National Research Nuclear University MEPhI (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute)

Year of foundation: 1942

Total students: 7 064 / Foreign students: 1 249

Faculties: 12 / Departments: 76

Teachers: 1 503

Professors Associate Professors Doctors of Science Candidates of Science Foreign teachers
512  649  461  759  223

Main educational programmes for foreigners: 177

Bachelor's programme Master's programme Specialist programme Training of highest qualification personnel
55  68  23  31

Additional educational programs for foreigners: 13

Pre-university training programmes Russian as a foreign language Short programmes Other programmes
1  1  11

The history of the National Research Nuclear University MEPhI (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute) began with the foundation in 1942 of the Moscow Mechanical Institute of Ammunition. The leading Russian nuclear university MEPhI was later established there and top Soviet scientists, including the head of the Soviet atomic project Igor Kurchatov, played a part in its development and formation. Six Nobel Prize winners have worked at MEPhI over the course of its history – Nikolay Basov, Andrei Sakharov, Nikolay Semenov, Igor Tamm, Ilya Frank and Pavel Cherenkov.

Today, MEPhI is one of the leading research universities of Russia, training engineers and scientists in more than 200 fields. The most promising areas of study include:

- Nanomaterials and nanotechnologies;
- Radiation and beam technologies;
- Medical physics and nuclear medicine;
- Superconductivity and controlled thermonuclear fusion;
- Ecology and biophysics;
- Information security.

In addition, future managers, experts and analysts in the fields of management, engineering economics, nuclear law and international scientific and technological cooperation study at MEPhI.

Programmes at MEPhI:

- Meet international standards for quality of education.
Since 2014, the university has been implementing standards of the CDIO Initiative for modernising engineering training in higher education. The standards aim to improve the quality of the next generation of engineering graduates and are also used by leading world universities such as Stanford University, California State University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

- **Are accredited by the FEANI (Federation of National Engineering Associations) and Agency for Accreditation of Engineering Education Programmes (ANO APIO).**

  A graduate who studied under an accredited programme and has the necessary professional experience can obtain the rank (international certificate) of Euroengineer.

**MEPhI students are guaranteed the following:**

- A credit-based and modular study system (study programme consists of modules and units).
- A student can devise their own individual trajectory and take some of the modules at a partner university with established joint educational programmes. The ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) is used; upon completion of studies, an appendix to the European diploma indicating the number of credits and grades on the ESTS scale in each subject may be issued to a student.
- Internships at distinguished academic centres and laboratories around the world.
- Double degree programmes.
- International academic mobility programmes.

A unique feature of MEPhI is its combination of teaching, research and innovation. Students are involved in research from the very beginning of their studies, and from third year participation in research projects is mandatory. Final year undergraduates, master's students and postgraduate students conduct research in the university's laboratories, departments and scientific centre.

World-class scientific centres are long-standing foreign partners of the university: European Centre for Nuclear Research (CERN, Switzerland), Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL, USA), Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL, USA), Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL, USA), Enrico Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab, USA), the German Electron Synchrotron (DESY, Germany), Institute of Astrophysics of the Max Planck Society (Germany), the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF, Grenoble, France), the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER, France), the Academic Medical Centre (the Netherlands), the High Energy Accelerator Research Organisation (KEK, Japan), the National Institute of Nuclear Physics (INFN, Italy) and others.

MEPhI participates successfully in major scientific collaborations: ALAS ALICE on the large hadron collider (CERN), STAR and PHENIX (Brookhaven National Laboratory, USA), GLUEX (Jefferson Laboratory, USA), FAIR (Germany), BELLE, BELL II and ILC (Japan), NA 61/ SHINE (CERN), and DARKSIDE (Italy). In 2014-2015, it took part in new collaborations with CMS, AMANDA, SHIP and ICECUBE. In addition, MEPhI participates in major scientific collaborations at the DESY synchrotron centre, Russian-Italian collaboration in the PAMELA and ARINA experiments, the Russian-European experiments KORONAS and PHOTON, and the international experimental thermonuclear reactor ITER.

Among Russian organisations, strategic partners of MEPhI in the sphere of high technologies, ensuring world-class research and development, include: Rosatom State Corporation, Joint Institute of Nuclear Research (OJJaI) (Dubna), OJSC TVEL, National Research Centre Kurchatov Institute, OJSC Sukhoi Company TRINITI (Troitsk), P.N. Lebedev Physics Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Nuclear Research of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Nuclear Safety Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences Joint Institute for High Temperatures of the Russian Academy of Sciences, JIHT, Federal State Unitary Enterprise Russian Federal Nuclear Centre All-Russian Research Institute of Experimental Physics (RFNC ARRIEP), IPG IRE-Polus, Ministry of Industry and Trade of RF, NRC The...

**Student successes**

Graduates of NRNU MEPhI are in demand in Russia and abroad. They work at CERN, Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), Julich Research Centre (Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH), the Institute of High Energy Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, High Energy Accelerator Research Organisation and in over 100 leading scientific centres around the world.

**Famous graduates**

- **Basov Nikolai**
- **Mikhailov Victor**
- **Rumyantzev Alexander**
- **Anatoly Larkin**
  Academician of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. Leading specialist in the field of solid state physics and nuclear physics.
- **Lev Okun**
  RAS Academician. Leading specialist in the field of physics of elementary particles.
- **Viktor Galitskiy**
  Corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, theoretical physicist, founder of Green's functions applications in many-body problems. Headed the largest Soviet programme in the search for superdense nuclei.
- **Lev Ryabev**
- **Yuri Kagan**
  Academician of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR and RAS. Graduate of MEPhI’s first ever cohort. Outstanding physicist and theorist. Founder of new fields in solid state physics – quantum diffusion, Mossbauer effect and the theory of phase transitions near absolute zero.
- **Georgiy Rykovovanov**
  Research supervisor of the Russian Federal Nuclear Centre in Snezhinsk, one of the current managers of Russia's nuclear weapons complex.
- **Sergey Avdeev**
  Astronaut, completed 3 space flights. For a long time, he held the world record for longest time spent in space, and completed many space walks.
- **Nikolay Rukavishnikov**
  Astronaut, completed 3 space flights.
- **Nikolay Ponomarev-Stepnoy**
  Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, leading specialist in the field of nuclear energy.

**Positions in international ratings**

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### International partnership

**Cooperation with Leading Universities of the World:**

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA)
- Texas A&M University (USA)
- University of Nebraska–Lincoln (USA)
- Tokyo Institute of Technology (Japan)
- University of Surrey (UK)
- Ghent University (Belgium)
- University of Twente (Netherlands)
- Tsinghua University (China)
- Beijing Institute of Technology (China)
- Harbin Institute of Technology (China)
- University of Tübingen (Germany)
- University of Illinois (USA)
- University of Applied Sciences of Regensburg (Germany)
- University of Nantes (France)
- Polytechnic University of Turin (Italy)
- University Savoie Mont Blanc (France)
- University Joseph Fourier Grenoble I (France)
• University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain)
• Federal University of Espírito Santo (Brazil)

etc.

World Level Science Research:

Switzerland
• Large Hadron Collider (experiments ATLAS, ALICE, CMS, NSW, SHIP, NA61/ SHINE (CERN));

USA
• Experiments STAR, PHENIX, LZ, COHERENT;

Germany
• FAIR— Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research, XFEL (DESY), HADES (CSI);

Japan
• BELLE, KEK, T2K;

France
• ITER – International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor;

Italy
• ICECUBE, PAMELA;

Russia
• NICA — Nuclotron-based Ion Collider Facility;
• PIK Reactor - Research Nuclear Neutronique Reactor;
• MARS— Multiturn Accelerator-Recuperator Source of Synchrotron Radiation;
• PEARL — Petawatt Laser Complex;
• VEPP-2000— Electron-Positron Collider.

Olimpiads

The competition is held in topical scientific and educational fields:
• Physics;
• Nuclear physics and technologies;
• Information security;
• Automation, electronics and nanoelectronics.

The participants compete in individual and team championships, and for special nominations. Winners receive scholarships of the President of Russia, and preferential terms when enrolling in Master's Degree Programmes and Postgraduate studies at leading Russian universities.
The university holds several international academic competitions for university students:

- "Nuclear physics and nuclear technologies",
- "Economic security",
- "Systems analysis",
- "Rosatom" (10 sections – physics, nuclear power, culture and scientific and technological progress, physical material sciences, physics of the micro and macroworld, plasma physics and lasers, physics of kinetic phenomena, information security, applied molecular physics, and automation, electronics and nanostructural electronics).

Students of relevant subject areas, predominantly 2nd-4th year students, are invited to take part in the competitions. The competitions are held both at the university and online through the internet portal [olympic.mephi.ru](http://olympic.mephi.ru).

The competition has been held since 1998 and is organised by MEPhI and Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation with the participation of the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia and the Department of Education of Moscow.

The purpose of the competition is to develop the design skills of students in the natural, engineering and mathematical sciences. The competition is held in six sections (physics, mathematics, chemistry, information science, biology, engineering sciences and robotic technology). High school students aged 14 and above are invited to take part in the competition. Over 1500 people take part in the competition annually.

Junior is one of the Russian selection grounds of the international Intel ISEF (International Science and Engineering Fair) competition; students from 80 countries take part in it. The organising committee and the jury of the competition, in addition to leading scientists of MEPhI, includes Russian Academy of Sciences members, outstanding researchers, teachers and public figures.
**Engineering Competition for High School Students**

Annually, December-January (selection round), February (final)

The competition is held by MEPhI with the participation of St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University LETI (St. Petersburg), Samara State Aerospace University (Samara), Moscow State University of Railway Engineering (Moscow) and Novosibirsk State Technical University (Nizhny Novgorod).

Subjects – physics, engineering and technology. Competition tasks include elements of applied mechanics and mechanical engineering, theoretical thermodynamics, electrical engineering, electronics, and nuclear technologies.

The goal of the competition is to stimulate young people's interest in studying engineering.

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**Zvezda Multidisciplinary Engineering Academic Competition**

Annually, December-January (selection round), February (final)

The competition has been organised on instruction from the President of Russia Vladimir Putin. MEPhI is an organiser of the section on nuclear engineering and technologies.

One of the largest mathematics olympiads in Russia. It has been held since 2009 among high school graduates and number of participants exceed 500.

The competition held by MEPhI jointly with Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation. High school students aged 12 and above are invited to take part. Subjects – mathematics and physics.

Annually, over 14,000 students take part in the Rosatom competition. The purpose of the competition is to find prospective students for technical fields. In the top 5 of the best physics and mathematics competitions in the country.

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**Rosatom Industry Physics and Mathematical Academic Competition**

Annually, October-January (selection round), February-March (final round)

The competition held by MEPhI jointly with Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation. High school students aged 12 and above are invited to take part. Subjects – mathematics and physics.

The competition is held by MEPhI with the participation of St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University LETI (St. Petersburg), Samara State Aerospace University (Samara), Moscow State University of Railway Engineering (Moscow) and Novosibirsk State Technical University (Nizhny Novgorod).

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**Preparatory department for foreign applicants**

**Preparatory department for Bachelor's programme**

**Preparatory department for Bachelor's and Specialist's programs**

Training is conducted at the Obninsk Institute of Nuclear Power Engineering (Obninsk) and MEPhI (Moscow). The following disciplines are studied: Russian language, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Informatics. Profiles of the Preparatory Faculty: Engineering, Economics, Humanitarian and Medical-Biological (Obninsk Institute of Nuclear Power Engineering). The Certificate (obtained upon successful passing of examinations) is accepted at all universities of Russian Federation.

*Department of Master's Program and Doctoral studies is located in MEPhI (Moscow).*

**Support of foreign students**
International students are assisted in getting settled in the dormitory and filling out documents for their stay in Russia, etc.

In addition, there is an adaptation programme for first year students, the MEPhI: User Guide, which familiarises new students with the history and traditions of the university. It includes getting to know the group, extracurricular activities, and training in leadership, team building, etc.

**Everyday life of foreign students**

International students are provided rooms in one of the MEPhI's comfortable dormitories (apartment, central corridor or modular type), located within walking distance of the university. Rooms usually accommodate 2-3 persons. Each student is provided with a set of furniture (table, chair, cabinet, bedside table, bed, etc.). Internet in the dormitory is provided for free. Free Wi-Fi is provided in the buildings, and wired internet is connected in central corridor rooms and apartment style dormitories.

A laundry, reading room, canteen and gym are available in all dormitories. All dormitories have security staff.

**Leisure and sport events**

In addition to the exciting studies under the guidance of leading Russian and foreign teachers, students at our University are enjoying a bright student life, full of impressions. The university has a Joint Student Council, with more than 200 annual projects and 45 student associations under its aegis:

- squadron movement;
- media centere (design and photo studios, radio and TV);
- volunteer program;
- student cultural centre;
- student scientific society;
- development of University campus;
- student sport.

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