I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University

Year of foundation: **1758**

- Total students: **15 000** / Foreign students: **2 200**
- Faculties: **7** / Departments: **144**
- Main educational programmes for foreigners: **102**
  - Bachelor’s programme: **4**
  - Master’s programme: **8**
  - Specialist programme: **9**
  - Training of highest qualification personnel: **81**
- Additional educational programs for foreigners: **2**
  - Pre-university training programmes: **1**
  - Russian as a foreign language: **1**
  - Short programmes
  - Other programmes

I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University has leading positions in the Russian health care system and provides a full cycle of education programs for the most talented students from around the world. The main activities of the university include training of highly qualified physicians for the Russian and foreign healthcare. Experts of the university are involved in world-level fundamental and clinical research, effectively treat dangerous diseases, provide professional medical care.

**Student successes**

Every year, about 18 international students graduate with honours degrees and about 3 students get the University medal for Success in learning and high achievements in science, sports and social activities. International students are permanent participants (since 2013) of the annual International Student Congress of Life Sciences held in Groningen, Netherlands, the International Conference of Young Scientists “Science for Health” held at the basis of the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Moscow, and others.
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<th>Famous graduates</th>
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<td>Beatrice Viafe Adday</td>
<td>A surgeon, a consultant in the field of breast cancer treatment and the chief executive officer of Peace and Love Hospitals in Accra and Kumasi (Ghana), the President of Breast Care International (NGO, Ghana).</td>
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<td>Mekhriban Aliyeva</td>
<td>Azerbaijani public and political figure, a wife of the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, a deputy of Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan, a head of the working group on the Azerbaijani-French inter-parliamentary relations, the President of Heydar Aliyev Foundation and the Foundation of Friends of Azerbaijani Culture, the President of Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation, Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO, the United Nations, the OIC and ISESCO.</td>
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<td>Nikolai Sklifosovsky</td>
<td>One of the most prominent Russian surgeons and clinicians. Author of a number of seminal works on clinical and military surgery. Long-term director of the Imperial Clinical Institute. Founder of clinical hub in Moscow all over the Virgin's Field (now – First MSMU).</td>
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<td>Renat Akchurin</td>
<td>Heart surgeon, academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Initiator and co-author of the High-tech Medicine initiative. In autumn 1996 he operated the heart of Boris Yeltsin, the first president of the Russian Federation.</td>
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<td>Oleg At’kov</td>
<td>Cosmonaut, Hero of the Soviet Union (1984), Honored Scientist of Russia (2007), physician, inventor, space physiology and medicine researcher exploring the spaceflight human dimension.</td>
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<td>Leo Bokeria</td>
<td>Chief cardiac surgeon of Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, academician, scientist, inventor, organizer of medical science. He developed and implemented a number of diagnostic and surgical techniques for cardiac diseases treatment.</td>
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<td>Maxim Konchalovsky</td>
<td>Doctor, scientist, clinician and teacher. He founded the Russian Clinic of Internal Medicine. Among his famous students are E. M. Tareev V. N. Smotrov, S. A. Pospelov, S. A. Gilyarevsky, A. G. Ghukasyan.</td>
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<td>Sergei Korsakov</td>
<td>One of the founders of structure-function psychiatry, author of the classic &quot;The Course of Psychiatry&quot; (1893), co-founder of the experimental psychology laboratory (Moscow, 1886).</td>
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<td>Nikolai Pirogov</td>
<td>Founder of anaesthesiology and military surgery in Russia, the author of the first atlas of topographic anatomy. One of the luminaries of Russian medical education.</td>
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Valentin Pokrovsky: Chief epidemiologist of Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation. He diagnosed the first national cases of HIV and organized respective prevention and diagnostic service. His contribution to research and implementation of treatment techniques against many previously unknown diseases is really significant.

Ivan Sechenov: Founder of physiology school. He has made a great contribution to the study of the brain: thalamus inhibition center, central inhibition phenomenon, spontaneous fluctuations of bio currents within medulla oblongata.

Anton Chekhov: Great prosaist and playwright, doctor. Global literature classical author. His works circulate in billions of copies in more than a hundred languages; more than a century his plays are staged in theaters throughout the world.

**Positions in Russian ratings**

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**International partnership**

The University maintains partnerships with many foreign universities and organizations. Among them:

- World Health Organization (WHO),
- International Education Federation,
- International Association of University Programs for Managing Population Health,
- World Organization of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of General Practitioners,
- European Association of Managers of Information Technology in Health Care,
- World Organization of Medical Law,
- International Science and Technology Center,
- "Open Society" Institute,
- International movement “International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War”,
- German Academic Exchange Service,
- Universities of Austria, Bulgaria, Great Britain, Vietnam, Germany, Israel, Ireland, Spain, Italy, China, Korea, Namibia, Nigeria, Norway, Serbia, Slovenia, USA, France, Japan and the CIS countries.

The University implements double degree Master’s Programmes:

1. Russia - Germany (Steinbeisinstitut of Biotechnology in Interdisciplinary Dentistry, Stuttgart)
2. Russia - Ireland (Hibernia College, Dublin),
3. Russia - China (Harbin Medical University).

I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University is a co-founder of the Russian-Chinese Association of Medical Universities (RCAMU).

**Preparatory department for foreign applicants**
Preparatory department for Bachelor’s programme

Education is conducted in Russian as a foreign language, chemistry, biology and physics.

Preparatory department for Master’s programme

A special course on “Language of the profession” is provided for future interns and resident physicians.

Other types of training

1. The University implements the additional general educational programme “Preparation for admission to the university (for foreigners)” for advanced training of the applicants for admission to higher educational institutions of medical, medical-biological and pharmaceutical field. Term of study – 10 months.
2. The University implements the additional general educational programme “Preparation for admission to the university (for foreigners): Russian language, I certification level (medical and biological profile)” for advanced training of the applicants who speak Russian; basic level, for admission to higher educational institutions of medical, medical-biological and pharmaceutical field. Term of study – 5 months.

Support of foreign students

The University has a tutoring institute for international students, a system of tutoring by senior students “Graduates – for those who continue education”.

Since 2013, an annual seminar is held for graduates on the procedures of obtaining a medical license and a right to engage in medical practice (USMLE Exams, Medical Post Graduation Training), Inder P. Pakhal (USA). Migration Department provides advisory assistance in preparation of employment documents.

Everyday life of foreign students

The University dormitories provided for accommodation of international students were renovated in 2014-2015. There are 2 or 3-bed rooms. Wi-Fi is available. The dormitories are within 3-10 minutes from the main educational facilities of the University.

Leisure and sport events

The University provides rich cultural and sports opportunities: student clubs, dozens of sports clubs, a youth theater, a choir, a volunteer center. Annually the University holds a student ball (dancing party), a beauty contest “Miss First MSMU”, a talent contest, sports competitions and other events. The University has its own Central Scientific Medical Library, Museum of the History of Medicine, stadium (multi-purpose sports complex with a swimming pool), student health camp on the Black Sea coast, botanical garden, and vivarium.

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