

Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University



Year of foundation: **1804**



Total students: **42 700** / Foreign students: **4 100**



Faculties: **16** / Departments: **164**



Teachers: **3 382**

Professors
386

Associate Professors
1 592

Doctors of Science
530

Candidates of Science
1 935

Foreign teachers
34



Main educational programmes for foreigners: **826**

Bachelor's programme
327

Master's programme
165

Specialist programme
232

Training of highest qualification personnel
102



Additional educational programs for foreigners: **144**

Pre-university training programmes
1

Russian as a foreign language
3

Short programmes
3

Other programmes
137

Kazan Federal University (KFU) is one of the oldest universities in Russian and was founded more than 200 years ago. It is the main educational centre of Tatarstan. Since 2009, it has held federal university status.

Today, KFU has:

- Over 3200 lecturers and researchers;
- 42,700 students;
- 300 Bachelor's, Specialist and Master's Degree Programmes and Postgraduate Programmes.

The university is noted for its academic schools in mathematics, physics, biology, chemistry, and linguistics. In terms of research, KFU gives priority to developments in pharmacology, biomedicine, geology, physics, chemistry, oil and

gas, nanotechnologies and information technologies (IT), psychology and cultural studies, humanities, pedagogical and inter-disciplinary spheres.

KFU is a national research centre comprising 33 modern laboratories. They conduct research in the sphere of economics, electrosynthesis of aromatic compounds, applied radiophysics and applied mathematical modelling.

New laboratories in the fields of physics, biology, biomedicine, geology, ecology and chemistry will open soon.

KFU has almost 40 years' experience in teaching international students.

Today, KFU comprises 17 institutes, 3 higher schools and 3 branches in cities located in the vicinity, which specialise in the following subjects:

- Physical and mathematical sciences.
- Natural sciences.
- Medicine.
- Education and pedagogy .
- Humanities.
- Social sciences.
- Economics and management.
- Geology and mineral prospecting and development.
- Automation and control.
- Services sphere.
- Culture and arts.
- Information science and computer technology.
- Geodesy and land management.
- Life safety, environmental engineering and environmental protection.

Student successes

Graduates and students of KFU achieve success in a wide range of spheres. Among them are the Minister of Mass Communications of Russia Nikolay Nikiforov, Prime Minister of Tatarstan Ildar Khalikov, singer and 2013 Eurovision finalist (5th place) Dina Garipova, and racing skier and winner of the full set of awards of the XXVII Worldwide Universiade (Slovakia, 2015) Artem Nikolaev.

Famous graduates

Alexander Konovalov

Outstanding scientist, chemist, academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Author of fundamental works. His research laid the basis for the development of organic chemistry at Kazan University. Under his supervision, tests of the next-generation plant growth regulator melafen were carried out.

Igor Tarchevsky

Russian and Soviet plant physiologist, academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Studied the mechanism of photosynthesis in extreme conditions (drought, etc.), and biosynthesis of cellulose. Founder and head of the Department of Biochemistry at Kazan University (1965-1975).

Nikolay Lobachevsky	Founder of non-Euclidian geometry, figure of science and enlightenment. For 40 years, he taught at Kazan University, 19 of them as a rector; under his leadership the university became one of the leading educational institutions in the country. Lobachevsky taught at Kazan University for 40 years, including 19 as a rector; his activity and skilful management enabled the university to be ranked among Russia's leading universities. According to N.P. Zagoskin, Lobachevsky was ""a great builder" of Kazan University.
Leo Tolstoy	One of Russia's most famous writers. A classic figure of world literature, educator and publicist. Author of the novels War and Peace, Anna Karenina, and Resurrection.
Vladimir Lenin	Soviet statesman. Founder of the Bolshevik Party (RSDLP). Creator and leader of the first socialist state in history.
Evgeny Zavoisky	Experimental physicist. He discovered electron paramagnetic resonance.
Nikolay Zinin	Outstanding chemist. Discovered benzoin. Invented a progressive method for nitro-glycerine synthesis. Was the first president of the Russian Chemistry Society.
Alexander Butlerov	Creator of the theory of chemical structure. Founder of the Butlerov School of Russian chemists. Rector of Kazan University.
Ivan Baudouin de Courtenay	Outstanding linguist. Was the first to apply mathematical models in linguistic studies.
Vladimir Engelgardt	Biochemist. Specialised in molecular biology. His work laid the foundation for the preservation of blood, and was used in microbiology and industry.
Ivan Simonov	One of discoverers of Antarctica. Was the first Russian astronomer to travel around the world.
Stanislav Govorukhin	Film director, scriptwriter, actor, People's Artist of Russia (2006). Public and political figure.
Yuliya Zaripova	Russian middle-distance runner. World Champion, European Champion and Russian Champion.

Positions in international ratings

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
2015	QS World rankings	550-600

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2015	QS BRICS	72
2015	Times Higher Education World University Rankings	301-350
2015	The Academic Ranking of World Universities 2015	500
2016	QS World rankings	501-550
2016	SCImago	605
2018	QS World rankings	441-450
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2017	QS World rankings	501-550
2017	SCImago	573
2017	Times Higher Education World University Rankings	401-500
2016	QS BRICS	74
2016	Times Higher Education World University Rankings	301-350
2016	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Linguistics	151
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Linguistics	101
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Archeology	151
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Communication and media science	151
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: English language and literature	251
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Education and training	251
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Economics and econometrics	301

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
2017	QS – World University Rankings by subject: Arts and humanities	356
2016	QS – World University Rankings by subject: Physics and astronomy	301
2017	QS – World University Rankings by subject: Physics and astronomy	351
2017	QS – World University Rankings by subject: Chemistry	401

Positions in Russian ratings

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
2014	National University Rankings	11
2015	National University Rankings	10
2016	National University Rankings	11
2017	National University Rankings	11

International partnership

International Partnership

- Over 340 partnership agreements with international universities and organizations from 60 countries;
- 46 student exchange programmes;
- 13 double degree programmes and English-taught degree programmes with major foreign universities.

Major Foreign Partner Universities:

- Technical University of Dresden, Germany
- University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
- Trinity College, Ireland
- Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany.
- University of Helsinki, Finland
- Bologna University, Italy
- University of Strasbourg, France
- Beijing Normal University, China
- South-West Petroleum University, China
- Arizona State University, U.S.A.
- Pusan National University, Republic of Korea
- Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan etc.

Double Degree Programmes:

- French Language in Professional Communication (Bachelor programme) – University of Paris III, Sorbonne Nouvelle, France
- German-Russian Studies (Bachelor programme) – University of Regensburg, Germany
- Complex System Physics (Master programme) – ISMANS, France
- Chemoinformatics and Molecular Modelling (Master programme) – University of Strasbourg, France
- General and Strategic Management (Transition Management) (Master programme) – University of Giessen, Germany
- Production Management (Master programme) – Lappeenranta University of Technology, Finland
- Stratigraphy (Master programme) – Freiberg University of Mining and Technology, Germany
- Comprehensive Data Analysis in Petroleum Geology (Master programme) French Institute of Petroleum, France
- Open Informatics (Master programme) Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic
- Russian as a Foreign Language (Master programme) Beijing International Studies University, China

English-taught Specialist Degree Programmes:

- Dentistry
- General Medicine
- Pharmacy

Exchange Programmes with the Following Universities (Erasmus+, International Credit Mobility):

- University of Leipzig, Germany
- University of Regensburg, Germany
- University of Bologna, Italy
- Masaryk University, Czech Republic
- University of Tampere, Finland
- University of Cadiz, Spain
- Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
- Wrocław University of Economics, Poland
- University of Innsbruck, Austria
- University of Granada, Spain

Olimpiads



**Academic
competitions**

March-April

Annually (March-April), remote academic competitions are held for applicants from the CIS countries. They are organised in two stages: remote and intramural. Winners are granted state-funded places at the university. If the applicants wish, the results of the competitions are also counted as entrance exams.

Preparatory department for foreign applicants

Preparatory department for Bachelor's programme

In addition to the Russian language, the students of the preparatory department study the disciplines that are important for subsequent completion of Bachelor's Degree Programmes:

- Mathematics, history, social sciences (humanities and economics);
- Mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics (fields of natural sciences, medicine and biology).

Length of the course – 1 academic year (1 September-15 June).

Preparatory department for Master's programme

In addition to the Russian language, the students of the preparatory department study the disciplines that are

important for subsequent completion of bachelor's degree programmes:

- Mathematics, history, social sciences (humanities and economics);
- Mathematics, history, social sciences (humanities and economics).

Length of the course – 1 academic year (1 September-15 June).

Other types of training

In 1979, preparatory courses for international students in basic programmes (Russian as a foreign language) were established at Kazan University.

In 2004, a preparatory office for international students was created, and in 2010 a preparatory department was opened there. It prepares international applicants for enrolment in Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes and postgraduate studies. There are four areas of study:

- Humanities;
- Natural sciences;
- Biomedicine;
- Economics.

Since 1979, more than 700 international students have been prepared for enrolment at Kazan University and other Russian universities. Over 150 international students studied in the preparatory department of KFU In 2013-2014, and over 260 in 2014-2015.

Support of foreign students

International students are offered transfer services (1000 rubles from the airport, 400 rubles from the train station). Assistance is also provided for settling into the dormitory, registration with the migration service and arranging a health insurance policy.

In addition, the office for international student adaptation at KFU:

- Organises cultural, sports and informative events;
- Arranges trips to museums, and excursions around the university, Kazan and Tatarstan;
- Maintains contact with public organisations of international students and student government bodies;
- Provides information about Russia, Tatarstan, Kazan and KFU;
- Cooperates with associations of international students of other Kazan and Russian universities;
- Helps students find employment.

Everyday life of foreign students

KFU can accommodate all its students in dormitories. In 2010, the university acquired 20 residential buildings which were built for the 2013 Universiade. First year students from KFU may choose a room to their liking among 26 comfortable dormitories with all the necessary equipment. Gyms and reading rooms, creative studios, canteens, computer classrooms, internet and many other facilities are located on the campus. Supervisors and tutors working on the campus help students adapt more quickly to their new location. Various events are held each week.

Leisure and sport events

Kazan is the sporting capital of Russia. Annually, a great number of major sporting events take place in the city. In 2013, the Summer Universiade was held in Kazan, in which KFU international students took part.

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