

## INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF KAZAN FEDERAL UNIVERSITY 2014

As one of the leading Russian Universities, Kazan Federal University emphasizes dynamic inclusion into global academic and research domain. KFU views international cooperation and internationalization as essential development vectors.

A meaningful success indicator in this area is KFU's position in **international university rankings**. In 2014-2015 KFU has taken the following positions in QS World University Rankings:

- QS World University Rankings – 551 – 600 (the position has improved by 50 points comparing with the last year figures)
- QS University Rankings: BRICS – 69 (increased by 10 points).



KFU's success in QS ranking was complemented with the award of **THREE STARS (QS-Stars)** following the audit of research and educational activities by Quacquarelli Symonds Limited (UK). KFU is now the 12<sup>th</sup> among CIS universities.

KFU has **partner relations with 190 universities**, research and educational centers and companies from **53 countries**. Agreements with 58 organizations were concluded in 2014. Among KFU's partner-universities, **20** enter the TOP 300 ranking by Times Higher Education and QS in 2014-2015: Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne (Switzerland), KU Leuven (Belgium), Aarhus University (Denmark), University of Helsinki (Finland), PennState University (USA), University of Bologna (Italy), University of Tübingen and a number of others.



KFU has strong partnerships with **large international companies:** British Petroleum (BP), Schlumberger, Hewlett-Packard, Embarcadero Technologies, Samsung, Fujitsu, Cisco and others in realization of scholarship programs for KFU graduate, post-graduate students and faculty, organization of internships and practical placement for students, and establishment of joint educational centers and laboratories at KFU focused on the company orders. In 2014 KFU launched a new CISCO Innovation Center (USA), with the aim to implement innovative and applied developments in-demand by Russian and international markets and to develop import-substituting technologies and services with participation of University staff and students and representatives of Tatarstan real economy sector.

KFU is an active participant of **7 international organizations**, including EURAS, Association of University Administrators, Eastern European University Association (EEUA) and others. In 2014 KFU received the full member status of IREG Observatory on Academic Ranking and Excellence.

In 2014/2015 academic year **the number of international students** has reached **2106**, including **1702** on major academic programs (bachelor students – 1063, master students – 203, specialists – 335, doctoral students – 101). The majority of international students come from CIS countries, China, Turkey, Kirgizstan, Iraq and Iran.



In 2014, **10** new cooperation agreements with recruiting companies were signed. The total number of agreements with recruiting companies and individuals reached 29, resulted in **198** international students recruited. KFU representatives participated in **18** international educational fairs (including **10** in non-CIS countries and **8** in CIS countries) and assisted Rossotrudnichestvo in carrying out entrance examinations in CIS countries (as a result, 111 students were enrolled in KFU on the state-funded basis and 392 – on tuition-paid basis). Under the *KFU's Grant Program for graduate and doctoral studies in priority areas* announced in 2014, 70 master's and specialist degree students as well as 46 post-graduate (doctoral) students were enrolled. The outcome of KFU recruiting activities in 2014/2015 reflected the admission of 1323 international students, including 394 in priority areas.

Currently, KFU is implementing 7 joint academic programs and double degree programs in physics, chemistry, economics and computer science as well as three academic programs in English.

In 2014, KFU invited 121 international scholars from 37 countries (64 of them (53%) represent European universities) with a purpose to foster education and research. KFU staff was engaged in implementation of 47 research and educational projects with international partners, 19 of which received funding in the reported year. The grant-making organizations include the European Commission, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), German Research Foundation (DFG), UNESCO foundation, American Research Foundation, Russian Scientific Foundation, Russian Foundation for Basic Research, Intel Corporation, British Petroleum and partner universities.



In the reviewed period, KFU opened 13 research and educational centers jointly with international partners, including Czech Centre (in cooperation with the South Moravian Centre for International Mobility), Russian-Japanese research laboratory of biofunctional chemistry (in collaboration with RIKEN Research Institute, Japan), an international research laboratory "Innovative technologies in multicultural education" (jointly with the University of Greifswald, Germany ) and others.

In 2014, KFU staff took part in **390 international research events** (symposiums, conferences and seminars) held abroad, with a total of 510 plenary and poster presentations. At the same time, KFU hosted 90 international scientific events which were attended by more than 1400 participants from CIS and non-CIS countries.





A key factor of international cooperation at Kazan Federal University is development of **academic mobility for staff and students**. In 2014, 581 students of all academic levels joined exchange programs: among them, 272 and 309 students participated in incoming and outgoing mobility respectively. The most intensive student exchange emerges with universities of Germany, China and South Korea. In the reviewed period, 840 staff members of Kazan Federal University participated in international research internship programs, lecturing, doctoral thesis presentation, joint research and other activities. The main destinations of international visits are Germany (137 pers.), Turkey (66 pers.), United States (55 pers.), Kazakhstan (46 pers.), China (40 pers.) and France (38 pers.).



During the reported period, KFU was visited by over 100 international delegations, including the ones headed by the Permanent Representative of International Monetary Fund in the Russian Federation; Ambassadors and representatives of the diplomatic corps of African countries (Benin, Mali, Mauritius, Chad, South Africa, etc.), Ambassadors of the Arab League; and also university delegations from Greece, Malaysia, Thailand, Israel, the US, China, Germany, Turkey, Japan and others.

In 2014, the official international visits of KFU delegations headed by the rector Ilshat Gafurov included the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Germany, Czech Republic and the Republic of Cuba as part of the official delegation of the Republic of Tatarstan.

In 2014, the title of Kazan Federal University Honorary Doctor was awarded to the following highly-rated scholars:

- Henri Alloul – professor of Polytechnic School (France), head of research group at CNRS;
- Marat Yusupov – professor of Strasbourg University (France), director of Research Centre at Strasbourg University;
- Ichak Adizes – founder and director of Adizes Institute, global leading expert in management.