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*The strategic objective of Kazan Federal University is to enhance its prestige, raise academic and R&D reputation, and achieve a high international level of both its academic programs and global leadership in the priority research areas to enter the world Top-100 universities.*

## KFU IN RANKINGS

An important measure of KFU success is its place in international university rankings. According to the **QS World University Rankings 2018**, Kazan University occupies the following positions:



QS World University Rankings – 441-450

QS (BRICS countries) – 59

QS (Emerging Europe and Central Asia) – 46

QS subject rankings: *Education* – 101-125; *Linguistics* – 151-200; *Modern Languages* – 201-250; *Art and Humanities* – 322; *Mathematics* – 301-350; *Social Sciences and Management* – 384; *Chemistry* – 401-450.

Positions of KFU in the **Times Higher Education World University Rankings** in 2018 are as follows:



THE World University Rankings – 401-500

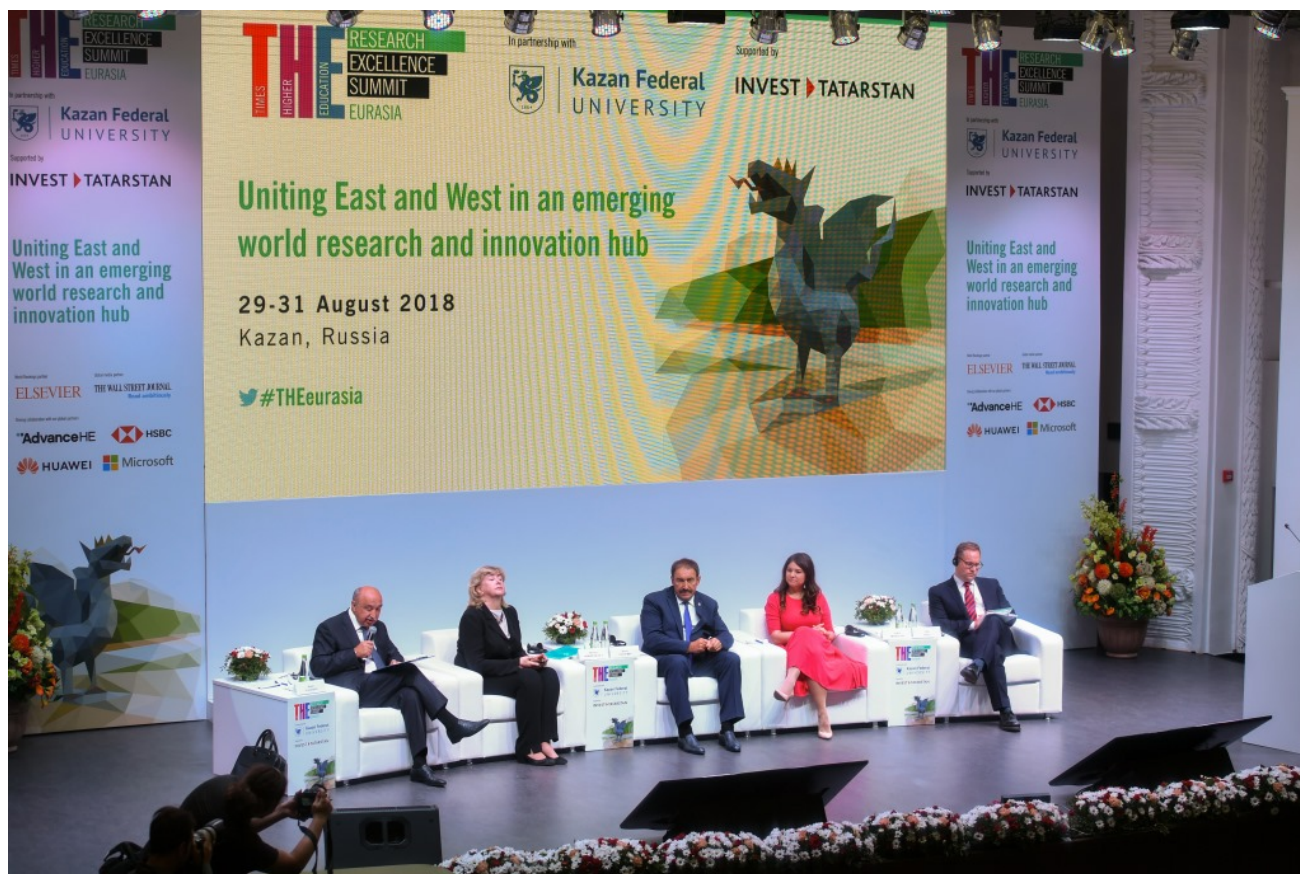
THE (Emerging Europe and BRICS countries) – 60

THE subject rankings: *Business and Economics* – 176-200; *Education, Social Sciences, Art and Humanities* – 201-250; *Physics and Astronomy* – 301 – 400; *Life Sciences* – 401 – 500.

*THE Research Excellence Summit: Eurasia* was held on August 29-31, 2018 in Kazan Federal University within the framework of cooperation with the **Times Higher Education**. Management representatives of more than 90 leading universities from Eurasian region, Europe, North America and Asia (more than 250 participants from 20 countries) took part in this event. During the summit the THE's Eurasia ranking was announced, having revealed top institutions across 16 Eurasia nations: Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Also, in 2018 KFU was ranked 788 in the world prestigious ranking **U.S. News Best Global Universities** having improved its result by 165 positions comparing to the last year. It has also moved

up in the subject rankings on *Physics* – 552, and *Chemistry* – 507. At the same time KFU has entered the world **TOP 150** universities in the *Space Sciences* subject area (133) for the first time.

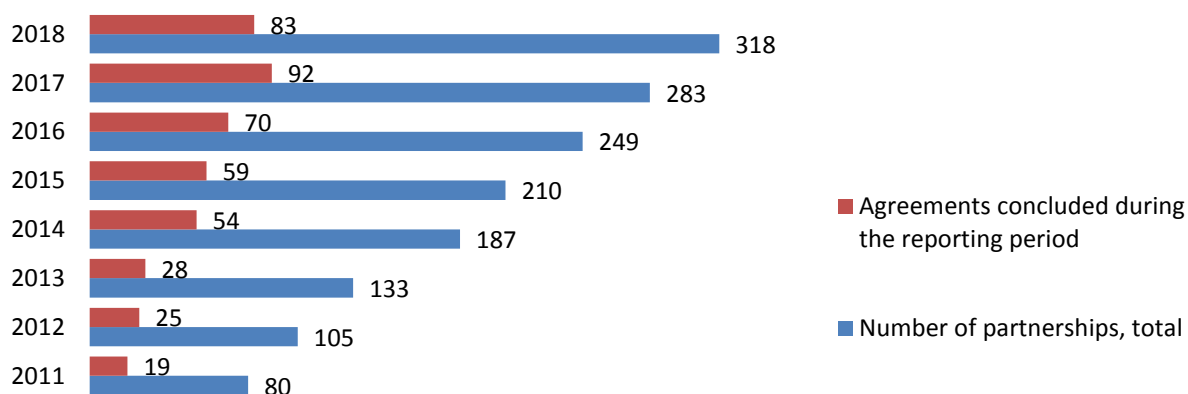


## COOPERATION DEVELOPMENT

**Development of strategic partnership and networking** with world's leading research, educational and innovative organizations is one of the key objectives of KFU. At the moment KFU is cooperating with **318** partner universities, research and academic centres, and companies from **60** countries; **83** agreements were signed in 2018, including agreements with Imperial College London and London School of Economics and Political Science (UK), University of Szeged (Hungary), Beijing Union University and Sichuan University (China), Cesar Vallejo University (Peru), Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Japan), and others.



*Signing of the Cooperation Agreement between KFU and London School of Economics and Political Science (UK), December 12, 2018.*

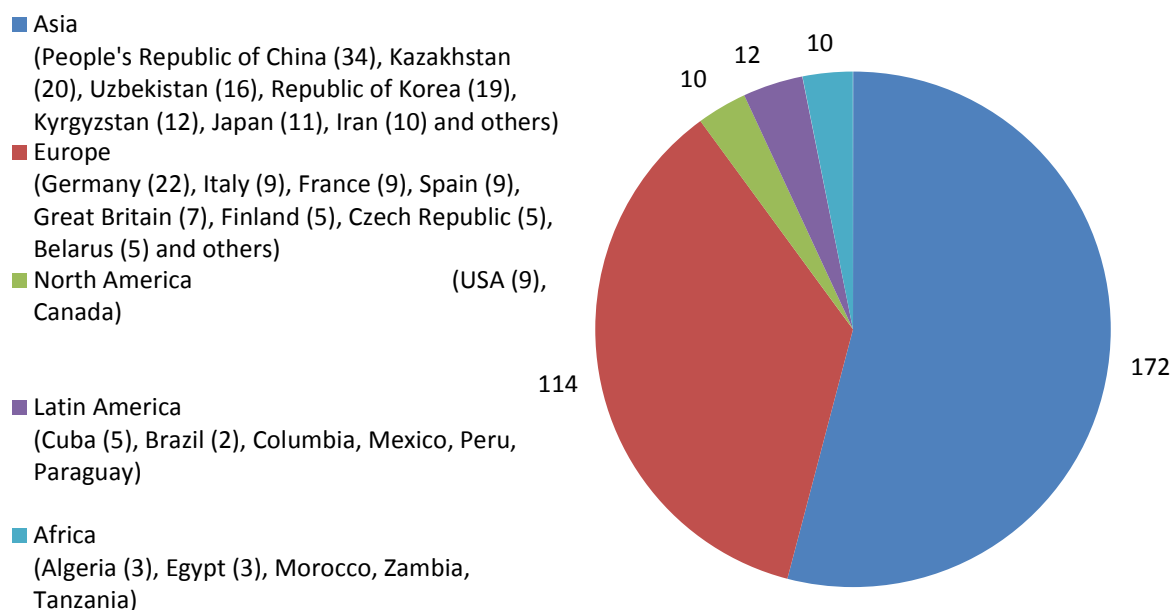


*Cooperation with international partners, 2011-2018.*

**28** partner universities of KFU were ranked Top 300 in the *Times Higher Education* and *QS World University Rankings* in 2018, among them: University of Nottingham (UK), Trinity College (Ireland), Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich (Germany), Free University of Berlin (Germany),



the University of Helsinki (Finland), University of Bologna (Italy), University of Tübingen (Germany) and others.



*KFU's international partners 2018, by regions (countries)*

In 2018, the cooperation between Kazan Federal University and Japanese academic centers continued. As part of the received grant by the **KFU-RIKEN-Kanazawa University** tandem, an active student exchange has begun under the “Training Program for Japan-Russia Innovative Leaders of Tomorrow” (<http://rutenkai.w3.kanazawa-u.ac.jp/en/topics/topics-1479/>) of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology of Japan. 77 students of Kanazawa University and 16 students of KFU participated in the program. Within the project, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Tatarstan Clinical Oncology Center, Kanazawa University and KFU was signed in January 2018 to train the new generation doctors.



*Signing Ceremony of the Cooperation Agreement with the Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, October 9, 2018, Japan.*

Within the reporting period, Latin America was still considered a promising region for international academic cooperation in the KFU priority area of oil recovery, oil refinery and petrochemistry.

Memorandums of Cooperation with Cesar Vallejo University (Peru) and Benito Juárez Autonomous University of Oaxaca (Mexico) were signed on January 30, 2018. Due to active promotion of the KFU brand in Latin American countries there has been an increase in the number of international students from this region: within the reporting period there have been 116 students from Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico and Ecuador studying in KFU (to compare. 46 students in 2017). Moreover, Kazan Federal University and Cuban computer and telecommunication company TECNOMATICA (a subdivision of the Cuba oil union CUPET) signed a contract on TECNOMATICA personnel advanced training in November 2018. Under the contract, 200 staff members of the company (including administration) will complete ten various advanced training programs in KFU.



*Amilcar Fierro Ruiz de Ugarrio, General Director of the Research Center of the Cuba Oil Union (CUPET), and Norma Rodriguez Martinez, senior researcher of the Center, visiting the Institute of Geology and Petroleum Technologies of KFU, September 2018.*

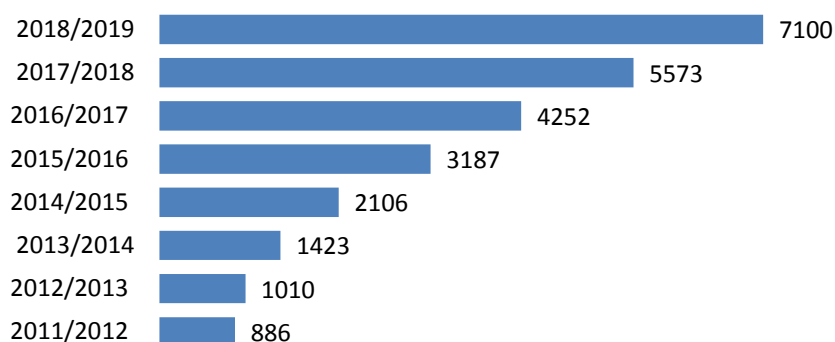
Kazan Federal University is a member of **28** international academic associations, with 4 of them entered in 2018, namely:

- Silk Road Hi-tech Park Alliance (SRSPA);
- Baltic Management Development Association, Lithuania;
- European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD);
- PEMANDU Associates.



## ACADEMIC EXPORT

In 2018/2019 academic year, the **number of international students** in KFU exceeded **7100** students from 80 countries, including 5845 students taking Bachelor (4490 students), Master (555 students) and Specialist (638 students) degree programs, as well as 162 Ph.D. students undergoing postgraduate studies.



*International student number at KFU (all programs and forms of education)*

Historically, Kazan has always been the hub for the Turkic-speaking world. Thus, there has been a steady annual growth in the number of students from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan (**5144 students** in 2018, which gives **72%** of the total number of international students).

In 2018, KFU took part in **11** international educational exhibitions and promotion tours, including:

- APAIE exhibition (within Project 5-100), March 25-29, Singapore;
- XVIII Kazakhstan International Exhibition “Education and career – 2018”, April 5-7, Almaty, Kazakhstan;
- VII International Fair “Russian Education 2019”, April 11-13, Dushanbe and other cities of Tajikistan;
- XV International Exhibition “Education and profession 2018”, April 20-27, Tashkent, Fergana, Samarkand, Bukhara, Uzbekistan;
- EAIE Exhibition (within Project 5-100), September 11-14, Geneva, Switzerland;
- International Educational Exhibition “Korea Study Abroad Fair”, September 15-16, Seoul, South Korea;
- International Educational Exhibition “Begin Edu Fair”, November 15-18, New Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai, India.



Under 64 agreements concluded with recruiting agencies, the majority of which operate in the Asian and Middle Eastern countries, 238 students have been recruited to study at KFU on priority areas' profiles within the reporting period.



*KFU's delegation at the International Educational Exhibition Korea Study Abroad Fair, September 15-16, 2018, Seoul (South Korea).*



*KFU's delegation at the APAIE annual conference and exhibition, March 25-29, 2018, Singapore*



*KFU's representatives at the 30th Annual EAIE Conference, September 11-14, 2018.*

“**School Force**” program of the KFU International Office is still an actively developed initiative for recruiting prospective international students via cooperation with foreign secondary schools. In 2018 the geographical scope of the program was expanded and now includes Iran, South Korea, India, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan.

One of the new directions of the “**School force**” program is the participation of KFU in the “**Ambassadors of the Russian language in the world**” program. In 2017, KFU was granted the status of the home university of this program following the win of the grant of the Ministry of Education and

Science of the Russian Federation for the student associations' support. In 2018, within the “**Ambassadors of the Russian language in the world**” program, some KFU teaching staff visited the Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Islamic Republic of Iran. According to the results of 2018, the number of international schoolchildren participated in “The School Force” program exceeded **5100**.



*KFU opened its Tashkent office at the National University of Uzbekistan on September 28, 2018. The goal is recruitment and state-regulated appointment of best prospective students of Uzbekistan to study at any KFU program and mode of education.*

Within the reporting period, **2** KFU Interregional subject Olympiads (preliminary round) with **673** participants were held in cooperation with the GAUDEAMUS International Educational holding company (Kazakhstan) and Mirzo Ulugbek National University of Uzbekistan (Uzbekistan).



*KFU students participating in the “Ambassadors of the Russian language in the world” program in Kazakhstan, December 2018.*

In 2018, Kazan Federal University continued developing and implementing **joint (network) academic programs and double degree programs** in cooperation with the leading international universities and scientific organisations. The majority of joint or double degree programs are offered for majors in natural and technical sciences: physics, chemistry, biology, geology, and others, which is

connected with the high international reputation of Kazan University's schools of natural sciences and long-term scientific ties with foreign partners.

Thus, **12** joint or double degree programs (awarding the degrees of both KFU and a foreign partner university) are currently implemented in KFU. Altogether, **199** students and postgraduates, including **27** international ones, took joint degree programs in KFU in 2018. Within the reporting period, **34** Russian and international graduates obtained diplomas of KFU and partner universities.

In 2018, KFU continued its participation in the creation of the *international networking educational online university* “**Connection of cultures**” together with the leading German, Austrian and other European universities. Aiming at uniting educational spaces of partner-universities, the project was officially launched in Berlin on October 11, 2018. Kazan Federal University, the Higher School of Economics and the University of Tyumen took part in this project on behalf of the Russian Federation.



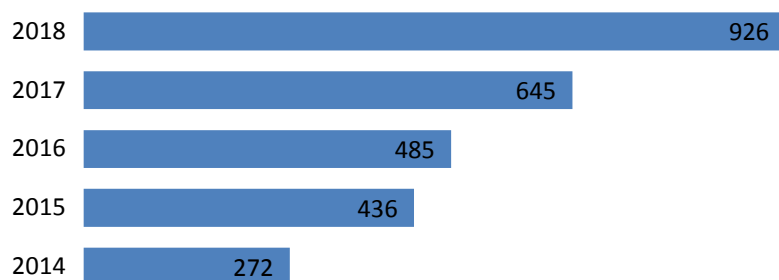
*Master's degree defense by students of the double degree program at the Institute of Geology and Petroleum Technologies, June 2018.*

*KFU staff participating in the official opening of the online university “Connection of cultures”, October 11, 2018, Berlin (Germany).*



In 2018, **926** international students followed KFU **short-term academic programs** (excluding those taking major academic programs). Among them, **281** students have come from the world-leading universities (in compliance with the assessments of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation).





#### TOP 5 countries

China – 296  
 Japan – 91  
 Germany – 75  
 Kazakhstan – 73  
 Republic of Korea - 50

*Incoming Mobility of international students to KFU, 2014-2018.*

As to **incoming academic mobility**, the strongest cooperation is being developed with educational institutions of **China** (296 students from Beijing Union University, Beijing International Studies University, Shaanxi Normal University, Shenzhen University, Lanzhou University, Nanjing University, and others), **Japan** (91 students from Kanazawa University and University of Tsukuba), **Germany** (75 students from The Technical University of Dresden, The University of Regensburg, The University of Giessen, Leipzig University), **Kazakhstan** (73 students from L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Makhambet Utemisov West Kazakhstan State University, Almaty Management University), **South Korea** (50 students from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Pusan National University, Kookmin University), and UK (15 students from the University of Cambridge, The University of Oxford, The University of Nottingham, The University of Exeter and The University of Edinburgh).

Within the reporting period, KFU signed **22** new agreements on **development of student exchange** with the world-leading universities, including University of Huelva and University of Granada (Spain, within the framework of Erasmus+ program), University of Parma (Italy), Beijing Union University (China), Shinhan University (Republic of Korea), National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations in Paris (INALCO, France).

*Opening of the Kanazawa University Office in KFU, September, 2018. Its main task is an administrative support of bilateral academic mobility within the partnership agreement.*





## KFU INTERNATIONAL STAFF

The **increasing share of international staff**, invited for both long-term employment and short-term work at KFU, is considered one of the main indicators of successful internationalization of education and research activity. Foreign specialists come to Kazan Federal University for research, lecturing, developing joint academic programs, supervising academic projects (including student projects) and participating in scientific events.



Thus **196** international experts from **51** countries were involved in the educational and scientific activity as employees in 2018.

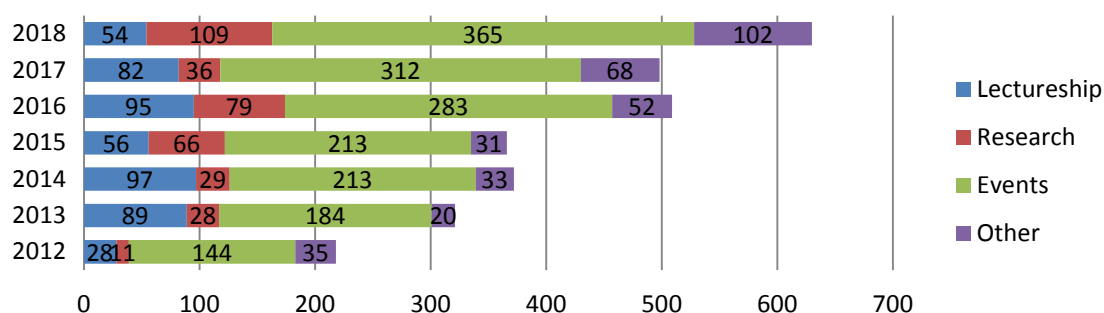
*International staff employed by KFU, 2012-2018*

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
countries	7	16	37	51	45	46	51
persons	12	28	121	153	137	298	196

In 2018, total number of international incoming staff within the framework of short-term **academic mobility** programs reached **630** specialists from **68** countries, including China (102), Great Britain (68), Germany (59), USA (40), Japan (32), France (24), Turkey (23) and Italy (22).

The programs of international academic mobility with the following universities are currently considered to be the most fruitful: Kanazawa University (Japan), The University of Giessen (Germany), Technical University of Dresden (Germany), The University of Regensburg (Germany), Cornell University (USA), Hunan Normal University (China), East China Normal University (China), The University of Nottingham (Great Britain), Czech Technical University in Prague (Czech Republic) and others.

*International staff at KFU, by purpose of visit, 2012-2018:*



*Lectures of Ilya Strebulaev, professor of the Graduate School of Business, Stanford University (USA), December, 2018.*



*Professor Siaka Sorho, National Polytechnic Institute in Yamoussoukro (Côte d'Ivoire), visiting the KFU Institute of Geology and Petroleum Technologies, October, 2018.*



*Lectures of Almazbek Idirisov, expert on strategic planning of UN development program (UNDP) (Kyrgyzstan), October 9-10, 2018.*



*Professor Marcel Agüeros, Columbia University in New York (USA), visiting the KFU Institute of Physics, June, 2018. .*



*Prof. Deborah Schechter, Tel Aviv University (Israel), lecturing at KFU, September 28 – October 5, 2018.*



*Professor Leon Ong Chua, University of California in Berkeley (USA), visiting KFU, July, 2018.*

## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ACTIVITY

In 2018, KFU staff participated in **55** large **international research and academic projects**, among them **11** projects received funding the same year. Russian Foundation for Basic Research, Russian Science Foundation, UNESCO, DAAD, DFG, foreign academies of sciences, academic communities, universities and companies were the major grant-making organizations.

No.	Project title	Funding source	Duration	International partners	KFU participants
1.	Novel methods in the prevention and treatment of cerebrovascular diseases	Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation (the letter of the Ministry of Education and Science No. АП-990/02 of June 15, 2016)	2017-2020	The University of Pennsylvania (U-Penn), Harvard University (USA), The Technical University of Munich (Germany), Queen Mary University of London (Great Britain)	Institute of Fundamental Medicine and Biology
2.	Silk Road	UNESCO	2017-2020	Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan)	Institute of International Relations, Institute of Computational Mathematics and Information Technologies
3.	Reducibility by enumerability	Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR),	2017-2019	University of Sofia "St. Kliment Ohridski" (Bulgaria)	Lobachevsky Institute of Mathematics and Mechanics
4.	Magnetism and petrophysics of shock-metamofrilled and deep rocks	RFBR, French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)	2018	CNRS (France)	Institute of Geology and Petroleum Technologies
5.	Autonomous calibration of on-board cameras of a robotic system using surface coordinate marks	RFBR	2018-2019	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (India)	Higher School of Information Technologies and Intelligent Systems
6.	Conflict regions in Eastern Europe	Regional program of the Hesse State LOEWE	2017-2020	Justus Liebig University of Giessen, Giessen Center for Eastern European Studies, University of Marburg, Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences	Leo Tolstoy Institute of Philology and Intercultural Communication, Institute of International Relations
7.	Neuroprotector screening system in the model of	Russian Science Foundation (RSF)	2017-2018	Institute of Mediterranean Neurobiology	Institute of Fundamental Medicine and

	focal ischemia of the cerebral cortex			INMED-INSERM (France)	Biology
8.	Religion und Bildungsmedien	International Society for Historical and Systematic Research on Textbooks and Educational Media, Аугсбург, Германия	2017-2018	University of Augsburg (Germany), Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy), Tilburg University (the Netherlands), Washington University in St.Louis	Institute of International Relations
9.	Seeing Like a State? Innovative approaches to the History of Education in Russia	Indiana University (USA)	2017-2019	Indiana University (USA)	Institute of International Relations
10.	Classroom cultural diversity climate	DFG (Germany)	2019-2021	University of Potsdam (Germany)	Institute of Psychology and Education
11.	Numerical methods for optimization problems	Academy of Finland (Finland)	2018-2019	University of Oulu (Finland)	Institute of Computational Mathematics and Information Technologies

Full list of projects see at <https://kpfu.ru/international>



*The crew of the Laboratory of Intelligent Robotic Systems (LIRS) of the KFU Higher School of Information Technologies and Intelligent Systems, headed by Professor Evgeni Magid, won the RFBR grant “Disaster Management Information System for Floods and Landslides with Distributed Heterogeneous Group of Robots” together with Kyoto University (Japan) and Mahidol University (Thailand). Project duration: 2019-2021.*

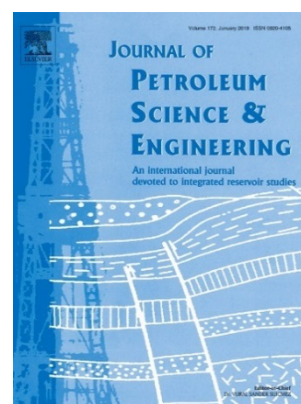


Within the reporting period, KFU scholars continued participation in **10** international scientific collaborations. Among them:

- Learning to Teach – in cooperation with universities of USA and UK – international research network, supported by the World Education Research Association since 2014;
- FANTOM – Global Scientific Consortium (includes 48 scientific organizations from more than 20 countries), aimed at creating an atlas of gene expression in all cells and tissues of the human body;
- ThEOR – International platform for creation and distribution of revolutionary “green” EEE-technologies of in-situ oil refining, bringing together 300 specialists from 47 companies and universities of 12 countries (Russia, China, USA, Canada, France, Turkey, Denmark, Indonesia, and countries of Latin America);
- Spectrum-Roentgen-Gamma – International Russian-German orbital observatory;
- Cognitive and Neurolinguistic technologies for personalized learning and rehabilitation of children – Russian-Italian project on developing unique principles of diagnostics and rehabilitation of children with verbal disorders in cooperation with the University of Udine (Italy), as well as academics from Moscow, Saint-Petersburg, Kazan, Omsk, and Yekaterinburg.



*Scholars of the Yelabuga Institute of KFU took part in the international study of ICT application to teaching students, resulted in publishing “Cases on Smart Learning Environments” monograph at a leading international publisher IGI Global, Pennsylvania.*



*Prof. Mikhail Varfolomeev, the academic leader of the research priority area “Ecooil” and the head of the KFU Department of development and operation of hard-to-recover hydrocarbon deposits, has become a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Petroleum Science and Engineering, the leading international journal in petroleum technologies.*





Since June 2018, KFU publishes a new journal “Eurasian Arabic Studies”, prepared by the KFU Institute of International Relations together with the Egyptian-Russian Foundation for the support of Culture and Science.

Chulpan Gromova and Rezeda Khairutdinova, scholars of the KFU Institute of Psychology and Education, became members of a writing team of a monograph “Children and youth in varied socio-cultural contexts. Theory. Research. Praxis”, issued by the Polish publisher of Janusz Korczak Association under the patronage of the UNESCO in September 2018. Scholars from Poland, Belgium, Russia, Albany, Turkey, Romania, Italy, Greece, and Ukraine were also involved in the work on the monograph.



“Education and Self-development” journal has become the second Russian title in the field of education and the first KFU journal on humanities, included in Scopus. Dr. **Nick Rushby**, the editor-in-chief of the journal and the visiting professor at the Institute of Psychology and Education, was occupying the position of the editor of the British Journal of Educational Technology up to December 2015.

Kazan Federal University is regularly considered a ground for large-scale international scientific events. In 2018, KFU hosted **135** conferences, seminars and other academic happenings with some of them taking place for the first time in Russia. The following list represents the largest and most representative events, specifically by the number of international participants:

- International Forum of Oriental Languages and Cultures (April 26-28, 2018) – 60 participants (40 international participants) – Institute of International Relations of KFU in

cooperation with the Confucius Institute and the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Kazan;

- International Scientific Conference “World Turkology and Kazan University” (April 26 - 28, 2018) – 136 participants (43 international participants) – Leo Tolstoy Institute of Philology and Intercultural Communication of KFU;
- XIV IQSA Conference “Quantum Structures 2018” (July 16-20, 2018) – 117 participants (47 international participants) – Institute of Computational Mathematics and Information Technologies of KFU;
- III International Workshop «Thermal Methods for Enhanced Oil Recovery: Laboratory Testing, Simulation and Oilfields Applications» (October 15-19, 2018) – 500 participants (80 international participants) – Institute of Geology and Petroleum Technologies of KFU in cooperation with the Southwest Petroleum University (China);
- IV International Forum on Teacher Education (IFTE-2018) and Regional ISATT Conference (May 22-24, 2018) – 630 participants (93 international participants) – Institute of Psychology and Education of KFU together with the International Study Association on Teachers and Teaching (ISATT);
- Precision Medicine Workshop (September 10-12, 2018) – 151 participants (41 international participants) – Institute of Fundamental Medicine and Biology of KFU;
- V International conference “Postgenome 2018” (October 29-November 2, 2018) – 638 participants (64 international participants) – Institute of Fundamental Medicine and Biology of KFU;
- International School-Seminar “Petrov School – 2018” (November 26-December 1, 2018) – Institute of Physics of KFU.





## ACADEMIC MOBILITY

Academic mobility of staff and students is considered to be the key factor in the development of international cooperation in KFU.

Totally **263** KFU students and postgraduates participated in student mobility programs in 2018. The largest grant sources for the short-term education abroad were: Confucius Institute, People's Republic of China Government grant (67 grants); "Algarysh" program by the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan (49 grants); Erasmus+ Credit Mobility program (21 grants). During the reporting period, the most intensive cooperation in student exchange developed between KFU and universities of Germany (41 students), China (67 students), South Korea (27 students), Morocco (24 students), Japan (23 students) and Poland (20 students).

*Academic mobility of KFU students (according to the type of program), 2018*

Student exchange (minimum 1 semester)	Internship (including language internships)	Participation in events (conferences, forums, etc.)	Other mobility programs	TOTAL
200	46	15	2	263





*Internship of students of the Institute of Fundamental Medicine and Biology of KFU at the University of Tsukuba, Japan (February, 2018).*

*Timur Absaliyev, postgraduate student of the Institute of Management, Economics and Finance of KFU, at a two-month internship at Lund University (Sweden) within the framework of Sverker Åström Foundation scholarship.*



In 2018 **435** KFU staff members visited foreign educational and scientific organizations in **67** countries as part of academic mobility. Most of the visits were to the following countries: Germany (105 people), Kazakhstan (71 people), China (57 people), Japan (48 people), Czech Republic (34 people), Spain (33 people), UK and Uzbekistan. The United Arab Emirates, Colombia, and Ecuador have become new regions for the KFU international academic mobility.

*Academic mobility of KFU staff, by purpose and region of visits*

Purpose and number of visits	Region and number of visits
events – 368	Europe – 503
Internship, research – 268	Asia – 323
lectureship - 22	North America – 30
	Africa – 11
	Latin America – 6
	Australia and Oceania – 2

Academic mobility programs with the following universities and partner institutions have been most productive: RIKEN and Kanazawa University (Japan), JLU University Giessen and Technical University of Dresden (Germany), Southwest Petroleum University (People's Republic of China), Astronomical observatory TUBITAK (Turkey).

Within the reporting period, KFU staff participated in more than **238** international scientific events, such as symposia, conferences, and seminars held abroad. They presented plenary papers and made poster presentations during these events, including:

- International conference Combining View Points In Quantum Theory (March 18-25, 2018) – University of Edinburgh, Great Britain;
- World Heavy Oil Congress and Exhibition 2018 (September 3-7, 2018) – Muskat, Oman;
- 49th Lunar-Planetary Science conference (March 19-23, 2018) – Lunar and Planetary Institute of Texas, USA;
- 2018 World Congress of Biomechanics (July 8-12, 2018) – Dublin, Ireland;
- International scientific conference Children and Childhood in Social Upheaval (October 11- 13, 2018) – Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences, Germany;
- EERA European Educational Research Association conference 2018;
- Joint symposium of Kazan Federal University, University of East London and Pyatifikorsk State University (September 3-7, 2018) – Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (Italy);
- BERA British Educational Research Association 2018 annual conference (September 11-13, 2018) – Northumbria University, Great Britain;
- 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society for Clinical Investigation (May 05-June 01, 2018) – Barcelona, Spain;
- The 2018 International Conference on Artificial Life and Robotics (ICAROB 2018) (01-04.02.2018) – Beppu, Japan and others.

*Dilyara Kuzina, junior research fellow of the scientific laboratory “Paleoclimatology, paleoecology, paleomagnetism” of the KFU Institute of geology and petroleum technologies, was the only Russian participant of the 15<sup>th</sup> Russbach School on Nuclear Astrophysics that took place in Russbach (Germany).*







*Mikhail Schelkunov, Director of the KFU Institute of social and philosophical sciences and mass communications, a participant at the XXIV World Congress of philosophy, August 13-20, 2018, Beijing (China).*

*Evgeniya Shishova, associate professor of the department of pedagogical psychology, at the 28<sup>th</sup> EECERA (European Early Childhood Education Research Association) Annual Conference, August 28-31, 2018, Budapest (Hungary). In the course of the forum, it was decided to include KFU in the international research project in the field of policy and development studies of early linguistic education in different countries.*



*The research fellows of the KFU Laboratory of intellectual robotic systems at the International Conference on Speech and Computer, SPECOM 2018 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Interactive Collaborative Robotics, ICR 2018, September 18-22, 2018, Leipzig (Germany).*

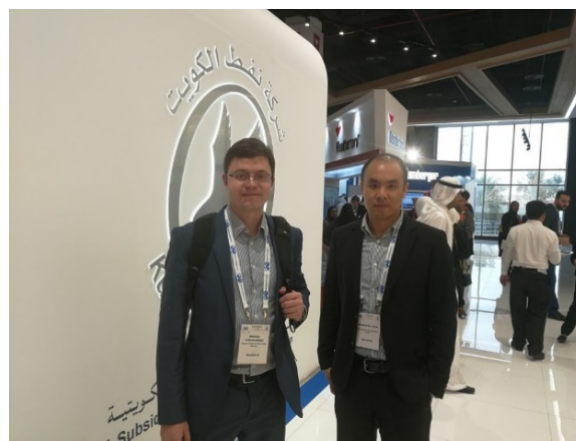
*The staff members of the KFU Institute of psychology and education at the BERA (British Educational Research Association) Annual Conference 2018, Northumbria University, Newcastle (UK).*





*Professor Vasiliy Belashov (KFU) as the member of the organizing committee and participant of the 4th International Conference on Astrophysics and Particle Physics, December 3-5, 2018, Chicago (USA).*

*Mikhail Varfolomeev and C.D.Yuan, research fellows of the KFU Institute of geology and petroleum technologies, at the SPE International Heavy Oil Conference and Exhibition, December 10-12, 2018, Kuwait.*



*Lilia Khalitova and Albina Kayumova, associate professors of the KFU Department of Germanic philology at the 2018 AERA Annual Meeting 2018, April 13-17, 2018, New York city (USA), presented their paper «Online Bilingual Maintenance for Young Russian Learners through Digital Fairytales» jointly with Prof. Carla Meskill (the University at Albany, USA).*

*The scientific report of Natalya Petrova, senior research member of the KFU Institute of physics, was the best at the 18 International Multidisciplinary Scientific GeoConference SGEM 2018 held in Albena, Bulgaria, June 30 – July 09, 2018. The report was about the development of the Moon rotation theory and modelling of the on-Moon experiments.*





*Ramil Khairutdinov, director of the KFU Institute of International relations, at the XXIII Turkish historical congress in Ankara, Turkey on October 1-5, 2018.*

*Elena Merzon, Director of the Elabuga Institute of Kazan Federal University, at the India and Russia: cross-cultural synergies International conference, February 22-23, 2018, Delhi (India).*



## OFFICIAL VISITS

Over **60** international delegations visited KFU in 2018, which included: government delegations (South Africa), representatives of diplomatic corps of foreign countries (Burundi, Germany, Egypt, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Italy, countries of Latin America – Argentina, Venezuela, Cuba, Costa Rica, Mexico, Ecuador, and others), university delegations (China, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Ivory Coast and others), representatives of international companies and educational institutions (Australia, Iran, Canada, Thailand, Japan, and others).

Within the reporting period, KFU delegations headed by the Rector Ilshat Gafurov visited Japan, UK, France, Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan, also as part the official delegations of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tatarstan.





*Official delegation of the Russian Federation at the International educational Forum in Paris, France, November 8-9, 2018.*



*Signing the Memorandum on double-degree diplomas between KFU and Kanazawa University, October 8, 2018.*



*Open lecture of Regina Jones-Bos, the Netherlands Ambassador to Russia, September 21, 2018.*



*Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of Kazakhstan, KFU Doctor Honoris Causa, visiting KFU, June 15, 2018.*

## INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- November 2018 – Alexey Maximov and Artur Lukyanov, students of the KFU IT-Lyceum, became bronze medalists of the X International Autumn Tournament in Informatics (IATI), Bulgaria;
- October 2018 – KFU Higher School of Business was awarded 3 Palms in Eduniversal Business Schools Rankings that corresponds to the “Excellent” level, Dubrovnik, Croatia;
- October 2018 – students of the KFU Nikolay Lobachevsky Lyceum became winners of the Romanian Master of Informatics, the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Olympiad in Informatics that took place in Bucharest (Romania);

- September 2018 – Egor Mandik, the KFU Engineering Institute master student became winner of the Russian stage of the international forum Falling Walls Lab 2018 with his innovative teeth-cleaning device;
- July 2018 – Olga Ilinskaya, professor of the KFU Institute of fundamental medicine and biology, awarded with the Justus Liebig medal of Giessen University (Germany) for significant contribution to the cooperation between Giessen University and Kazan University;
- June 2018 - KFU SPE Student Chapter, a student society of the KFU Institute of geology and petroleum technologies, became the best according to the International Society of Petroleum Engineers;
- February 2018 – Kamil Arslanov, professor of the KFU Law Faculty, awarded with the special Russian-German jurisprudence prize (Deutsch-Russischer Juristenpreis);
- February 2018 – Guzel Sitdikova, professor of the KFU Institute of fundamental medicine and biology, awarded with the Order of Academic Palms (*Ordre des Palmes académiques*) bestowed by the French Republic for the development of academic relations.
- January 2018 – Lyaysan Arsentyeva, associate professor of the KFU department of economic methodology and history was the only Russian representative in the Global Shapers Community at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland;
- January 2018 – Igor Antipin, professor of the KFU Institute of Chemistry, awarded with the International prize and medal of Jerry Atwood (USA) and Janusz Lipkowski (Poland), the world famous scientists in the field of supramolecular chemistry, for outstanding achievements in the field of inclusion compounds studies







## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS ABOUT KFU

— *Maten Petroleum JSC would like to express its gratitude to Kazan Federal University for the high level of training design. We recognize the benefits of such training and hope to continue our cooperation with Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University.*

Official letter of thanks on behalf of the director of Maten Petroleum JSC for the advanced training program organized by KFU for the Maten Petroleum staff (April 2018).

— *Only powerful universities can afford to hold such type of conferences...*

Gil Noam, Ed.D., Dr. Habil, the founder and director of the PEAR Institute at McLean Hospital, Harvard Medical School, on International Forum on Teacher Education IFTE 2018 (July 2018).

— *It was interesting for me to see the evolution of the university from being a selective educational organization for elites to its current stage of a powerful academic and research institution. The influence of Kazan University in science and education is undeniable.*

Andreas Schleicher, Director for education and skills, special advisor on education policy to the Secretary-General at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris (August 2018).



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND ALUMNI ABOUT KFU



**Tashika Palipana, Sri Lanka**

*I came to Russia to fulfil my dream...*

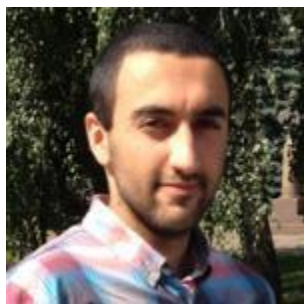
When I was choosing university I decided that Russia would be the best option for studying genetics, because there are a lot of publications of Russian scientists in that field. So I applied for government scholarship and I got it. I had one year of learning Russian first. I can't say that it was easy, but I think I got along with it. In Kazan I have a lot of opportunities, not only in science but cultural and social as well, in everything.



**Van Bo, China**

*I chose Kazan because Lenin and Tolstoy had studied here*

They are well-known in Russia and there's a special attitude towards them in my country...I like living in Kazan, which is commonly referred to as "the third capital of Russia". The city has a history and traditions that go back thousands of years. It's a beautiful location with a good climate. There are a lot of interesting places and beautiful views. This is something that I like.



**Mohamad Ibrahim, New Zealand**

*Russian winter is something I was severely lacking*

I saw Kazan Federal University as an opportunity to try something new, even if I wasn't particularly familiar with the institution or even the city itself. But since arriving here I can honestly say I've had an amazing experience that I believe will only continue to delight me in the future.



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