and the Russian Federation and take every possible action within our power to alleviate the sufferings of our fellow Ukrainians. This brutal war kills and injures children and their parents, results in a massive forced relocation of Ukrainians from war-torn regions and threatens the future of millions of people in our country. It is a crime against humanity and a breach of international law, representing a bold violation of Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity. This attack on Ukraine is an attack on fundamental human rights and democracy.

Alumni Association of Lviv University calls on all alumni communities of prominent world universities to stand up to the onslaught against the free world and disseminate truthful information about the inhuman horrors of war in Ukraine - Russian shelling and air bombing of residential areas, hospitals, schools and kinder gardens. We ask to support at different levels of your affiliation the introduction of a no-fly zone over Ukraine and find ways how Russian planes can be cleared from the Ukrainian airspace.

As alumni play a crucial role in mentoring the next generation of students, advising in vital university initiatives and supporting university faculty members to act as agents of change, we ask you to oversee that your Alma Mater stops collaboration and joint projects with Russian scholars and universities who approve Russia's war or justify it in any way. Specifically, the Russian Union of Rectors issued a statement of support to the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation (<https://www.rsr-online.ru/news/2022-god/obrashchenie-rossiyskogo-soyuza-rektorov1/>), which was signed by rectors of over 250 Russian universities. We are confident that united by principles of active global citizenship and promotion of the culture of peace and non-violence, alumni networks will find it pertinent to urge the immediate termination of formalized cooperation with the signatory Russian universities.

Realizing the broader and forward-looking purpose of education, we call for the alumni communities around the universities of Europe, North America and the world to work together to help Ukrainians keep their education and research systems alive, which would let Ukrainian scholars and students stay affiliated in their home country and further advance its scientific and research potential.

On the academic front, our alumni community has identified several initiatives to which other alumni networks might consider contributing to.

(1) Fund “Ukrainian Scholars At Risk” at Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

We are now raising funds to set up fellowships at Ivan Franko National University of Lviv to the internally displaced academics from the universities in Kharkiv, Mariupol, Kherson, Sumy and other war-ravaged cities. We rely on the generosity and thoughtfulness of foreign alumni networks and ask to donate, so that we will be able to open such fellowship opportunities for scholars at risk and enhance our capacities.

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Ukraine Alumni Help – Fund “Ukrainian Scholars At Risk”

“Hardship Student Fund” at Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

We also invite alumni networks to contribute to our fund for students affected by this disastrous war. It will provide these students new collaborative, learning opportunities at our university and give a chance for a solid professional future.

The collected funds will also be directed to finishing the construction of a new student dormitory that was launched in 2019 under the state budget assistance initiated by the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi. Under the current war situation, state budget financing is re-allocated to the military sphere, thus it is of utmost importance to raise additional funds and build this residence hall in due time so as to house internally displaced students.

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100% of all donations received will be used in full and as soon as possible to support researchers and students from war-scarred regions in Ukraine. It is our great desire to urgently protect academic freedom in Ukraine and enable the continuation of research, teaching and learning of those affected by the invasion and widespread destruction of the educational institutions. We would appreciate every effort that your alumni can make to respond to and help our initiatives in these horrific times.

On behalf of all board members and alumni,

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