

# Universidade Federal dos Urais do primeiro Presidente da Rússia B. N. Yeltsin



Year of foundation: **1920**



Total students: **34 794** / Foreign students: **3 114**



Faculties: **14** / Departments: **193**



Teachers: **2 993**

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

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

Pre-university training programmes <b>5</b>	Russian as a foreign language <b>8</b>	Short programmes <b>17</b>
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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 Ekaterinburg – a modern and dynamic city, fourth largest in Russia in terms of population.

The community of UrFU graduates accounts to more than 360,000 people. Over 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 21 leading Russian universities.

Currently the university is home to more than 35,000 students from 80 countries and more than 3,000 faculty members, including the top-notch global experts in the spheres of natural sciences, engineering and social sciences. Our 13 Institutes offer more than 450 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 interdisciplinary excellence 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 the opportunity to attend lectures given by renowned speakers: during the last year open lectures were delivered by Nobel prize winner and the world's leading expert in climate change Professor Jean Jouzel, German Minister for Foreign Affairs Professor Frank-Walter Steinmeier and many others). The university supports its students in gaining international experience: all degree students can take part in a semester or year-long exchange program with 109 partner institutions from 34 countries of the world.

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 centres.

Ekaterinburg 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, holiday 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**

### **Famous graduates**

**Igor Pushkarev**

Politician and former senator. Mayor of Vladivostok since 2008.

<b>Vladimir Mamontov</b>	Noted Russian journalist. President of the editorial board of Izvestiya newspaper – one of Russia's top national publications.
<b>Felix Azhimov</b>	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.
<b>Ilya Lagutenko</b>	Noted Russian rock musician and frontman of the band Mummy Troll. Visiting lecturer at FEFU.

## Positions in international ratings

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
<b>2018</b>	Times Higher Education BRICS and Emerging Economies	201-250
<b>2018</b>	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Social Sciences and Management	451-500
<b>2018</b>	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Natural Sciences	451-500
<b>2018</b>	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Physics and Astronomy	401-450
<b>2018</b>	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Arts and Humanities	401-450
<b>2018</b>	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Mechanical Engineering	351-400
<b>2018</b>	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Mathematics	251-300
<b>2018</b>	QS University Rankings: Eastern Europe and Central Asia	48
<b>2018</b>	QS World University Rankings	491-500
<b>2018</b>	QS University Rankings: BRICS	63
<b>2016</b>	QS University Rankings: BRICS	78
<b>2016</b>	QS World University Rankings	601-650
<b>2016</b>	QS University Rankings: Eastern Europe and Central Asia	54
<b>2016</b>	QS WU Rankings by Subject: Mathematics	251-300

YEAR	RATING	POSITION
2016	Times Higher Education World University Rankings	801+
2016	Times Higher Education BRICS and Emerging Economies	201-250
2015	QS University Rankings: BRICS	77
2014	QS World University Rankings	551-600
2014	QS: Emerging Europe and Central Asia	51-60

### Positions in Russian ratings

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

### 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**



**Russian Educational Fair 2019**

**14 – 16 March, 2019**  
Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia)



**Educational Exhibition**

**25 – 30 March, 2019**  
Beirut (Lebanon)



**8th International Exhibition-Fair «Russian Education»** **11 – 13 April, 2019**  
Dushanbe (Tajikistan)

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