

# Universidade Estatal de Investigação Nacional de Tomsk



Year of foundation: **1878**

Total students: **15 257** / Foreign students: **2 601**

Faculties: **20** / Departments: **145**

Teachers: **1 095**

Professors	Associate Professors	Doctors of Science	Candidates of Science	Foreign teachers
<b>159</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>114</b>

Main educational programmes for foreigners: **216**

Bachelor's programme	Master's programme	Specialist programme	Training of highest qualification personnel
<b>74</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>

Additional educational programs for foreigners: **73**

Pre-university training programmes	Russian as a foreign language	Short programmes	Other programmes
<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>58</b>

Founded in 1878, TSU was the first Russian university in Siberia and the Far East. It is currently one of the largest universities in Russia and holds the status of national research university. TSU has more than 15,000 students and its the academic staff includes over 238 Doctors of Sciences and 563 Candidates of Sciences, including 51 winners of the State Prize of Russia in Science and Technology.

TSU has 20 departments, 135 fields and subjects and 42 research schools. Since 2019, the university has been in the top 300 in the overall QS World University rankings and in the top 20 of the QS World University Rankings: BRICS (fourth among Russian universities). 7 centres of excellence have been created by the university - modern laboratories employing 107 researchers from 12 countries, including Nobel Prize winners Jorez Alferov, Thierry Callagan and Harald zur Hauzen.

## Student successes

### Famous graduates

- Igor Pushkarev** Politician and former senator. Mayor of Vladivostok since 2008.
- Vladimir Mamontov** Noted Russian journalist. President of the editorial board of Izvestya newspaper - one of Russia's top national publications.
- Felix Azhimov** Philosopher and lecturer. Author of over 50 research papers. The youngest Doctor of Sciences (Philosophy) in Russia. Head of the School of Humanities at FEFU.

**Ilya Lagutenko** Noted Russian rock musician and frontman of the band Mummy Troll. Visiting lecturer at FEFU.

## Positions in international ratings

<b>Year</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>2021</b>	THE Emerging Economies Rankings	49
<b>2020</b>	QS World University Rankings	250
<b>2020</b>	THE Most International Universities	103
<b>2020</b>	Webometrics: Country University Ranking	5
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<b>2019</b>	THE Emerging Economies Rankings	49
<b>2019</b>	QS World University Rankings	268
<b>2018</b>	Webometrics: Country University Ranking	6
<b>2018</b>	THE Emerging Economies Rankings	36
<b>2018</b>	QS University Rankings: EECA	13
<b>2018</b>	QS University Rankings: BRICS	19
<b>2018</b>	THE Most International Universities	146
<b>2018</b>	QS World University Rankings	277
<b>2017</b>	QS EECA	11
<b>2017</b>	QS BRICS	26
<b>2017</b>	QS World University Rankings	323
<b>2016</b>	QS World University Rankings	377
<b>2016</b>	QS BRICS	43
<b>2016</b>	QS EECA	20
<b>2016</b>	Webometrics: Country University Ranking	8 / 1351
<b>2016</b>	ARES: Academic Ranking of World Universities-European Standard	18 (A) / 173
<b>2015</b>	QS EECA	33
<b>2015</b>	QS BRICS	44
<b>2014</b>	QS World University Rankings	491-500

## Positions in Russian ratings

<b>Year</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>2019</b>	Interfax: National University Rankings	7
<b>2019</b>	Round University Ranking (RUR)	178
<b>2018</b>	RUR Reputation Rankings	212
<b>2018</b>	Interfax: National University Rankings	7
<b>2018</b>	Round University Ranking (RUR)	240
<b>2017</b>	Round University Ranking (RUR)	256
<b>2016</b>	Round University Ranking (RUR)	327
<b>2016</b>	Expert RA: Russian University Rankings	13
<b>2015</b>	Round University Ranking (RUR)	369
<b>2015</b>	RA Expert	13
<b>2015</b>	National University Rankings (Interfax and Echo of Moscow)	8
<b>2015</b>	Potanin Foundation University Rankings	3

## **International partnership**

One of main priorities of Tomsk State University is development of the international cooperation with the leading international training and research centers.

In 2013, TSU was a coordinator of a large-scale TEMPUS project which gathered ten Russian and international partner higher education institutions. Besides, TSU cooperates with Makarturov Fund, Oxford Russian Fund and others. 17 projects have been organized with such non-profit organization as INTAS and TEMPUS TACIS.

Every year TSU improves its position in different rankings. According to INTERFAX rankings TSU is the only Tomsk higher education institution, which has been included in the top ten universities among the CIS countries, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia and takes the 10th place among Russian higher educational institutions, which have entered the Webometrics universities rankings. Currently more than 170 interuniversity agreements are concluded with TSU. There are number of partners from Europe (Great Britain, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Italy, and Slovenia), Latin America (Brazil), Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore), the Southern Asia (India), East Asia (China, Japan).

The key partners of Tomsk State University are:

- Leiden University, Netherlands
- Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- University of Durham, Great Britain
- Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany
- Ecole Polytechnique, France
- Tokyo Metropolitan University, Japan
- Maastricht University, Netherlands
- Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
- University of Malaya, Malaysia
- Indian Institute of Technologies, Bombay, India

Tomsk State University seeks to expand its networks with international representatives. Since 2015 TSU has become the coordinator of Russian-Indian Association of Universities and Global Universities Association – the Italian Universities. Since 2006, the University is in the European Association of Universities (EUA); is a member of the European Network of Continuous Education (EUCEN), and network of National Ecological Observatories (NEON, the USA).

Since 2013 Professor Terrence Vincent Callaghan, head of TSU International Academic Council, takes active participation in promoting TSU at the international level. Prof. Callaghan is an expert of the United Nations in global climate changes, and possesses the special certificate of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for an outstanding contribution in receiving IPCC Nobel Peace Prize. In 2016, Trans-Siberian Scientific Way global research center was founded by virtue of SecNET international network and personal support of prof. Callaghan. This center deals with comprehensive understanding of changes of the environment in Siberia, and consequences of these changes on a global scale. Not only Russian scientists but also representatives Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, and the Czech Republic scientific centers are involved in the project.

In 2008 Confucius's Institute was opened with the assistance of Shenyang Ligong University. In 2016, TSU Confucius Institute became the best Confucius Institute in Russia. In addition, in 2010 the analogue of Confucius Institute – the Center for Russian Studies named after A. S. Pushkin was opened in Shenyang Ligong University. The development of the Center would not be possible without help from TSU.

TSU offers double degree programmes for both bachelor's and master's students. Double degree

programmes are implemented together with Maastricht University (Netherlands), Lille University-1 – Sciences and Technologies (France), Free University of Brussels (Belgium), University of Coimbra (Portugal), Kyrgyz National University of Zh. Balasagyn and Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan), the L.N.Gumilyov Eurasian National University (Kazakhstan). Together with French, Spanish and German universities TSU is offering PhD programmes.

There are also exchange programmes for students within the Erasmus+ programme at TSU. Poland, Bulgaria, Sweden, Great Britain, Germany, Finland are partner countries.

Carrying out summer and winter schools became tradition for Tomsk State University.

The key arrangements:

- the international winter school of intensive training of Russian for students from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore;
- the international winter school of intensive training in Russian for students from University of Leeds, Great Britain;
- the IV International summer scientific and educational school "Environmental conditions and Habitats of Person in Arctic and Alpine Regions" for students from University of Sun Yat-sen, China.

## **Preparatory department for foreign applicants**

### **Other types of training**

The preparatory faculty of Tomsk State University is designed for students willing to study Bachelor's, Specialist or Master's degree in Russian language. Prospective students can apply for a scholarship (a quota of the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation) or on a contractual basis (tuition fee). TSU organizes standard one-year preparatory courses starting in September and in October.

Besides Russian language training, preparatory faculty has additional courses which can be chosen by students depending on study profile: humanities (History of Russia, Journalism), natural sciences (Biology, Chemistry), technical science (Mathematics, Information Technology).

At the end of the course students must take Russian language test. Students who pass the test successfully receive certificates proving their level of proficiency (B1 level). In addition, students who plan to enter Bachelor's degree shall take exams depending on their chosen study profile. Those exams are going to be considered as entrance examinations for the programmes. For students, who intend to continue Master's degree, subject courses are not obligatory.

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## **Preparatory Faculty for Russian and the CIS applicants**

The Russian applicants, and also citizens of the CIS, who are interested in studying Russian language in TSU, can have training tests for university entrance or the USE (Unified State Examination). Such courses will help applicants to improve their results of entrance examinations and school contests; and will allow to get acquainted with university educational system. These courses also develop various skills such as group work and leadership.

The training takes from two to eight weeks. There is one lesson per week, calculated for 4 academic hours. Also, in-depth individual courses (3 academic hours per week) are implemented for 10 and 11 grade students. Lessons are held in the afternoon so that there are no coincidences with other responsibilities: from 16:35 to 20:00 or from 18:10 to 21:20. Classes can be held on Sundays. Students who have mastered the entire educational programme receive TSU certificates.

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## **Support of foreign students**

### **Employees from the international students office:**

- Meet students at the airport or train station upon arrival;
- Help with accommodation, registration with the migration service and arranging a health insurance policy;
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TSU has the TSU Online volunteer initiative and supervisory institute. Volunteers and supervisors from among the university's employees and students help international students adapt to living and studying in Russia, and organise sporting and cultural events.

## **Everyday life of foreign students**

The TSU dormitories are located in the comfortable 17-storey Parus complex within walking distance of educational buildings. Students are accommodated in double rooms (with a shared bathroom and toilet). Kitchens with electric hot plates and refrigerators are equipped separately. On each floor there is a business area, including dance rooms, a ballet classroom, conference room, cinema, a music room and exhibition space.

In addition, the dormitory has a laundry (washing machines, drying room), a gym and classrooms.

## **Leisure and sport events**

### **TSU regularly holds events that facilitate the integration of international students into the single university community:**

- Days of foreign culture;
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- Mr and Miss TSU;
- All-Russian online festival dedicated to the Victory in the Great Patriotic War (for those learning Russian as a foreign language);
- Ethnoforum, National Cuisine, Lingvofestival, etc. ;
- Themed meetings at the Confucius Institute.

Various clubs have been established at TSU, including clubs for athletics and dance (Twist, Zerkalo, Zhemchuzhina), hockey and chess, mountain tourism and Alpclub, etc.

TSU also holds its own Olympics. Top athletes also have the opportunity to learn to scuba dive.

In addition, students play an active role in numerous student associations: Allied Union of Students, the Russian-German Youth Association Jugendblick, the TSU Park of Sociohumanitarian Technologies, Primary Trade Union Organisation of TSU Students, the Institute of Supervisors, Enactus TSU team, volunteer clubs Initiative and Univol, TSU-Online.

## **Employment of foreign graduates**

For employment of foreign graduates, TSU cooperates with many international companies, including Daimler-Benz AG, Schlumberger, PwC, KPMG, EY, Deloitte. The coordination of interaction between students and employers is a sphere of responsibility of the TSU Centre of Graduate Affairs, and the Department of Internships and Employment.

## **Events**

<b>Russian Education Fair 2019</b>	<b>14 - 16 March, 2019</b> Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia)
<b>International Fair "Education the 21st Century"</b>	<b>20 - 22 March, 2019</b> Yerevan (Armenia)
<b>XX Kazakhstan International Exhibition "Education and Career"</b>	<b>4 - 6 April, 2019</b> Almaty (Kazakhstan)
<b>Bilim Alemi II International Education Fair</b>	<b>11 - 13 April, 2019</b> Shymkent (Kazakhstan)
<b>8th international fair "Russian Education: Dushanbe 2019"</b>	<b>11 - 13 April, 2019</b> Dushanbe (Tajikistan)
<b>International Fair for School Leavers</b>	<b>15 - 21 April, 2019</b> Osh (Kyrgyzstan)
<b>International Fair for School Leavers and University Graduates</b>	<b>22 - 28 April, 2019</b> Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan)

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