

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



Year of foundation: **1920**



Total students: **36 000** / Foreign students: **1 700**



Faculties: **18** / Departments: **259**



Teachers: **3 940**

Professors 541	Associate Professors 1 846	Doctors of Science 605	Candidates of Science 1 940	Foreign teachers 80
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Main educational programmes for foreigners: **313**

Bachelor's programme 85	Master's programme 74	Specialist programme 123	Training of highest qualification personnel 31
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Additional educational programs for foreigners: **61**

Pre-university training programmes 10	Russian as a foreign language 6	Short programmes 15	Other programmes 30
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Ural Federal University (UrFU) is one of the largest universities in Russia bringing together fundamental education and an innovative approach towards the challenges of modern times.

The University is located in Yekaterinburg – a modern and dynamic city, fourth largest in Russia in terms of population.

The community of UrFU graduates numbers more than 300,000 people; during its almost 100-year history, the university has become one of the recognized leaders in research and education belonging to the top-10 in Russia. UrFU is a public university established by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, and a member of the large-scale state project aimed at enhancing global competitiveness of 15 leading Russian universities,¹

Currently the university is home to more than 30,000 students from 60 countries and more than 2 000 faculty members, including the top-notch global experts in the spheres of natural sciences, engineering and social sciences. Our 18 Institutes offer more than 350 Bachelor, Master and Doctoral Programmes in natural sciences, engineering, social sciences, humanities, economics and management taught in Russian and English.

The vast research infrastructure of the university includes key excellence interdisciplinary centres and laboratories in various fields. Access to unique equipment and the opportunity to work together with the leading international researchers provides wide opportunities for UrFU students and staff..

The four priority research areas stated by the University Roadmap are:

- IT and Human Being in the Information Society
- Power Engineering, Resource Saving, and Environmental Management
- Flexible Technologies and New Materials
- Living Systems and Health

The university is open to international collaboration having more than 400 partners all over the globe and being an active participant of such initiatives as BRICS Network University and Arctic University; it has become the largest regional platform for holding large-scale international events, including the World Finals of the ACM ICPC Programming Championship and International Young Physicists Tournament.

UrFU is an open international environment providing students with a chance to attend lectures given by renowned speakers (during the last year open lectures were delivered by Professor Jean Jouzel, Nobel prize winner and the world's leading expert in climate change, Professor Frank-Walter Steinmeier, German Minister for Foreign Affairs and many others). The university strongly supports its students in gaining international experience, all degree students can take part in a semester or year-long exchange program with 64 partner institutions from 22 countries of the world with their studies being supported by the UrFU scholarship.

The UrFU campus is located in the centre of the city and includes a network of academic buildings and laboratories, student dormitories, the largest research library in the region, sport and leisure centers.

Yekaterinburg is often called "The city of youth" because of the vibrant student life and many opportunities offered by our dynamically developing city. There are a number of international student organizations at Ural Federal University (Buddy System UrFU, Erasmus Student Network Ural Federal, Student UN Organization, BEST (Board of European Students of Technology) that organize a wide range of student activities, holidays celebrations and weekend tours.

Our academic traditions and open attitude towards the best global practices allow Ural Federal University to provide high-quality education, carry out breakthrough research projects and come closer to our dream – becoming the first world-class university in the heart of Eurasia.

Student successes

UrFU offers students great opportunities for self-realization and development. Students are actively involved in research activities: they are co-authors of articles in scientific journals indexed by databases Scopus and Web of Science; they do not just work in research laboratories and centers, but also take part in the implementation of research grants of Russian Science Foundation and international organizations.

Each 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.

One of the important student activities of the university is volunteering: The students from Ural Federal University took part in the organization and support of such major events as the Winter Olympics in Sochi, the International Universiade in Kazan, and International Industrial Exhibition INNOPROM.

University students take part in and win numerous international competitions in various fields, including the International Student Programming Contest ACM ICPC, Case Competition of KPMG International Cup Competition,

International robot engineering contest Eurobot.

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

Positions in international ratings

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
2014	QS: Emerging Europe and Central Asia	51-60
2014	QS World University Rankings	551-600
2015	QS University Rankings: BRICS	77
2016	Times Higher Education BRICS and Emerging Economies	201-250
2016	Times Higher Education World University Rankings	801+
2016	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Mathematics	251-300
2016	QS University Rankings: Eastern Europe and Central Asia	54
2016	QS World University Rankings	601-650

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
2016	QS University Rankings: BRICS	78
2018	QS University Rankings: BRICS	63
2018	QS World University Rankings	491-500
2018	QS University Rankings: Eastern Europe and Central Asia	48
2018	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Mathematics	251-300
2018	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Mechanical Engineering	351-400
2018	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Arts and Humanities	401-450
2018	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Physics and Astronomy	401-450
2018	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Natural Sciences	451-500
2018	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Social Sciences and Management	451-500
2018	Times Higher Education BRICS and Emerging Economies	201-250

Positions in Russian ratings

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
2014	Interfax National University Ranking	13
2014	Expert Russian University Rankings	10
2017	Interfax National University Ranking	15
2017	Expert Russian University Rankings	12

International partnership

Ural Federal University actively develops the system of international relations. At the moment UrFU cooperates with

400 foreign universities, participates in the network projects such as BRICS University League, BRICS Network University, CIS University, SCO University, University of the Arctic, Association of Technical Universities of Russia and China.

Annually, more than 500 students and employees of UrFU travel abroad for academic exchange; they have the opportunity to receive the scholarship support of the university. The university admits not less than 200 students from foreign universities in academic mobility programs and international schools during the year.

All students of Ural Federal University can spend a semester abroad in academic exchange programs, choosing one of 45 partner universities or participating in the network international programs (Erasmus, North2North, Mevlana). The list of countries where UrFU students can spend their exchange semester includes Austria, Hungary, Germany, India, Italy, China, South Korean, Mexico, Romania, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Finland, France, the Czech Republic.

UrFU scientists participate in the largest international programs supporting scientific research, for example, the Seventh Framework Program of EU, RESET-HESP Program of Open Society Institute.

The International Academic Council was created in the university in 2013 in the Competitiveness Enhancement Program. The Council was created to define the forms and directions of the scientific research development, the promotion of the UrFU brand and the establishment of closer relations with the leading scientific and educational centers of the world. The council is headed by co-Peace Nobel Prize winner, director of IPSL (Institute Pierre Simon Laplace), Professor Jean Jouzel. The list of the Council members includes an outstanding economist, professor of the New Economic School in Moscow Shlomo Weber, the Academic Director of the HSE Institute of Education and the counselor of the Russian Minister of Education and Science Isak Froumin, the Director of Knowledge Enterprise and Analysis Center at City University of Hong Kong Dr. Kevin Downing, the President of American Councils for International Education Dr. Dan Davidson, the Director for Applied Research in the New Economic School Igor Fedyukin.

More than 100 international delegations representing the leading universities of the world, diplomatic structures and large scale enterprises visit the university every year. UrFU is a corporate member of such organizations as the Russian International Affairs Council, EMBRI, ECPR, EUCEET, EFMD.

Ural Federal University is an open space and a platform where different cultures meet. UrFU keeps in touch with the diplomatic missions of Germany, France, the USA, the UK, Hungary, China and other countries. There are several cultural centers in the university. For example, the Confucius Institute was established in 2008 on the base of the UrFU Institute of Social and Political Sciences, Thai Cultural Center was opened in 2013.

The unique atmosphere of a truly international university is created by public lectures delivered by foreign scientists, diplomats and art figures, international conferences, exhibitions and meetings.

Olimpiads



[Online competitions for prospective foreign students](#)

Every year Ural Federal University organizes competitions for prospective foreign students. These events are held in such countries as Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. The participants, who have shown good results, have the right to use their scores to enter the university. The prospective students show great interest to the competitions organized by Ural Federal University. In 2015, more than 1 000 students took part in the online-competitions on 10 subjects; more than 500 of them have been enrolled at the university.

Preparatory department for foreign applicants

Preparatory department for Bachelor's programme

UrFU offers various preparatory programmes for international applicants. Among them are intensive courses in Russian as a foreign language and a series of educational courses for those planning to enrol in the main programmes of the university.

In one semester, students with zero knowledge of the Russian language will obtain basic skills in oral communication and correspondence, and learn to read and understand simple texts. If desired, students can complete the one-year programme in one term, pass the final level of Russian language test for foreigners and receive a certificate.

The one-year preparatory course is designed for students planning further education at UrFU in the Russian language. It includes lessons in grammar, oral speech, reading, listening and phonetics, as well as Russian history, culture, literature and mass media. Upon completion of the programme, students take a university or international language certificate exam (Test of Russian as a Foreign Language).

Preparatory department for Master's programme

UrFU offers various preparatory programmes for international applicants. Among them are intensive courses in Russian as a foreign language and a series of educational courses for those planning to enrol in the main programmes of the university.

In one semester, students with zero knowledge of the Russian language will obtain basic skills in oral communication and correspondence, and learn to read and understand simple texts. If desired, students can complete the one-year programme in one term, pass the final level of Russian language test for foreigners and receive a certificate.

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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.

Events

	International Education Fair “Asia EDUEXPOS 2017”	February 23, 2017 Jakarta (Indonesia)	Presentation of UrFU Bachelor, Master and Postgraduate Programs in Russian and English, foundation courses, courses of Russian, international summer and winter schools, scholarship opportunities
	XXII International Education Exhibition Mongolia	March 18 – 19, 2017 Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia)	Meetings with prospective students, presentation of UrFU academic programs and pre-university programs, scholarship opportunities
	International Education Fair “LatinAmerica EDUEXPOS 2017”	April 1 – 2, 2017 Bogota (Colombia)	Presentation of UrFU English-taught Master and postgraduate programs, Russian language and pre-university courses
	XIX International Exhibition «Education and Career - 2018»	April 5 – 7, 2018 Almaty (Kazakhstan)	

Additional information

There is a system of scholarship support for students and young researchers in the university. Every year university awards:

- 20 scholarships for foreign postdoctoral students;
- 50 scholarships for international degree-seeking students;
- 125 scholarships for international exchange students coming to UrFU;
- 125 scholarships for UrFU students participating in semester-long programs at foreign universities.

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