

St Petersburg University

About the University

Founded in 1724 by Peter the Great, St Petersburg University became the first university in Russia. Today, the University is an internationally recognized center for education and research rated among the world's top universities in global university rankings:

- Times Higher Education World Reputation Rankings
- Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings
- Academic Ranking of World Universities
- Ranking Web of Universities, Ranking Web of Repositories — Webometrics
- Nature Index

The Master in Management program is ranked 23rd in the Financial Times Global Masters in Management 2018. St Petersburg University is ranked 52th in the Financial Times European Business School Ranking — 2018.

St Petersburg University is one of the two Russian universities enjoying a special status. It has been granted a privilege to set its own educational standards and award its own diplomas in Russian and English. Moreover, the University is entitled to conduct thesis defense for the academic degrees of Candidate of Sciences and Doctor of Sciences on its own terms and to award its own academic degrees of Candidate of Sciences and Doctor of Sciences.

About the Representative Office

In 2018, St Petersburg University opened an office at TOBB – University of Economics and Technology in Ankara. Its mission is to facilitate:

- joint research projects;
- conferences and expert round tables with the participation of Turkish students and academicians;
- promotion of the Russian language, Russian history and culture in Turkey, and of the Turkish language, and Turkish history and culture in Russia;
- regular Russian-Turkish video conferences for students and faculty;
- summer schools;
- open lectures by renowned scholars and cultural figures from Russia;
- the promotion of St Petersburg University academic programs, research projects and cultural events to Turkish audiences;
- coordination of cooperation between St Petersburg University and its partner universities in Turkey.

The project “St Petersburg University in TOBB – University of Economics and Technology” is designed to facilitate cooperation of St Petersburg University with all educational and research centers in the Turkey.

[St Petersburg University website](#)

Education

At present, over 400 main and over 800 additional academic programs are implemented at St Petersburg University.

[Education at St Petersburg University](#)

St Petersburg University education benefits:

- interdisciplinary academic programs
- individualized curriculum opportunity
- unrivalled research park with the opportunity to conduct your own research
- close cooperation with employers
- participation in international academic mobility and partnership programs
- Russian language courses
- financial support programs for international students grants covering tuition fee in full
- St Petersburg University International Students' Club (concerts, sporting events)
- up-to-date halls of residence
- online application opportunity

The University life is diverse and eventful. Throughout the year, St Petersburg University organizes many guest lectures delivered by statespersons and leading experts from all over the world, including Nobel Prize winners. Our students have a wide range of entrepreneur opportunities: the SPbU Start-Up Competition of science-intensive business projects makes it possible to be awarded a grant and develop a project of your own. Besides, being a student of St Petersburg University is a great chance to live in the cultural capital of Russia. For several years in a row, St Petersburg has been a winner of the prestigious World Travel Awards as one of the best cities in Europe.

The requirements to training quality and to the format and content of academic programs are set by the University's own educational standards. To increase the quality of the academic process and learning outcomes, the content of the programs is renewed on an annual basis.

A degree from St Petersburg University is recognized by employers worldwide, thus enabling the graduates to pursue their careers at major Russian and international companies. Among 400 leading universities of the world, St Petersburg University is ranked 20th in the QS Graduate Employability Ranking of Universities 2017 by graduate employment rate and partnerships with employers, leaving all other Russian universities behind.

St Petersburg University alumni clubs work in 15 countries of Europe, Asia, North America and Australia.

[If you are planning to study at St. Petersburg University](#)

Undergraduate

A broad range of bachelor's and specialist's degree programs are implemented at St Petersburg University. Most of the courses are taught in Russian with some of the courses delivered in English.

Especially for international students several programs have been created. These are: Russian Studies, Painting, and English Language and Literature. There is also the International Management program, with courses taught in English.

Bachelor's degree programs **Specialist's degree programs**

Graduate

Quite a variety of master's degree programs are implemented at St Petersburg University, too, with most of the courses being taught in Russian with some of the courses delivered in English.

Several of our programs are taught entirely or partly in foreign language (English, German, French and others).

[Master's degree programs](#) [Master's programs taught in foreign languages](#)

Doctoral

Doctoral studies at St Petersburg University (called an 'aspirantura program') is a three- or four-year program for training research and teaching staff. Upon completion of studies the graduates may defend their theses submitted for the academic degree of the Candidate of Sciences of St Petersburg University.

A broad range of doctoral programs are implemented at St Petersburg University.

[Doctoral programs](#)

Clinical residency

A clinical residency program is a two-year program for training specialists in medicine. The graduates are awarded the qualification of a medical doctor in their chosen specialty and can pursue a career in medicine.

A broad range of clinical residency programs are implemented at St Petersburg University. One can find the main areas of modern medicine among them: obstetrics and gynaecology; cardiology; oncology; surgery; ophthalmology; psychiatry; and so on.

Clinical residency programs

Russian Language Courses

Every year about 1,500 students from over 65 countries enroll in the additional educational program Russian as a Foreign Language at St Petersburg University – one of the leading centers of teaching Russian as a foreign language to international students. Educational programs run by the Center of Additional Educational Programmes Russian as a Foreign Language.

The following programs are implemented:

- Russian as a Foreign Language. General Course
- Russian as a Foreign Language. Short-Term Course
- Summer School of Russian as a Foreign Language

Programs have a modular structure, which enables international students enroll all year round.

Russian Language Courses The booklet

Preparatory Courses (for Foreign Citizens)

Those international students who do not speak Russian at all or whose level of Russian is insufficient can enroll in our preparatory courses. The experienced academic staff will help those looking to study at a higher education institution to learn Russian and special academic disciplines.

Preparatory courses are offered in the following areas:

- natural sciences (mathematics, physics, chemistry);
- engineering sciences / technology (mathematics, physics and informatics);
- humanities (social science, history and literature);
- economics (social science, history and mathematics);
- medicine and biology (chemistry, biology and physics).

The benefits:

- personal acquaintance with the educational process and student life of St Petersburg University;
- expert instructors being members of the University academic staff;
- immersion experience for effective language proficiency; getting acquainted with the Russian culture and traditions;
- interactive classes including visiting museums and walking in parks; real-life application of knowledge.

Instruction is organized in small groups, this meaning an individual approach to each student.

[Preparatory courses \(for international applicants\)](#)

Student exchange programs

Our academic mobility programs are intended for the students of partner universities who are planning to study at St Petersburg University for 1 or 2 semesters.

These programs are available for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students. They can choose any subjects within one field of study (the average workload is 30 ECTS credits per one semester which is roughly equal to 20 academic hours per week). SEP students can also take a free course of Russian taught throughout the entire period of study.

Upon completion of studies the students are issued a Transcript of Records containing all the courses they have completed, their workload and grades specified.

[Academic mobility](#)

Admission

Choose the majors and specialties you are interested in and study the Regulations for Admission at the University website ([Hyperlink](#)). You can submit documents to take part in a competition for either government-funded or contractual places. Successful enrolment in government-funded places entitles the student to study at St Petersburg University free of charge, be accommodated at the University halls of residence on favorable terms and be paid a monthly state academic scholarship.

[Admission to St Petersburg University](#)

Science and Research

Research has always been the University's top priority.

A wide range of applied research projects, increasing participation of international scholars working in the University's laboratories, joint projects with international research teams — all this proves the success of our development strategy. The results of research conducted by St Petersburg University scholars are published in high-impact international journals.

Priority research areas:

- nanotechnology and materials science
- biomedicine and human health
- information systems and technology
- ecology and nature management
- social research and technologies
- human resource management and technologies

[Research at St Petersburg University](#)

Research Park

The University Research Park is a free access research environment — anyone showing interest can use its facilities regardless of the University affiliation provided that common regulations are observed.

Resource centres:

Priority research area: Biomedicine and human health

- Centre for Culture Collection of Microorganisms
- Centre for Molecular and Cell Technologies
- Biobank Centre
- Centre for Diagnostics of Functional Materials for Medicine, Pharmacology and Nanoelectronics
- Chromas Core Facility
- Resource educational center of high medical technologies "The center of medical accreditations"

Priority research area: Information systems and technology

- St. Petersburg University Computing Centre
- Center for Sociological and Internet Research

Priority research area: Nanotechnology and materials science

- Centre for Innovative Technologies of Composite Nanomaterials
- Centre for Magnetic Resonance
- Interdisciplinary Resource Centre for Nanotechnology
- Chemical Analysis and Materials Research Centre
- Nanophotonics Centre
- Centre for Neutron Physics and Neutron Research
- Physics Educational Centre

- Centre for Optical and Laser Materials Research
- Centre for X-ray Diffraction Studies
- Centre for Thermogravimetric Analysis and Calorimetry
- Centre for Physical Methods of Surface Investigation
- Centre for Applied Aerodynamics
- Centre for Microscopy and Microanalysis
- Chemistry Educational Centre
- Centre for Extreme States of Materials and Constructions

Priority research area: Ecology and nature management

- Centre for Geo-Environmental Research and Modelling (GEOMODEL)
- Centre for Space and Geoinformation Technologies
- Environmental Safety Observatory

[Research Park](#)

PURE, an online research management system

St Petersburg University actively uses various electronic resources in its research activity, the PURE (PUBLICATION & RESEARCH) system being one of them. It is a centralized research management system demonstrating the University scholars' scientific achievements.

PURE grants access to a single source of all data related to the University research activities: it unites publications, research projects, reports, collaborations, grants and information on the scientists. Due to integration of internal and external data sources a full-fledged process of monitoring and reasoned decision-making is supported.

PURE functions:

- storage and import of structured information on the University scientists and their work;
- search for potential experts and partners;
- factual data reports;
- analysis of the work of departments and individual researchers;
- demonstration of scientific achievements.

[PURE portal](#)

Expert Advice

Center of Expert Advice

The center provides expert evaluation services for individuals and legal entities, including government bodies. Expert evaluation is conducted by St Petersburg University specialists and covers a wide range of issues from all fields of study and research areas.

[The Center for Expert Advice](#)

Language Testing Center

St Petersburg University Language Testing Center is one of the four leading language testing centers in Russia and one of the oldest educational institutions created to organize and hold the Test of Russian as a Foreign Language (TORFL).

Types of tests:

- Test of Russian as a Foreign Language (TORFL);
- Integration exam in Russian as a foreign language, Russian history and fundamentals of legislation of the Russian Federation;
- Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK);
- Cambridge English exams;
- Hebrew Proficiency Test (YAEL);
- ECL — language tests organized by the European Consortium for the Certificate of Attainment in Modern Languages.

[Language Testing Center](#)