

## Foundation Year and Russian Language Programs

Я люблю русский язык...

Я учуся в России...

Мне нравится  
Екатеринбург...





All people in the photos are UrFU students, staff members and partners.

The University thanks all the participants of the photo sessions.

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#### **1. For Engineering Students**

**Courses:** Russian language, Mathematics, Physics, IT, Academic Russian.

#### **2. For Students of Natural Sciences**

**Courses:** Russian language, Chemistry, Biology or Mathematics, Physics, Academic Russian.

#### **3. For Students of Medicine**

**Courses:** Russian language, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Academic Russian.

#### **4. For Students of Humanities and Arts**

**Courses:** Russian language, History, Social Science, Literature, Academic Russian.

#### **5. For Students of Economics**

**Courses:** Russian language, History, Social Science, Mathematics, Economics, Academic Russian.

Foundation year courses prepare students for entering BA, MA and PhD programs and are **taught entirely** in the Russian language.



You have two options to study with us:

### Option 1: Invest in yourself

In this case, you pay for your studies yourself. **The tuition fee for Foundation programs is 136 000 rubles per year (1116 academic hours)**

#### Other costs:

##### At home:

- Visa costs
- Medical insurance (required to obtain a visa) from 1400 to 3145 rubles
- Flight cost from your country to Ekaterinburg

##### Upon arrival in Russia:

##### One-time costs:

- Visa extension fee – about 1 600 rubles
- Medical examination upon entrance – 780 rubles
- HIV test certificate required for visa extension upon arrival – about 750 rubles

##### Monthly costs:

- **Student dormitory** accommodation – about 1000 rubles a month
- Food cost per month is approx. 15 000 rubles.
- You can also rent a flat, our **UrFU Student Union** will help you to find one

To get up-to-date information about ruble exchange rate, please go to:  
<https://finance.rambler.ru/currencies/>

**Studying with us is not only exciting, but also profitable!**



**Yilan Suleyman, Turkey**

*I studied at the Preparatory Department for one year. When I came, I knew only the price for education and was afraid that it would be too expensive to live in Ekaterinburg, but it turned out to be considerably cheaper than I'd expected. For example, the dormitory costs just 700 rubles a month, it equals about 11\$. I would come here once again, but this year I have already entered Ural Federal University. If you wish to get a good preparation for entering a Russian university without spending all your money – I recommend the preparatory course of UrFU.*

## Option 2: Get a scholarship from Rossotrudnichestvo.

Every year you can apply for a scholarship of Rossotrudnichestvo, if you succeed, the costs of your study will be covered by the Russian Ministry of Education and Science. To keep up with application dates and conditions, please, check out the Rossotrudnichestvo website. If you want to apply:

1. Follow the website of Rossotrudnichestvo: <http://rs.gov.ru>, starting from February. If you find it difficult to understand, please do not hesitate to ask us for help (Elena Essyak, email: [e.s.essiak@urfu.ru](mailto:e.s.essiak@urfu.ru))! The information about open call for scholarship applications may also appear on the site of Rossotrudnichestvo of your home country. You should check it, too.
2. When you see that the call is open, please fill in the application at <http://russia.study> or <http://studyinrussia.ru>. You will need scans of your documents (generally, your passport and education documents).
3. If you want to study with us, it's OBLIGATORY that you choose "Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B.N.Yeltsin" in the list of available universities.

**Have a good luck!**



We offer Russian language programs for students of Elementary (A1), Basic (A2), Threshold (B1), Vantage (B2), Effective Operational (C1) language levels.

**Each program includes:** Pronunciation, Listening, Grammar, Reading, Writing, and Speaking.

**Optional** (for students no less than A2): – Russian for Business

– Russian for Tourism

## Tuition Fees for Russian Language Programs:

Russian as a Foreign Language	
Number of Academic hours	Fee in rubles*
36	6000
72	12000
108	18000
144	24000
288	48000
504	84000
1008	130000

Russian for Business	
Number of Academic hours	Fee in rubles*
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\*Is a subject of change, please, double-check on the website

## How much you need for fun:

1. Icecream - 0,75\$
2. cinema (for 2) - 8\$
3. cup of coffee - 1,3\$
4. ...
5. ...

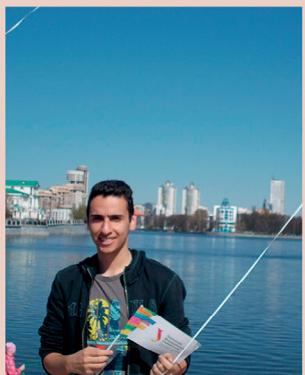


You think that learning Russian is long, difficult and exhausting? We will prove that learning Russian at the Preparatory Department of Ural Federal University is exciting, fun and effective!

For over 60 years, students from around the world have been coming to study Russian at Ural Federal University with us. We'll tell you why!

Students Rudy Herbert Chris, Aliyya Bunga Kiranasti, Rachmawati Annisatul Laili, Trihastama Dionisius Erlan from Indonesia received their certificates, academic year 2015-2016





Hussein Abdullah, Syria

*I like this university, the Preparatory Department and my teachers, because they help me and my friends to speak Russian and get acquainted with the Russian culture. They teach us in an interesting and funny way, it's very convenient and useful. Also, the teachers make our life easier and more cheerful.*

**We combine the best traditions of classical Soviet time education and the most advanced techniques** in the field of language learning! The training is based on communicative approach which provides for step-by-step mastering of basic language skills: pronunciation, listening, grammar, reading, writing, and speaking. Our first priority is that you acquire communication skills to be a strong candidate in many career and education opportunities in and related to Russia.

Head of the Preparatory Department, Nadezhda Ivashova with Russian textbooks «Samovar»





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Xu Jingxian, China

*I have always been bored to study in the classroom, I can't remember anything. But here we went out all the time with our teachers and tutors. We went for a walk in the countryside, we were preparing concerts, went to the cinema and to the theater together, we even visited the planetarium (I studied in the science class)! I liked it when in class teachers spoke only Russian; it motivated students to try speaking, too. I think it's difficult in the beginning, but very useful. I didn't even notice when I started speaking Russian. I encourage everybody to come to this school, because here you will enjoy friendly atmosphere and high level of teaching.*

**With us, your language learning is much more than classroom studies.** All through the training time, you will be immersed in the real student life, full of exciting extracurricular activities, including sightseeing, visiting theaters and concerts, participation in poetry readings and other events related to the Russian language, city quests, national festivals, and much more! During all the activities you will be accompanied by our teachers and Russian students who will become your friends while you are studying at our university!

Our students enjoy outdoors activities, sports, and holiday celebrations





Zhao Minwen, China

*Teachers are very efficient; they are kind and cheerful, but serious during the classes. They have huge amount of knowledge and experience. Different teachers have different teaching methodology, including watching films, listening to audio-recordings, discussing in groups, meeting Russian native-speakers. During holidays and weekends, teachers often organise some excursions and concerts.*

**+** We have professional, amicable, open and energetic **teachers!** They are young, talented, and very inspiring people to make your training not only highly efficient, but also enjoyable! They guide and support the students, becoming their good companions and reliable assistants, extending classroom learning through lectures, programs, and events. We make sure that all the activities are highly inclusive: each of our teachers takes into account their students educational experience and makes classes comfortable for everyone.

Teacher Artem Kabakov and his students, academic year 2016–2017



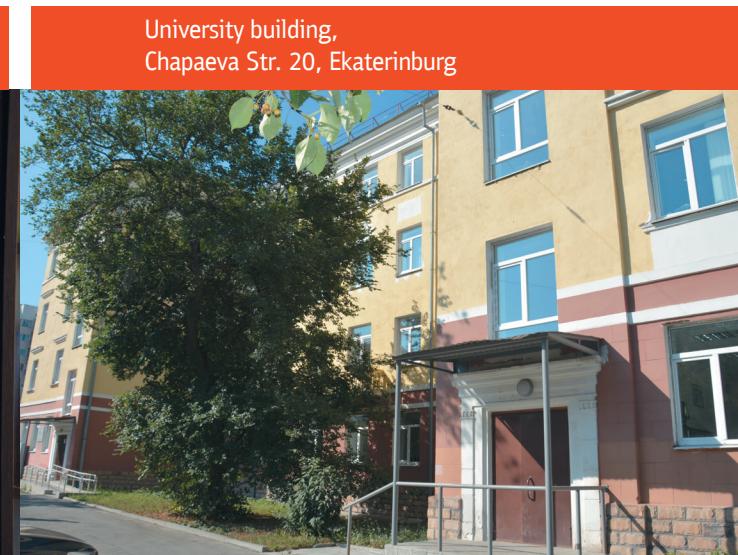


**Wang Yuyu, China**

*We don't buy textbooks, we are provided with all the necessary educational materials! Our teachers say that textbooks are expensive in Russia. It is nice that UrFU thinks about its foreign students and they are given all the necessary materials for successful studies.*

**+ We have highly optimized facilities** right in the Preparatory Department (at Chapaeva Str, 20), including a well-equipped **library** for international students with most recent textbooks in Russian available for classroom use.

The classes are held in a modern, newly renovated university building with classrooms fully equipped with all sorts of multimedia gadgetry! For your accommodation, there's a new university dormitory with all modern facilities.



## Rhiis Kituba, Republic of Congo

*We are only eight in the group! Sometimes it is difficult because the teacher has enough time to talk to everybody, and we have to work hard, but when I was passing exams, I passed them with flying colours and got the score which was higher than I'd expected, and now I have obtained the B1 level certificate!*



You study Russian in **small groups**.

We want to facilitate your progress in Russian, so our academic groups consist of maximum 8–12 people.

It is proved that having small number of people in the group makes learning more comfortable and maximizes benefits for each student. Small groups allow students to work in pairs and receive individual feedback from the teacher during lessons.

Teacher Elena Matveeva and her students from Egypt, Laos, and Zambia, academic year 2015–2016





Do Wang Jang, Vietnam

*I didn't know Russian at all when I arrived; I was scared that I would not understand what to do upon arrival. But everybody really wanted to help and to make all the paperwork easier! The manager helped to sign the contract and explained everything (in English!), the staff that helps us to get our visas is very friendly and works quickly and efficiently! I was settled in the dormitory at once! And I am feeling good now.*

**+** We understand that some habits and rules in Russia may be unfamiliar or even intimidating to you, that's why **we have a support team, willing to help and share their experience with you**. They will help you adapt to the Russian daily life and feel comfortable here, to overcome barriers of communication and not to be afraid to speak Russian outside the classroom.

Tutor Anastasia and her students from Mongolia, Korea, China, and Zambia, academic year 2014–2015.



Buddy Team of UrFU





**Jiri Kalous, Czech Republic**

I am very glad that I had an opportunity to study Russian at the Preparatory Department of Ural Federal University. I can say that I improved my level of Russian significantly, and this is thanks to professional teachers. They told me that I can pass the TORFL exam. Thanks to the teachers of the Preparatory Department, I got a B2 certificate which is very useful if you want to start a career in Russia. Thanks a lot!

**+** At the end of the year, all students take exams and receive certificates of the Preparatory Department of Ural Federal University, with an indication of the level of proficiency. Our certificate gives you the opportunity to enter the university!

However, if you want to confirm your language level and receive an internationally recognized certificate, you may take an **international exam TORFL** at UrFU.

**Find out more about TORFL:** <http://rfl.urfu.ru>.



**Students of the Preparatory Department reach B1 level in 10 months!**

**Join us and make sure that the Russian language is easy and fun!**

The First Day at Ural Federal University 2016 and our students



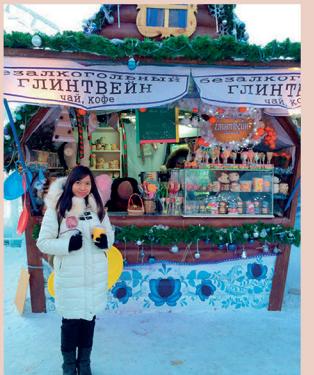
### Spectacular city of Ekaterinburg

Ekaterinburg – the “third capital” of Russia – is located in the heart of the Eurasian continent. The city presents you with a sheer variety of historical and cultural attractions! It brings along a fusion of traditions from Europe and Asia, buzzing industrial, business and cultural life. For its dynamic pace of life, Ekaterinburg is sometimes referred to as “a little New York”. Meanwhile, our city will surprise you with fresh air and lots of parks, alleys, and forests. You will enjoy not only the rich history of our city, but also the spectacular views! And most importantly, Ekaterinburg is a very safe city. Its inhabitants are very hospitable and always glad to welcome foreign guests!

Come and fall in love with our city!

**Annisatul Rachmawati, Indonesia**

*It's perfect place for studies! In Ekaterinburg, there is a lot of good fresh air. Here it is possible to walk for hours, there are a lot of shops, cafes and night clubs. I think, student's life has to be funny. And I like winter in Ekaterinburg. I have never seen so much snow! I learned to skate and ski here, we played snowballs almost every day! But you have to take warm clothes with you, because without warm coat, hat and mittens you will get cold in the street!*



## Fabulous Russian winter!

You've heard of the harsh Russian winters, haven't you? You can't imagine how comfortable and fun Russian winter can be! Fresh and crispy air, the dazzling sun, a whole lot of winter activities such as sledging, skiing, skating, playing snowballs, the chance to wear funny hats and, of course, a lot of snow – that's what the wintry Ekaterinburg has in store for you! In December, the whole city is glimmering with New Year lights which feels truly like a fairy tale. And back from the chilly streets, our dormitories and classrooms will feel twice as warm and cozy!

The locals are very fond of winter, and you will certainly love it, too!



## *Don't forget to bring with you:*

1. Warm hat
2. Warm coat
3. Gloves
4. ...
5. ...



### **How to apply**

We are happy to help you prepare to enter Ural Federal University.

1. Fill in an application from on <http://rfl.urfu.ru>
  - To fill in an application, you will need scans your education documents. Please scan them in advance.
  - We also ask the students to write a letter of motivation. Please, email us why you want to study with us and what are your expectations. We really want to know our students better!
  - Once you send us the application, we will contact you by email for further details. If you apply for Russian as a Foreign Language Programs, we will send you a test and arrange a skype interview to define you level of Russian.
2. After the letter of admission is issued, we will apply for an invitation letter. As soon as it is ready, you will receive it by email.
3. Having received the invitation, you need to apply for a visa in your country. If you do not know where the Russian Consulate is, please, contact us and we'll help you!

A single-entry Russian visa is issued by the Russian Embassy of your home country on the basis of the invitation letter from UrFU. Please, inquire at your Visa Application Center for the list of necessary documents. Upon arrival in Ekaterinburg, you may need to extend your visa (depending on the period of stay).

Head of the Preparatory Department, Nadezhda Ivashova and , Rachmawati Annisatul Laili, Trihastama Dionisius Erlan, Rudy Herbert Chris (Indonesia), Kituba Rhiis Nganzim (Congo), Erol Mesih (Turkey) at the Maslenitsa festival (Pancake Day), academic year 2015–2016



## Academic calendar for Academic Year 2016–2017:

**Autumn Semester:** 12-Sep-16 – 30-Jan-17

**Language Level Test (A1):** 7-Nov-16 – 11-Nov-16

**Language Level Test (A2):** 2-Jan-17 – 6-Jan-17

**Revision and Examination:** 16-Dec-16 – 21-Dec-16

**Winter breaks:** 30-Jan-17 – 12-Feb-17

**Spring Semester:** 13-Feb-17 – 30-Jun-17

**Language Level Test (B1):** 22-May-17–29-May-17

**Revision and Examination:** 01-Jun-17 – 30-Jun-17

**Application deadline:** 1 December 2016

Our students in front of the main building of UrFU, 2015–2016, spring



It is very important for us that you feel at ease when you arrive, and feel at home as you stay, so we want to introduce you to the people you can always turn to!



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## **Why more than 250 international students from different corners of the planet learn Russian at UrFU?**

Ural University is the oldest university of the Urals region founded in Ekaterinburg in 1920. Later, at the site of the University there were two: Ural State University, associated with the preparation in basic natural sciences, mathematics, humanities and social sciences; and Ural Polytechnic Institute, focused on metallurgy, engineering, construction, radio, power.

In 2011, both of the University united in Ural Federal University – the largest university of the Urals, the leading scientific and educational center of the region and one of the largest universities in Russia.

### **UrFU holds the following positions in international rankings:**

- placed 6th among Russian universities (Webometrics Ranking of World Universities)
- top-10 best Russian universities ("Expert RA" rating agency);
- top-60 of the best universities of the Emerging Europe and Central Asia (QS Quacquarelli Symonds);
- placed 13th in the ranking of national universities by the Interfax Rating Agency;
- placed 78th among BRICS countries universities (QS World University Rankings: BRICS);
- Top-300 in the world in Mathematics (QS WUR by subject)

Now we are waiting for you!



