

Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B.N. Yeltsin



Year of foundation: **1920**



Total students: **35 000** / Foreign students: **3 114**



Faculties: **12** / Departments: **193**



Teachers: **2 993**

Professors 262	Associate Professors 1 040	Doctors of Science 480	Candidates of Science 1 571	Foreign teachers 35
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Main educational programmes for foreigners: **413**

Bachelor's programme 148	Master's programme 212	Specialist programme 23	Training of highest qualification personnel 30
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Additional educational programs for foreigners: **30**

Pre-university training programmes 5	Russian as a foreign language 8	Short programmes 17
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Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin (UrFU) is one of the leading universities in Russia, located in Yekaterinburg. Yekaterinburg is a modern and dynamically developing Ural metropolis, the fourth largest city in the country in terms of population, and the capital of the 2023 FISU Summer World University Games. UrFU is a state university established by the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia after the merger of Ural State Technical – Ural Polytechnic and Ural State Universities.

Over its 100-year history, it has become one of the recognized Russian leaders in research and education. The university employs about 4500 teachers, including world renowned experts in engineering and technology, natural,

social and human sciences. More than 35,000 students from 101 countries of the world study at UrFU, and the university's alumni community exceeds 380 thousand people. 12 institutes provide more than 450 undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate programs in technical and natural sciences, as well as in social and human sciences taught in Russian and English. The scientific infrastructure of the university includes 72 key centers of excellence and 164 research laboratories with the most modern equipment, including 12 international laboratories used by scientists from world-leading universities. Access to cutting-edge facilities and the possibility of collaboration with foreign researchers opens wide opportunities for students' scientific activities.

Since September 1, 2017, the Ural Federal University has the power to award academic degrees.

The priority research areas at UrFU are: Physics and Astronomy, Energy and Resource Saving, Information Technology and Telecommunications, Mathematics and Mechanics, Chemistry and Materials Science, Social Sciences and Humanities.

As a scientific center of the region, UrFU is a project office of the Ural interregional research and education center (UIREC) "Advanced Industrial Technologies and Materials" of the world level. The goal of the Center is to establish a coherent cooperation for the development of science, education and innovation in the Ural Federal District.

UrFU serves as a broad international platform. Students have the opportunity to attend open lectures given by renowned scientists or politicians. The University conducts joint scientific research with world's top-notch experts as UrFU visiting professors: for example, since 2012, Dr. Jean Jouzel (France), co-laureate of the Nobel Peace Prize, is the head of UrFU Climate Change Laboratory. In 2013, the university launched a large-scale project "Return to Europe: Russian Elites and European Innovations, Norms and Models (18th - early 20th centuries)" under the leadership of the famous French researcher Dr. Marie-Pierre Ray. In 2015, the former German foreign minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, addressed the university community at UrFU; in 2016, the Nobel Prize-winner in Chemistry, Professor Dan Shechtman. All UrFU students can take part in international student exchange programs, spend a semester or a whole year in one of 109 partner-universities from 34 countries. Ural Federal University actively promotes academic exchange by participating in international mobility programs: Erasmus +, North2North, Mevlana, First +, DAAD.

Apart of that, Ural Federal University offers grant support for young scientists: every year international researchers receive grants for doctoral studies at UrFU.

Student successes

UrFU offers students broad opportunities for development and self-realization. Students are actively involved in research activities: they work in laboratories and research centers, take part in the implementation of grants from the Russian Science Foundation (RSF), the Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR) and international organizations; they are also co-authors of articles in scientific journals indexed by Scopus and Web of Science databases.

Every year, university students receive prestigious scholarships, including the Scholarship of the Government of the Russian Federation, the Scholarship of the President of the Russian Federation, the Scholarship of the first President of the Russian Federation Boris Yeltsin, RUSAL Scholarship, Oxford Russia Fund Scholarship, international scholarship Unicredit & Universities Foundation, etc.

UrFU students take part in large-scale events as volunteers and participants, namely: Olympic Winter Games 2014 in Sochi, International Universiade in Kazan, International Industrial Exhibition INNOPROM, Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit 2019, 100+ Forum Russia. UrFU students permanently win at international science events, such as ACM ICPC International Student Programming Olympiad, KPMG International Case Competition, the Eurobot international robotics competition, and the CodinGame international programming competition.

Famous graduates

Boris Yeltsin

First President of the Russian Federation

Vladimir Motyl	Famous Russian film director
Yury Gurevich	Recognized mathematician and computer scientist, inventor of abstract state machines. He is Principal Researcher at Microsoft Research
Gennady Burbulis	Famous Russian politician, one of the drafters and signers of the Belavezha Accords
Sergey Chepikov	Two-time Olympic champion in biathlon
Michael Zinigrad	Famous chemist, Rector of Ariel University (Israel)
Gleb Panfilov	Outstanding Russian film director, winner of the Cannes Film Festival
Konstantin Tszyu	Famous sportsman, absolute boxing champion
Nikolai Ryzhkov	Chairman of the Council of Ministers (1985-1991), Russian politician (formal leader of the People's Patriotic Union of Russia, Member of the State Duma, Senator from Belgorod Oblast)
Yevgeny Roizman	Russian Politician (Mayor of Ekaterinburg - Chairman of Ekaterinburg City Duma (2013 — 2018), Deputy of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly (2003—2007)
Arkady Chernetsky	Russian Politician (Mayor of Ekaterinburg (1992-2010)
Vladislav Krapivin	Soviet and Russian Writer, Poet, and Publisher
Sholban Kara-ool	Chairman of the Government of the Republic of Tuva (Since 2007)
Alexander Pantykin	Russian composer, playwright. Honored artist of Russia
Pavel Datsyuk	Russian hockey player, included in the list of the 100 greatest hockey players in NHL history. Olympic champion 2018, world champion 2012, two-time Stanley Cup winner 2002, 2008, Gagarin Cup winner 2017, Russian champion 2005, Olympic bronze medalist 2002
Anton Shipulin	Honored Master of sports of Russia in biathlon. Olympic Champion in 2014 in the relay, Olympic bronze medalist 2010. Two-time silver and two-time bronze medalist at the world Championships. European Junior Champion 2008

Positions in international ratings

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Economics & Econometrics	351-400
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Business & Management	401-450
2021	QS World University Rankings by Broad Subject Area: Social Sciences & Management	334
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Physics & Astronomy	401-450
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Mathematics	301-350
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Materials Science	351-400
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Chemistry	401-450
2021	QS World University Rankings by Broad Subject Area: Natural Science	396
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Engineering – Electrical & Electronic	401-450
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering	351-400
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Computer Science & Information Systems	451-500
2021	QS World University Rankings by Broad Subject Area: Engineering & Technology	401-450
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Linguistics	251-300
2021	QS World University Rankings by Broad Subject Area: Arts & Humanities	245
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Philosophy	101-150
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: History	101-150
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Archaeology	151-200
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Hospitality & Leisure Management	51-100
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Social policy & Administration	51-100

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
2021	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Engineering – Petroleum	51-100
2021	Times Higher Education: Emerging Economies University Rankings	201-250
2021	QS University Rankings: BRICS	84
2021	QS University Rankings: Emerging Europe and Central Asia	27
2021	U.S. News Best Global Universities rankings	1070
2021	Webometrics Ranking of World Universities	912
2021	Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)	701-800
2021	QS World University Rankings	351
2020	Times Higher Education: Emerging Economies University Rankings	251-300
2020	Times Higher Education: Europe University Rankings	301-400
2020	QS University Rankings: BRICS	58
2020	QS University Rankings: Emerging Europe and Central Asia	35
2020	U.S. News Best Global Universities rankings by Subject: Chemistry	546
2020	U.S. News Best Global Universities rankings by Subject: Physics	492
2020	U.S. News Best Global Universities rankings by Subject: Materials Science	367
2020	THE World University Rankings by Subject: Engineering & technology	801+
2020	THE World University Rankings by Subject: Computer Science	601+
2020	THE World University Rankings by Subject: Social Sciences	601+
2020	THE World University Rankings by Subject: Physical Sciences	501-600

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
2020	THE World University Rankings by Subject:Education	401+
2020	THE World University Rankings by Subject: Business&Economics	401-500
2020	THE World University Rankings by Subject: Arts&Humanities	301-400
2020	QS World University Rankings by Subject : Economics & econometrics	451-500
2020	QS World University Rankings by Subject : Business & management studies	401-450
2020	QS World University Rankings by Broad Subject Area: Social Sciences & Management	351
2020	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Physics & Astronomy	401-450
2020	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Mathematics	201-250
2020	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Materials Science	301-350
2020	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Chemistry	401-450
2020	QS World University Rankings by Broad Subject Area: Natural Science	386
2020	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Engineering – Electrical and Electronic	401-450
2020	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering	351-400
2020	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Computer Science & Information Systems	551-600
2020	QS World University Rankings by Broad Subject Area: Engineering & Technology	377
2020	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Philosophy	101-150
2020	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Linguistics	250-300
2020	QS World University Rankings by Subject: Archaeology	151-200
2020	QS World University Rankings by Broad Subject Area: Arts & Humanities	274

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
2020	U.S. News Best Global Universities rankings	1096
2020	Webometrics Ranking of World Universities	1039
2020	THE World University Rankings	1001+
2020	Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)	701-800
2020	The Three University Missions Ranking (MosIUR)	286
2020	QS World University Rankings	331

Positions in Russian ratings

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
2021	The Three University Missions (MosIUR)	286
2020	Interfax National University Ranking	13
2020	Expert Russian University Rankings	12

International partnership

Ural Federal University actively develops international cooperation and has partnerships with more than 500 foreign universities from all over the globe; the University participates in such international network projects as BRICS University League, BRICS Network University, CIS Network University, Shanghai Cooperation Organization University, University of the Arctic (UArctic), Association of Sino-Russian Technical Universities (ASRTU).

UrFU scientists take part in international research programs such as Seventh Framework Program (FP7) of EU, International Higher Education Support program (HESP) of the Open Society Institute and Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching (ReSET). Our experts implement a whole range of applied research projects in cooperation with their partners from Germany, USA, South Korea etc.

Every year, more than 200 UrFU students and employees go abroad for academic mobility programs, including through grants of the university; at least 200 students and employees of foreign universities come to UrFU for academic exchange programs and international short-term programs.

UrFU students can spend up to two semesters abroad as part of academic exchange programs at one of the partner universities, including one of the academic mobility scholarship programs (Erasmus+, North2North, Mevlana, First+, DAAD).

UrFU is a corporate member of such international organizations as the Russian international Affairs Council, EMBRI,

ECPR, EUCEET, and EFMD.

Ural Federal University is an open space bringing together representatives from different cultures of the world. In 2008, the Confucius Institute, a unique Chinese cultural and educational center was inaugurated at UrFU, and in 2013, the University opened a Thai cultural center.

UrFU has close ties with the diplomatic missions of Germany, France, China, Vietnam, the USA, the UK and many other countries. Every year, more than a hundred foreign delegations representing the world's leading universities, diplomatic agencies and large enterprises visit the University. The unique atmosphere of an international University is created by open lectures given by foreign scientists, diplomats and artists, and international conferences, exhibitions and meetings.

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The Open Doors International Olympiad: Russian Scholarship Project is held annually with the support of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation and the Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States Affairs, Compatriots Living Abroad, and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo) for Master's and postgraduate studies among foreign citizens, stateless persons and Russians living abroad with a Bachelor's/Master's degree or completing their studies at a Bachelor's/Master's program in the current academic year.

Winners and prize-winners will be enrolled on Master's or PhD programs at Russian universities FOR FREE without entrance tests (funded by the Russian Government).

Participants of the final stage of UrFU can get a 25% discount on training on a contract basis.

Olympiad language: Russian, English.

Preparatory department for foreign applicants

Preparatory department for Bachelor's programme

UrFU offers intensive Russian language course and a range of basic general courses for those who plan to apply to a Bachelor's degree programs at the University.

During one semester, students without any knowledge of Russian receive basic verbal communication skills, as well as writing, reading skills and will be able to understand simple texts.

The annual preparatory course is designed for students who plan to pursue their undergraduate studies at UrFU in Russian. It includes classes in grammar, speech, reading, listening, phonetics, as well as Russian history, culture, literature, and media.

Training is conducted in one of 5 profiles: engineering and technological, natural science, economics, human science, medical and biological.

Preparatory department for Master's programme

UrFU offers intensive Russian language courses and a set of general education courses for those who plan to apply to a main master's and postgraduate programs at the University. In addition to the Russian language, the content part of the course includes scientific style of speech in accordance with the chosen profile, the profile subject, abstract

writing, texts on the specialty.

In one semester, students with no knowledge of the Russian language receive basic skills in oral communication, correspondence, reading and understanding simple texts.

The annual preparatory course is designed for students who plan to continue their graduate studies at UrFU in Russian. It includes classes in grammar, speech, reading, listening, phonetics, as well as Russian history, culture, literature, and media.

Training is conducted in one of 5 profiles: engineering and technological, natural science, economic, human science, medical and biological.

Study period: start of courses-September, end of courses-June-July.

Tuition-fee for the 2020-2021 academic year: 136,000 rubles / year.

Other types of training

Russian Language School for Foreign Students

Ural Federal University offers Russian language courses of different number of teaching hours at all levels of knowledge of the Russian language. Application and enrollment is held throughout the academic year.

The program of UrFU Russian Language School is based on intensive Russian language course (20 hours a week), as well as the development of a scientific style of speech and a number of basic general and specialized subjects to master a chosen field of study.

UrFU Russian Language School offers various programs for foreign students designed to prepare for entrance exams and study at Russian universities for a Bachelor's, Master's and postgraduate degree in different specialties.

Exams at the end of training: Russian language, specialized subjects.

A student of the Preparatory Department receives a certificate confirming proficiency in Russian language and results in other subjects. If desired, graduates of the Preparatory Department are given the opportunity to pass the Test of Russian as a Foreign Language (TRKI) and receive an international certificate of proficiency in Russian.

Support of foreign students

Ural Federal University has a range of adaptation measures for international students. Under the Buddy program, Russian and international university students help newcomers adapt to their studies and solve all organisational matters (meeting at the airport/train station, settling into the dormitory, medical examination and obtaining health insurance). In addition, international students are introduced to the university, local sights, and the region.

The international service helps students solve visa issues, obtain work permits and more.

Everyday life of foreign students

All international students get a place in the dormitory located within walking distance from the academic buildings. Currently, the university has 16 dormitories, including the new dormitory for 1000 students, opened in 2013. The dormitories have sports halls and lounges; students have access to the Internet.

The cost of living in the dormitory is about USD 100 per academic year. The medical unit of UrFU is located on the territory of the campus.

Leisure and sport events

Every year, the university organizes more than 200 sport, social and cultural events. International students can

become members of 23 student organizations, including such large international student organizations as BEST (Board of European Students of Technology), AIESEC, Erasmus Student Network.

Students are also given opportunities to develop their athletic potential in more than 30 sports teams; UrFU has an extensive sports and recreational infrastructure, which includes the sports halls, stadiums, ski resorts, an ice rink, a climbing wall and a swimming pool.

Employment of foreign graduates

All students and graduates of the university can receive consultation on employment at the UrFU Center for cooperation with employers. The Center organizes job fairs and presentations of the leading Russian and international companies, such as Rosatom, Unilever, Schlumberger and others. It gives students the opportunity to get the most complete and accurate information about the working conditions and requirements of the potential employers. The Center for cooperation with employers is constantly expanding list of companies and organizations interested in cooperation with the university, and the graduates' database.

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