Association of Leading Universities
Ассоциация ведущих университетов
OUR MISSION

- We share and promote the best practices in education, research and innovation.

OUR GOAL

- We provide expert evaluation of the Government’s and civil society’s initiatives aimed to facilitate education and research. We strive to pool the efforts of Russia’s leading universities to boost competitive advantages of Russia’s education and research.

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION:

- Amendments to the Federal Law on Education
- The system of criteria and indicators to monitor university performance
Expert evaluation of the long-term framework programme of fundamental research in Russia

Procedure for training and assessment of research and teaching staff (recommendations to the RF Government)

Evaluation of university performance in terms of graduate employability (recommendations to the RF Government)

Procedure for social and professional accreditation of educational programmes offered by higher education institutions (proposals to the RF Government)

Expert evaluation of the project of national Russian university ranking

Development of the system of student loans in Russia (proposals to the RF Government)
OUR MEMBERS

- Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University
- Belgorod National Research University
- Far Eastern Federal University
- Irkutsk National Research Technical University
- Kazan National Research Technical University
- Kazan National Research Technological University
- Kazan Federal University
- V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University
- Moscow Aviation Institute (National Research University)
- Moscow State Institute of International Relations
- Ogarev Mordovia State University
- Bauman Moscow State Technical University
- Lomonosov Moscow State University
- Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology
- Moscow State University of Civil Engineering
- The National University of Science and Technology
- National Research Tomsk State University
- Tomsk Polytechnic University
- National Research University of Electronic Technology
- National Research University Higher School of Economics
- National Research Nuclear University (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute)
- Saint-Petersburg Mining University
- Lobachevsky State University of Nizhni Novgorod
- Novosibirsk National Research State University
- Perm State University
- Perm National Research Polytechnic University
- The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration
- Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas (National Research University)
- Pirogov Russian National Research Medical University
- Peoples' Friendship University of Russia
- Samara State Aerospace University named after academician S. P. Korolev
- St. Petersburg Academic University
- Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University
- St. Petersburg University
- Saint Petersburg Electrotechnical University
- The Northern (Arctic) Federal University named after M. V. Lomonosov
- St. Petersburg National Research University of Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics
- National Research
THE ASSOCIATION TODAY:

46 Russian universities

10 federal universities

29 national research universities

5 innovation universities

150,000 teaching staff

1,000,000 students

10,000,000 graduates

Saratov State University
- North-Eastern Federal University in Yakutsk
- North-Caucasus Federal University
- Siberian Federal University
- Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin
- South-Ural State University (National Research University)
- Southern Federal University
- Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation

Lomonosov Moscow State University and St. Petersburg University
OUR STRUCTURE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(rectors of member universities)

THE COUNCIL
(nine rectors of member universities)

CHAIRMAN
(Prof. Nikolay Kropachev, Rector of St. Petersburg University)

- Long-term development strategy
- Short-term goals and objectives
- Day-to-day management
OUR MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED IN:

- The Coordinating Council of Strategic Programme for Basic Research in Russia
- The Government’s Research Funding Council for State Support of Research Headed by Leading Researchers
- The Accreditation Committee of Federal Service for Supervision in Education and Science
- The National Coordinating Council for Support of Talented School Students under the Ministry of Education and Science
- The task forces of Russia’s Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Culture
THE ASSOCIATION:

- Assists in improving legislation and management in education and research
- Creates a common knowledge sharing environment
- Manages cooperation between leading universities
- Promotes international cooperation between leading universities
- Works to introduce best practices of higher education management
- Consolidates resources of leading universities
THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

It is a permanent governing board providing overall direction of the Association between the sessions of the General Assembly

Anatoly ALEKSANDROV, Rector of Bauman Moscow State Technical University

Victor KOKSHAROV, Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin

Elena KUDRYASHOVA, The Northern (Arctic) Federal University

Yaroslav KUZMINOV, Rector of National Research University Higher School of Economics

Nikolay KROPACHEV, Rector of St. Petersburg University

Vladimir LITVINENKO, Rector of Saint-Petersburg Mining University

Viktor SADOVNICHY, Rector of Lomonosov Moscow State University

Petr CHUBIK, Rector of National Research Tomsk Polytechnic University

Evgeny CHUPURNOV, Rector of Lobachevsky State University of Nizhni Novgorod
By joining efforts we will achieve many of our prospective goals.

Prof. Nikolay KROPACHEV, Chairman of the Association of Leading Universities, Rector of St. Petersburg University.
The best way to assess university performance is through the quality of education, the skill level of graduates. What matters most is where they get employed, what discoveries they make.

Viktor SADOVNICHY, Rector of Lomonosov Moscow State University
Russia needs highly-skilled researchers capable of developing new scientific solutions and facilitating their transfer to production.

Vladimir LITVINENKO, Rector of Saint-Petersburg Mining University
We are witnessing the second revolution in education. The first revolution came with the printed book. Before that knowledge was passed on by word of mouth or by copying books by hand. These days the revolution takes place at the expense of online courses. Education is becoming a lifelong learning experience.
We have to take active steps to foster horizontal communication, join our efforts with leading universities worldwide, both in the West and in the East, design collaborative research programmes, improve academic and student mobility...

Victor KOKSHAROV,
Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B. N. Yeltsin
Modern technology makes cross-university collaboration more effective — it is hardly possible to establish unique laboratories in all contemporary fields of knowledge in just one university.

Anatoly ALEKSANDROV, Rector of Bauman Moscow State Technical University
A breakthrough is unlikely unless there are strong links established with leading research centres and businesses.

Petr CHUBIK, Rector of National Research Tomsk Polytechnic University
**Permanent Expert Groups within the Association:**

1. Expert Group on Regulatory Issues in Science and Education
2. Expert Group on Strategic Development of Leading Universities
3. Expert Group on Teaching and Quality of Education
4. Expert Group on Research and Innovation
5. Expert Group on International Cooperation and Internationalization of Education
7. Expert Group on Welfare, Youth Policy, Student Societies and Development of Social Infrastructure of Leading Universities
ASSOCIATION OF LEADING UNIVERSITIES
TODAY:

- More than 20 permanent expert groups
- Online expert conferences, professional meetings, and seminars to improve effectiveness of internal communication and collaboration between universities
Promoting Russian innovative research and education via Russia's diplomatic missions and the Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States, Compatriots Living Abroad and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo)

- Organising the assembly of rectors from leading Russian and South Korean universities
- Organising the assembly of rectors from leading Russian and German universities
- Organising the assembly of rectors from leading Russian and Chinese universities

OUR WORK ON A GLOBAL SCALE:

- Working on joint projects: 
  - **Mikhail Speransky Project** — programme supporting legal research
  - **Abram Ioffe Project** — programme supporting teaching staff, young researchers, masters and postgraduate students
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