Year of foundation: 1940

Total students: 9,169 / Foreign students: 378

Faculties: 16 / Departments: 65

Teachers: 695

- Professors: 60
- Associate Professors: 284
- Doctors of Science: 121
- Candidates of Science: 427
- Foreign teachers: 23

Main educational programmes for foreigners: 157

- Bachelor's programme: 116
- Master's programme: 36
- Specialist programme: 5
- Training of highest qualification personnel

Additional educational programs for foreigners: 21

- Pre-university training programmes: 5
- Russian as a foreign language: 1
- Short programmes: 15
- Other programmes

Modes of study

- Extramural
- Full-time

Petrozavodsk State University is one of the leading universities in the North-West of Russia, a classical university that offers a variety of modern programs at all levels of training - from the preparatory department to postgraduate studies. PetrSU is a leading international school for training programmers, a recognized leader in the field of medical education for foreigners, a unique research center in the field of indigenous languages of the North.
• PetrSU has trained over 70,000 highly qualified specialists

• University specialists conduct international testing in foreign languages

• Academic exchange programs with more than 20 foreign universities are available.

• Every year dozens of international, all-Russian and regional scientific conferences and seminars are held at the base of the university

• The university has a center that performs bilingual official translations, including notarized and apostille translations

• The University has 16 modern educational buildings, a publishing house, a library with a fund of about 1.5 million books, a swimming pool and a botanical garden.

• All 10 dormitories are in convenient transport accessibility.

• PetrSU provides a large selection of summer and winter schools and short-term intensive educational programs.

• According to the results of scientific research 117 patents for inventions were obtained

• The only university where specialists in Finnish, Karelian and Vepsian languages are trained

• The university leads the way in programmer training. RealTrac technology for determining the location of objects developed in PetrSU won first place in the international competition of local positioning systems in Spain

**PetrSU research activities**

• PetrSU is a major research center in engineering, humanities and natural science

• Over 100 cooperation agreements concluded with foreign universities and institutes

• Currently collaborating with research centers and international organizations from 30 countries of Central and Northern Europe, Asia and the CIS

• The University implements more than 300 scientific, educational and contractual projects funded by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, the Russian Humanitarian Fund, the Russian Foundation for Basic Research, as well as by other Russian and foreign funds, enterprises and organizations

• The activities of our own IT-park employees contribute to the development of high technologies in the Nordic countries and the Russian Federation in the field of ICT and microelectronics

**Research areas:**
• programming and information technology

• microelectronics and plasma research

• mathematics

• physics

• medicine

• biology

• history

• philology

• political and social sciences

• law and economics

• problems of forestry, construction and agro-industrial complexes

Student successes

Famous graduates

Valery Shlyamin  

Yuri Andropov  
Soviet statesman. Secretary General of CPSU. Headed the Committee of State Security (KGB) for 15 years.

Sergey Voenushkin  

Rashid Nurgaliev  
Russian statesman. He headed the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia from 2004 to 2012. Candidate of Economic Sciences.

Robert Rozhdestvensky  
Noted Soviet poet. Author of over 70 poetry collections.

Sergey Orlov  
Famous Russian poet, published series of books about the war heroism during the Great Patriotic War. In 1941 he completed the first course of the Faculty of History and Philology.
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<td>Sergey Katanandov</td>
<td>Karelian representative of the Federation Council, graduated from the Faculty of Industrial and Civil Construction in 1977.</td>
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<td>Ivan Valentik</td>
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International partnership

PetrSU has concluded 107 cooperation agreements with 30 countries. The university runs academic exchange programs with 72 foreign universities. PetrSU has twenty years of experience teaching foreign students. More than 500 students from different countries of the world study at the university every year, and about 250 students of PetrSU undergo trainings in foreign universities under the programs Erasmus+, FIRST+, DAAD, Fulbright, North2North, Stipendium Hungaricum, etc. Every year PetrSU implements at least 30 international projects supported by international organizations. The university collaborates with UNESCO, the University of the Arctic, the Barents/Euro-Arctic Council of Education and Science, the National Council for Education of Finland.

Preparatory department for foreign applicants

Preparatory department for Bachelor's programme

Petrozavodsk State University has a preparatory department where international students study before entering the main Bachelor's Degree Programmes.

In addition, the university offers additional comprehensive biomedicine, engineering and technical programmes.

Support of foreign students

Upon arrival in the city, international students of PetrSU are met by the staff at the station (bus or train), accompanied to the dormitory, and helped with settling in. Students also receive assistance in completing the documents needed for enrolment, studying and staying in Russia.

International students can always count on support in resolving personal issues. If necessary, employees of PetrSU accompany them to medical institutions, offices of the FMS, banks, etc.

In the first week of residence, organisational meetings are held where first-year students are introduced to the structure of the university, the terms and requirements of the educational process, sports and creative societies in the university, migration rules and internal regulations. Excursions around the university and Petrozavodsk are arranged. Throughout the period of study, individual and group consultations and discussions are regularly held on matters of academic progress, attendance of lectures, living conditions, compliance with migration law, etc.

Russian classmates are actively encouraged to work with international students. Together, they participate in and conduct their own cultural activities.

International students can participate in cultural activities of the university and the city (when accompanied by an employee or employees of the university). Excursions around Karelia are also organised for them.

Everyday life of foreign students

PetrSU has 9 comfortable dormitories for 3700 students with well-equipped sports facilities, study rooms and lounges. All buildings have modern fire safety systems, alarms and access control installed. Remodelling and maintenance has
been carried out, and washing machines and electric plates have been installed.

The rooms have Internet access.

All the buildings are easily accessible by transport. In the near future, a network of bicycle paths will connect the academic and residential buildings of PetrSU.

Leisure and sport events

More than 30 creative societies have been founded at PetrSU. These include a choir, two theatres, several ensembles, studio pop vocals, various clubs, the club of lovers of modern literature, entertainment club, KVN team and other associations.

For sports you can sign up in one of 20 associations (skiing, volleyball, indoor soccer, martial arts, orienteering, weightlifting, judo, basketball, athletics, chess, checkers, go, Sambo, aerobics, tourism). Travel enthusiasts are welcome in the Sampo tourism club.

For training sessions and exercise, there is a stadium, ski slopes, swimming pool, and modern gyms. In fifteen years, PetrSU graduates have included 65 masters of sports and the university’s athletes have won no less than 50 medals at European and world competitions.

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