

Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University



Year of foundation: **1804**

Total students: **43 333** / Foreign students: **5 573**

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

Teachers: **2 547**

Professors	Associate Professors	Doctors of Science	Candidates of Science	Foreign teachers
241	838	443	1 402	43

Main educational programmes for foreigners: **678**

Bachelor's programme	Master's programme	Specialist programme	Training of highest qualification personnel
298	260	19	101

Additional educational programs for foreigners: **144**

Pre-university training programmes	Russian as a foreign language	Short programmes	Other programmes
1	3	3	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 2500 lecturers and researchers;
- 43 300 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 Kononov	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
2018	QS - Chemistry	451-500
2018	THE - Arts and Humanities	201-250
2018	QS - Mathematics	301-350
2018	QS - Economics & Econometrics	351-400
2018	QS - Education	201-250
2018	QS - Linguistics	101-150
2018	QS - Social Sciences & Management	399
2018	ARWU	801-900
2018	QS / BRICS	59
2018	QS - Physics & Astronomy	351-400
2018	THE - Life Sciences	401-500
2018	QS / Emerging Europe & Central Asia	46
2018	QS - Modern Languages	151-200
2018	THE - Social Sciences	201-250
2018	QS - Arts & Humanities	281
2018	QS - English Language & Literature	201-250
2018	THE - Physical Sciences	301-400
2018	Times Higher Education World University Rankings	401-500
2018	QS World rankings	441-450
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Chemistry	401
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Physics and astronomy	351
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Arts and humanities	356
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Economics and econometrics	301
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Education and training	251
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: English language and literature	251
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Communication and media science	151
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Archeology	151
2017	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Linguistics	101
2017	Times Higher Education World University Rankings	401-500
2017	SCImago	573
2017	QS World rankings	501-550
2016	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Physics and astronomy	301
2016	QS - World University Rankings by subject: Linguistics	151
2016	Times Higher Education World University Rankings	301-350
2016	QS BRICS	74

Year	Rating	Position
2016	SCImago	605
2016	QS World rankings	501-550
2015	The Academic Ranking of World Universities 2015	500
2015	Times Higher Education World University Rankings	301-350
2015	QS BRICS	72
2015	QS World rankings	550-600

Positions in Russian ratings

Year	Rating	Position
2018	National University Rankings	12
2018	Expert RA Ranking of Russian Universities	16
2017	Expert RA Ranking of Russian Universities	15
2017	National University Rankings	11
2016	National University Rankings	11
2015	Expert RA Ranking of Russian Universities	18
2015	National University Rankings	10

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

Olympiads are held in 20 subjects and have online and onsite rounds. Preliminary round winners are invited to participate in the finals. The 11th grader who wins the first place in the onsite competition gets an extra five points to the Unified State Examination score when applying to Kazan Federal University; the second and third place winners are entitled to three extra points. The winners (11th graders) of the onsite competition in chemistry and physics apply to KFU as top EGE scorers in these disciplines.

“I’m a KFU master’s student” International Olympiad

January-May

Bachelor’s and specialist’s degree holders are welcome. The Olympiad, held in 56 fields, is made up of the online round and the finals on KFU premises. To take part in the competition complete the registration and select “testing” in your personal account in the section Olympiad for Prospective KFU Masters Students. Olympiad winners are eligible for admission to KFU graduate programmes without entrance examinations.

Preparatory department for foreign applicants

Other types of training

Pre-University Training Program

Beginning from 1979, the University has offered language courses to foreign nationals prior to their training on programmes of different levels. In 2004, it set up the Preparatory Department for international

students which was reorganised to the Preparatory Faculty for foreign nationals in 2010. The Faculty provides pre-university training to foreign nationals who plan to enrol in undergraduate, specialist, masters or PhD programmes in the following fields:

- Humanities (Russian, literature, history, social science);
- Medicine and biology (Russian, physics, chemistry, biology);
- Natural sciences (Russian, mathematics, physics, chemistry);
- Engineering and technology (Russian, mathematics, physics, informatics);
- Economics (Russian, mathematics, social science, history).

The program is designed for training international students with limited or no Russian language proficiency. Candidates are able to enroll in the preparatory course upon presenting proof of eligibility to enter a Russian higher education institution, including documentation of prior education. Namely, those applying for admission to a bachelor's, full-master's or specialist diploma program must secondary school certificates or their recognized equivalents entitling applicants for higher education. Those applying for admission to a master's program must their bachelor's certificates. Those applying for admission to a doctoral program must their master's certificates or specialist diplomas.

The preparatory program (30 ac. hours per week) corresponds to the state program of pre-university training and includes both Russian courses and training in basic disciplines such as mathematics, biology, chemistry etc. In case of successful completion of the program participants receive the state certificate of test of Russian as a foreign language (TORFL-1 – first degree TORFL test or TORFL-2), which is a prerequisite for paid education at Russian universities, as well as a certificate from Kazan Federal University listing the courses and hours taken.

1 semester Pre-university training program in English

Program duration: 1 semester (04.02.2019 – 23.06.2019)

Program start date: February 4, 2019

Application deadline till: December 15, 2018

Complete course of pre-university training in English: 86 000 RUB

1,5 academic year Pre-university training

Program duration: 1,5 academic year (04.02.2019 – 30.06.2020)

Program start date: February 4

Application deadline till: December 15, 2018

Complete course of pre-university training: 56 000 RUB (Feb.4 – Jun. 30, 2019 + new price for 2019-2020 ac.year)

1 academic year Pre-university training

Program duration: 10 months

Program start date: September 1

Application deadline till: July 1, 2019

Complete course of pre-university training: 96 000 RUB

Prices include only tuition and/or administrative support. Accommodation and living expenses, insurance payments, and various registration and visa-related state fees, as well as possible bank commissions are not included.

Applications are submitted online [here](#).

We would like to inform you that invitation for obtaining a student visa for non-degree programs will be prepared only after the tuition fee prepayment is made by the student (full

prepayment for 1-semester programs, prepayment for 1 semester for 1-year and 1,5-year programs).

Support of foreign students

International students always get special treatment at Kazan Federal University. Through its International students adaptation unit well as other university units do their best to guarantee a comfortable stay at the dormitories for the students and provide them with an access to good-quality health and medical services. They also assist students in the matters of events management and information supply.

Newly recruited students who have just arrived to Kazan have an opportunity to order transfer from the airport (1000 rubles) and railway stations (400 rubles). Their compatriots already studying at KFU as well as student activists can guide them in all the procedures necessary for their further enrollment and registration at the university. International students are advised on the matters of registration with the Migration Service and medical insurance obtaining.

KFU International students adaptation unit:

- organizes and manages cultural, sporting and academic activities;
- organizes special museum excursions and tours at the university, as well as in Kazan and Tatarstan;
- cooperates with non-governmental student organizations and associations;
- provides information about Russia, Tatarstan, Kazan and KFU;
- collaborates with non-governmental international student associations of other universities in Kazan and other Russian cities;
- promotes the activity of various language clubs, including Russian language club;
- advises students on job and recruitment matters.

Everyday life of foreign students

KFU is able to provide each and every student with the accommodation at its dormitories. 20 new houses specially erected for the 27th Summer Universiade in Kazan (2013) became part of the University campus in 2010.

KFU first-year students are free to choose a room in any of its thirty comfortable and fully-equipped dormitories. In the campus you will also find sports halls and study rooms, art studios and driving training school as well as the canteen, post office, bank, cafes, sports equipment rental, tailor house, etc. Special tutors and assistants are always there to help with the adaptation. It is worth mentioning that different events are held every week.

Leisure and sport events

Each year a great lot of festivals organized by international students take place at KFU. The most special ones among them are International Students Festival, Nowruz Celebration Day, International first-year students festival, Christmas Day, etc. Usually these celebrations include gala concerts, sport competitions and round table discussions.

Kazan is rightfully considered to be a city of sports. Major international sporting events are held

frequently here. 27th Summer Universiade in Kazan back in 2013 became a landmark and attracted the participation of a number of KFU international students.

In 2017 Kazan witnessed the matches of such prominent tournaments as FIFA Confederations Cup and CEV U18 Beach Volleyball European Championship. In 2018 some matches of the FIFA World Cup took place here. Kazan was granted the right to host the 45th WorldSkills Competition. The event will take place on 22 - 27 August 2019.

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