Dear friends,

Welcome to Moscow University, the first Russian university founded in 1755 on the initiative of Mikhail Lomonosov, an outstanding Russian scientist of encyclopedic knowledge.

Moscow University has a rich academic history. We work hard to preserve our heritage and develop our traditions of a comprehensive approach to higher education in sciences, pure and applied. Throughout our history, knowledge and science have led the way and helped shape the new opportunities for the modern world and people's lives. We can lay claim to many Nobel laureates, outstanding scientists, public and political figures among our current and former staff and students.

We keep open the University doors to anyone who strives for new scientific discoveries, creativity, and self-improvement.

Prof. Victor A. Sadovnichy
Rector of Lomonosov Moscow State University
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**Knowledge creates future | Lomonosov MSU**
MSU in International Rankings

1st place among Russian and Eastern European Universities (by QS 2018, ARWU, CWUR 2017)

3rd place in BRICS & Emerging Economies University Rankings (by THE, 2018)

25th place in the world (by “The Three University Missions” Moscow International University Rankings)

MSU is ranked
18th place in Natural Sciences
18th place in Linguistics
26th place in Modern Languages
27th place in Physics and Astronomy
38th place in Mathematics
49th place in Computer Science & Information Systems
51st place in Arts and Humanities
60th place in Social Sciences & Management

by QS World University Rankings by Subject (2018)
History of Moscow University

Moscow University is the oldest classical university in Russia, which founded on the initiative of Mikhail Lomonosov, an outstanding Russian scientist.

In 1755, on 12 (25, New Style) January, St. Tatiana's Day according to the Russian Orthodox Church calendar, Empress Elizaveta Petrovna signed the decree ordering that a university should be founded in Moscow. An influential courtier and public figure Count Shuvalov, who was a patron of arts and science, prepared the final project of the university establishment and presented it to the Empress.

There were originally three faculties (at Moscow University the term “faculty” is traditionally applied to school or group of related departments within the university) – philosophy, law and medicine.

In the second half of 19th and early 20th century Moscow University initiated and supported the foundation of the Academy of Arts in Saint Petersburg, Maly Theater in Moscow, well-known Moscow museums, such as the Polytechnic Museum, the Historical Museum, the Zoological Museum, the Anthropological Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts (nowadays named after Alexander Pushkin), the Botanical Gardens and the Zoological Gardens (nowadays the Moscow Zoo).

In 1805, the Moscow Society of Naturalists was founded under the auspices of Moscow University.

Moscow University gave birth to the I.M. Sechenov Moscow Medical Academy (1758), the Moscow Geological Institute (1930), the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (1951), and the Ulyanovsk University (1988).

Of 18 Russian Nobel laureates, 11 are graduates and professors of Moscow University. 12% of all discoveries registered in the USSR are attributed to MSU scientists.

Presently, Lomonosov MSU comprises 41 faculties and 377 chairs consisting of 7,500 Sc.D. and Ph.D. holders, more than 5,000 full professors and instructors, more than 300 members of the Russian Academy of Sciences and other Russian state academies working there.

Academic Council is the University’s supreme academic deliberative and decision making elected body and is responsible for the strategic oversight of all academic activities.
Nobel and Fields Laureates

Nobel Prize Winners

Ilya Mikhailovich Frank
Physics 1958

Aleksandr Mikhailovich Prokhorov
Physics 1964

Igor Evgenyevich Tamm
Physics 1958

Lev Davidovich Landau
Physics 1962

Nikolay Nikolaevich Semyonov
Chemistry 1956

Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbatchev
Peace 1990

Boris Leonidovich Pasternak
Literature 1958

Andrei Dmitrievich Sakharov
Peace 1975

Pyotr Leonidovich Kapitsa
Physics 1978

Ilya Mikhailovich Frank
Physics 1958

Maxim Lvovich Kontsevich
2002

Vladimir Aleksandrovich Margulis
1978

Gregory Aleksandrovich Margulis
1978

Vladimir Gershonovich Drinfeld
1990

Andrei Yuriyevich Okounkov
2006

Andrei Dmitrievich Sakharov
Peace 1975

Vitaly Lazarevich Ginzburg
Physics 2003

Pyotr Leonidovich Kapitsa
Physics 1978

Fields Medal Winners

Sergey Petrovich Novikov
1970

Gregory Aleksandrovich Margulis
1978

Vladimir Gershonovich Drinfeld
1990

Maxim Lvovich Kontsevich
2002

Vladimir Aleksandrovich Voevodsky
2002

Andrei Yuriyevich Okounkov
2006

Sergey Petrovich Novikov
1970

Vladimir Gershonovich Drinfeld
1990
The Lomonosov Moscow State University Board of Trustees was created in 2013. Its members are renowned scholars, deputees, public figures and members of the business elite.

Russian President Vladimir V. Putin is Head of the Board of Trustees; the MSU Rector Victor A. Sadovnichy is the secretary to the Board.

The Board of Trustees promotes strengthening of the Russian education system and development of Moscow University.
MSU Alumni

Moscow University is proud of all of its alumni; many of them have achieved great success in science, public activities and politics.

MSU is ranked:

1st place for the number of graduates in top-tier positions at Russia’s biggest companies on “Expert 400” list;

2nd place for the employability of graduates from technical higher education establishments;

1st place in Law,

3rd place in IT,

5th place in Finance and Economy

in Russian Universities Rankings for the Highest-Earning Recent Graduates (Superjob.ru)

1st place in Pharmacy, Clinical Medicine,

2nd place in Computer and Information Sciences, Physics and Astronomy, Chemistry,

3rd place in Mathematics and Mechanics, Psychology, Education and Pedagogy

in the Russian Ministry of Education and Science Rankings for Moscow Higher Education Establishments with the Highest-Earning Graduates
Many world famous Russian scientists, writers, poets, publicists, historians, diplomats, figures in the art world, public and political figures have studied or taught at the University throughout its history.
Foreign Guests

There is a tradition in Moscow University to welcome distinguished foreign guests such as the acting and the former leaders of different countries; Nobel laureates; internationally renowned scholars; famous public and political figures; prominent figures in the world of science and art.

King of Afghanistan Muhammad Zahir Shah at MSU (1957)

Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru with his daughter Indira Gandhi, future Prime Minister of India, at MSU (1955)

Chairman of the Communist Party of China Mao Zedong at MSU (1957)

President and Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam Ho Chi Minh at MSU (1955)

President of the French Republic Charles de Gaulle at MSU (1966)
Prime minister of the Republic of Cuba Fidel Castro at MSU (1963)

U.S. President Ronald Reagan at MSU (1988)

Nobel Prize Laureate in Chemistry Ilya Prigogine at MSU (1994)

President of Iceland Ólafur Ragnar Grimsson at MSU (2012)

President of the Republic of Kazakhstan N.A. Nazarbayev at MSU (2014)

President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Hassan Rouhani at MSU (2017)
St. Tatiana’s Day

After the Moscow University establishment, Saint Tatiana was declared patron saint of students. Since 1995, on the initiative of Rector V.A. Sadovnichy of MSU, Tatiana Day has come to be celebrated as Russian Students Day. In 2005, St. Tatiana’s Day celebrations were officially recognized.

It has become customary on Russian Students Day for the MSU Rector to offer all those present the mead brewed according to his secret original recipe.
All-Russia Science Festival

All-Russia Science Festival – an annual celebration of academic knowledge.

The first Science Festival in Russia was organized on the premises of Moscow University in 2006 on the initiative of the MSU Rector V.A. Sadovnichy. The Festival brought together 20,000 participants. In 2011, the festival extended considerably and became a nationwide event.

In 2014, the Science Festival drew 700,000 participants. More than 2.4 million people across Russia attended Science Festival in 2017. Today, the festival is held in more than 80 regions of the country. It is one of the most global Russian projects promoting science.

2006 – 20,000 participants
2014 – 700,000 participants
2017 – 2,400,000 participants
Development Program

The aim of the program is the creation of “Vorobyovy Gory” (“Sparrow Hills”) Scientific and Technological Valley – the university cluster uniting in one locality a network of specialized research organizations, start-ups as well as cultural, educational and sports organizations.

“Vorobyovy Gory” Scientific and Technological Valley is the first-ever project in the history of Russian university education.

Results achieved by 2018:

- The Medical Research and Education Center, the University Gymnasium, the first stage of the Residence Hall (3,000 places), and two educational premises have been constructed and put into operation.
- Six satellites have been launched.
- The MSU Caucasian Mountain Observatory have been equipped with the 2.5-meter optical telescope.
- The supercomputer complex performing at 5 petaFLOPS has been created.
- The bank depository of live systems (The Noah’s Ark Project) has been created.
Educational Programs

More than 150 bachelor’s degree programs
More than 500 master’s degree programs
More than 200 integrated master’s degree programs
More than 100 specialist’s degree programs
More than 40 postgraduate degree programs
111 educational standards
More than 300 profiles and specializations

MSU has created, and is now following, its own educational standards; establishes dissertation councils; enjoys independence in conferring academic degrees.

Interfaculty Courses
Since 2013, the interfaculty academic courses have been incorporated in the University curricula according to the order of the MSU Rector V.A. Sadovnichy.

«University Without Borders»
The project is aimed at the development and distribution of distance educational technologies and electronic education. The main task of the project is to create and organize the courses in the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) format; to provide general methodological guidelines for the course development; for recording video lectures.

Since 2014, 38 open access courses placed on the University Without Borders and Open Education platforms have been prepared. Over 300,000 new learners from more than 120 countries have signed up for the courses; 24,000 of them have been MSU students.
189 interfaculty courses

More than 450 programs for professional development

More than 100 programs for professional retraining

More than 220 additional general education programs including pre-university programs and programs for children and adults

30 000 students enrolled in programs of additional education, per year

4 500 high school teachers trained at MSU, per year

MSU has more than 30 schoolchildren’s science workshops focusing on exact sciences, natural sciences and the humanities.

“MSU Assistance To High School” Project

The All-Russia congresses for secondary school teachers of mathematics, information technologies, physics, biology, geography, chemistry, Russian language and literature; summer schools; and the «University Environment» Teacher Education Project.

MSU has more than 30 schoolchildren’s science workshops including: Minor Faculty of Mechanics and Mathematics; Evening School of Mathematics; Evening School of Physics; Evening School of Astronomy; School of Geology; School of Economics and Mathematics; School of Law, etc.
High Schools

There are two constituent high schools of Moscow University.

The Advanced Education and Science Center (AESC) of Lomonosov Moscow State University ("Kolmogorov Boarding School") was set up in 1963. About 1,670 postgraduate theses have been defended by its alumni. Among them are 290 Sc.D. holders and 1,380 Ph.D. holders. Two graduates are academicians and ten graduates are corresponding members of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

"I came to MSU AESC from Orenburg to receive good secondary education. On having studied for half a year at AESC, I realized that my enrolling in MSU might not be impossible after all. AESC helped me prepare well for the All-Russia Olympiad in Chemistry of which I became a winner, and now I am applying for admission to the MSU Faculty of Chemistry. I think this is the best place doe me to continue my education."

Maksim Sirotin, graduate of 11th form, AESC MSU Chemical Class

The University Gymnasium (Boarding School) was opened in 2016 on the initiative of the MSU Rector V.A. Sadovnichy. The Gymnasium has 5 profiles: Economics & Mathematics, Engineering, Natural Sciences, History & Philology and Social Studies & Law. Though the University Gymnasium has been functioning for about two years only, its students have already been awarded 61 certificate for the first place winners and prize-winners in 13 disciplines of the All-Russia Olympiad for High School Students.

"I am from the Primorsky Region. Entering MSU was my biggest dream, and owing to my studies at University Gymnasium my dreams came true. I enrolled in the MSU Faculty of Philology. I have plans for in-depth language learning and I want to develop my skills in this area."

Maria Andreyeva, graduate of 11th form, University Gymnasium Humanitarian Class
The research activities at Moscow State University are wide-ranging. More than 2,000 MSU scientists conduct research in 350 research areas and 30 interdisciplinary programs covering more than 1,000 subjects.

Research is carried out at 70 enterprises in the field of chemistry and new materials, biotechnology, pharmaceutics, ecology and rational environmental management, development and production of scientific equipment.

Moscow University is an active participant of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) scientific collaboration.

In 2016, for the first time scientists directly detected fluctuations of spacetime – the gravitational waves arriving at the earth from a cataclysmic event in the distant universe. This confirms a major prediction of Albert Einstein’s 1915 general theory of relativity and opens new vistas in space exploration.

NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING LABORATORY

The decision on creating of the MSU Anti-Doping Laboratory was made on October 11, 2016. The task of the laboratory is to eliminate doping practices by athletes from Russian national teams. The laboratory performs an independent objective analysis of biological samples for doping controls and uses state-of-the-art dope testing methods.
Space Research

MSU creates and develops its own artificial Earth satellites for the scientific and educational purposes, actively interacting with the largest state corporations ROSKOSMOS and RUSNANO.

Within the university space program 6 satellites have been built: Tatiana, Tatiana-2, Youthsat (in cooperation with the Indian universities), Vernov, Nuklon and Lomonosov.

MSU researchers explore solar activity and electromagnetic phenomena in the Earth upper atmosphere; they discovered the phenomenon of transient luminescence of the atmosphere.

On April 28, 2016 the Lomonosov satellite was launched from the Vostochny launching pad. The Lomonosov satellite is a modern space station designed for researching the transient luminous phenomena in the Earth upper atmosphere; for exploring the radiation characteristics of terrestrial magnetosphere; for conducting the basic cosmological research.

AUTOMATED INTELLECTUAL “SCIENCE-MSU” (ISTINA) SYSTEM

Released in 2012, the ISTINA search engine indexes information on the publishing activity of Moscow University scholars.

The system is meant for creating a statistical database for expansion of the information space of the Russian science on the Internet.
Caucasian Mountain Observatory of Sternberg State Astronomical Institute, Lomonosov Moscow State University

The Caucasian Mountain Observatory is a modern research and education facility constructed at the height of 2,100 meters above sea level. The main tool of the Observatory is a 2.5-meter telescope of Richie-Chretien system of the last generation equipped with high quality optics and modern guidance and control system.

The second & third year Astronomy students from the Faculty of Physics complete their field practice at the Observatory.
Supercomputer Complex

With the most powerful supercomputer in the post-Soviet space, MSU uses the new system to speed up the pace of unique research in the field of nuclear physics, genomic analysis, NPP safety assessment, forecasting of climate, development of new materials and pharmaceuticals, studying of structure of the Earth. This new system is also used to accelerate discovery when a wide variety of other theoretical and practical scientific tasks are being worked on.

The total peak performance for Lomonosov Supercomputer exceeds 1.3 petaFLOPS; for Lomonosov-2 – 5 petaFLOPS; a new generation of supercomputers is being developed.

«Noah’s Ark» Collaborative Interdisciplinary Project

The Noah’s Ark Project is aimed at the preservation, research and careful use of the biological diversity of the planet.

More than 80 expeditions for collecting samples have been conducted; more than 200 newly discovered animal species, plants, mushrooms and bacteria have been described. The average volume of data loading in the system is about 7,500 samples a month; the system has already acquired more than 1,000,000 samples.

The MSU Digital Herbarium was created on the basis of the Project. It gives access to the Moscow University collection of dried plants. The Project has helped to create and maintain the unique collections of live animals and plants, the cultures of plant cells and microorganisms, and human cell material. The MSU Depository Information & Analytical System with summary information on all collections of the biological samples stored at MSU is put into operation.
Research Institutes

**Research Institute of Mechanics**
Scientific research at the Institute is organized in more than 20 laboratories grouped in accordance with the three main focus areas of the Institute: mechanics of liquid and gas, mechanics of solid deformable body, and theoretical and applied mechanics. The Institute has an excellent record of engagement with industry, and of translating research results such as prototypes of various industrial installations into real-world applications in cooperation with its industrial partners.

**D.V. Skobeltsyn Research Institute of Nuclear Physics**
Skobeltsyn Research Institute of Nuclear Physics, one of the largest research institutes of Moscow University, serves as a training base for the MSU Faculty of Physics undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students specializing in nuclear physics, atomic physics, and physics of space. Preparation and space launch of its own satellites intended for MSU scientific and pedagogical purposes is the most important achievement of the Institute.

**P.K. Sternberg State Astronomical Institute**
The Institute comprises about 20 departments and laboratories. The research encompasses nearly every branch of astronomy. The major themes underlying the Institute's research portfolio are cosmology and extragalactic astronomy, studying of our Galaxy, physics and evolution of stars, physics of the Sun, astrometry, heavenly mechanics, the Earth's rotation theory, gravity measurements, and history of astronomy. The Institute places strong emphasis on the educational work in the field of astronomy.

**A.N. Belozersky Institute of Physical and Chemical Biology**
The Institute conducts research in the field of modern biochemistry, biophysics, molecular biology, molecular virology, cellular biology, biomedicine, genomics, proteomics, and bioinformatics. The Institute is a research base for undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students from the Faculties of Bioengineering and Bioinformatics, the Faculty of Biology and the Faculty of Chemistry.

**D.N. Anuchin Research Institute and Museum of Anthropology**
The MSU Institute of Anthropology is a Russian research institute and museum complex dedicated to anthropology issues. The institute is engaged in the development of theoretical fundamentals of applied anthropology. The main areas of the Institute activities include biological and social evolution of humankind, temporary and ethnoterritorial variability of modern humans, the integration of museum studies into the system of sciences about humankind and university education.
Information Security Institute
The Institute undertakes research primarily in the following areas: mathematical issues of cryptography, information security mathematical maintenance & software of critical infrastructure, and humanitarian issues of security. With the creation of the Institute, Moscow University got a cutting-edge platform for managing cross-disciplinary and multi-institutional research project collaboration in the field of information security.

Research Computer Center
The MSU Research Computer Center consists of 20 research laboratories and two research & production units. The research takes forward the Center’s priorities in support and maintenance of MSU supercomputers, development and deployment of the set of MSU management information systems, carrying out the basic and applied scientific research associated with computer calculations in the various fields of science: economy, medicine, biology, chemistry, etc.

Institute of Complex Systems Mathematical Research
The Institute primarily undertakes research on the spectral theory of operators and its application in dynamic systems. The Institute is currently involved in numerous projects that span its focal areas to include the development of mathematical apparatus for description of complex processes in biology and medicine; creation of effective methods for recognition of images and management processes of nonlinear dynamic systems; the cross-disciplinary forecasting of the development of Russia and other countries.

International Education and Research Laser Center
The Center creates and exploits unique multi-purpose laser systems of collective use for research and study. The Center conducts research in the development of fundamentals for new high technologies with laser radiation application; creates prototypes; produces (in cooperation with the industry) the small batches of unique devices with different applications for research and educational purposes.
Education & Research Stations and Testing Sites

A.N. Pertsov White Sea Biological Station
Established on August 10, 1938, the Station is located on the Karelian coast of Kandalaksha Bay of the White Sea. It is intended for the organization and carrying out sea scientific research in the Northern Region and for student field courses.

S.N. Skadovsky Zvenigorod Biological Station
Founded in 1910, the Station is an educational scientific center of cross-disciplinary basic and applied research in the area of field natural sciences. The Station forest area is a united natural forest complex of the taiga southern border located on the right bank of the Moskva River 11 km upstream of the town of Zvenigorod. It has the status of wildlife sanctuary.

Krasnovidovo (Mozhaisk) Education and Research Station
The Station was founded in 1945 as an educational and scientific testing site for carrying out comprehensive practicum in general geography for the MSU Geography Faculty students and for conducting independent research.

Ozyory Education and Research Station
Created in 1999, the Station is located in the village of Tregubovo in the Ozyory District of the Moscow Region on the bank of the Oka River. It serves as a field training site for students from the Department of Land Hydrology at the MSU Faculty of Geography.

Satino Education and Research Station
Created in 1968 in the Borovsk District of the Kaluga Region, the station is used as a field training site for senior students at the Faculty of Geography; throughout the winter time it is also used by Scientific Student Society for student field trips.
Khibiny Education and Research Station
Founded in 1948, the Station is located in the town of Kirovsk of the Murmansk Region. The Station provides field training for the geography students studying the features of mountain territories nature, wide range of natural processes and anthropogenic loading.

Elbrus Education and Research Station
Founded in 1957 in the Terskol village of Kabardino-Balkaria, the Station is designed for educational practices and field training of students at the Faculty of Geography and for carrying out stationary research in Central Caucasus Mountains. It is located at a foot of Mount Elbrus at the absolute height of 2,326 meters.

Meshchorya Education and Research Station
Located in the Vladimir Region on the bank of the Klyazma River, the Station serves as a site for student ecology and geography field training.

Prof. A.A. Bogdanov Crimean Education and Research Base
Founded in 1954, the Base is located in the Prokhladnoe village in the Bakhchisarai District of the Republic of Crimea. Nearly 800 students from the faculties of Geology, Geography and Physics take their field training course at the Crimean Base each year.

Chashnikovo Experimental Education Center for Soil and Ecology Studies
The Center was founded in 1949 for student field training and educational programs.
For the time being, Moscow University has more than 700 operational agreements on scientific and educational cooperation with government and international organizations, foreign universities and research centers.

Among MSU partners are: Russian-German Institute of Science and Culture, French University College, International Korean Center, Japanese Center, Scandinavian Center, and Ibero-Roman Center.

The Eurasian Universities Association (EUA) created in 1989 on the initiative of MSU unites 138 universities from 13 countries. In 2016, the Eurasian Network University was created on the basis of EUA.

The MSU Institute of Russian Language and Culture, founded in 1954, is an educational organization specializing in teaching the Russian language and special academic disciplines to international students for their further studies at MSU. Currently, there are more than 1,200 international students receiving instruction at the Institute.

There are more than 9,500 foreign students – undergraduates, graduates, postgraduates and interns – from 90 countries currently studying at Lomonosov Moscow State University.
Joint Educational Programs with Foreign Universities:

- “International Economic Law” (Faculty of Law and the University of Reading, Great Britain);
- “Master of Law” (Faculty of Law and the University of Regensburg, Germany);
- “International Business and Strategy” (Higher Business School and Jönköping International Business School, Sweden);
- “History of European Ideas” (Faculty of Philosophy and Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany).
Branch campuses

The Sevastopol branch campus opened in 1999 on the initiative of Moscow Government and the MSU Rector V.A. Sadovnichy of MSU was the first foreign branch university campus established by MSU.

From 1999 to 2017 seven branch campuses of Moscow University were open. They encompass the following fields of studies:

- **MSU branch campus in Sevastopol, Russia (1999):** applied mathematics and informatics; geography; physics; history; philology; journalism; economics; public and municipal administration; psychology; management.

- **MSU branch campus in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (2010):** applied mathematics and informatics; international relations; geology; chemistry, physics and mechanics of materials; public and municipal administration; linguistics; advertising and public relations.

- **MSU branch campus in Kazakhstan, Astana (2001):** mathematics; applied mathematics and informatics; ecology and environmental management; philology; economics.

- **MSU branch campus in Tashkent, Uzbekistan (2006):** applied mathematics and informatics; psychology.

- **MSU branch campus in Baku, Azerbaijan (2008):** philology, applied mathematics; chemistry; psychology; economics, management, physics.

- **MSU branch campus in Yerevan, Armenia (2015):** linguistics; applied mathematics and informatics; international relations; law; journalism; economics.

- **MSU branch campus in Koper, Slovenia (2017):** economics; mathematics; political science.

Upon successful completion of studies at branches, Lomonosov Moscow State University diplomas are conferred upon the graduates.

The total number of students studying at MSU branches exceeds 3,000.
Shenzhen MSU-BIT University

On September 5, 2017, the Joint Russian-Chinese University in Shenzhen opened its doors to students. The University was jointly established by Moscow University and Beijing Institute of Technology with the active support of the governments of the two countries. Based on the most actively demanded and cutting-edge MSU programs, the project is designed to prepare graduates capable of making a worthy contribution to the promotion of economic projects of Russia and China in the Pacific Rim.

Students who have completed the full program obtain a degree which is confirmed by two diplomas: the Lomonosov Moscow State University diploma and the Joint University diploma. All courses are taught in Russian.

The Joint Russian-Chinese University in Shenzhen has following faculties:

- Philology;
- Biology;
- Economics;
- Computational Mathematics and Cybernetics;
- Materials Sciences.
Russian Union of Rectors

The Russian Union of Rectors (RUR) was established in 1992. Since 1994, the MSU Rector V.A. Sadovnichy has been acting as the RUR President. The Russian Union of Rectors includes more than 700 heads of higher education institutions of the Russian Federation.

RUR unites the Councils of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of 9 federal districts and 72 Councils of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation. The RUR Congress is the supreme governing body of the Russian Union of Rectors. There have been convened 11 Congresses; 4 of them have been attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Since 2014, the Russian Union of Rectors has convened 6 international forums that have brought together more than 500 university leaders from different countries:

- Forum of Rectors of the Russian Federation and China (2016, Moscow; 2017, Shenzhen)
- Forum of Rectors of the Russian Federation and Iran (2015, Moscow; 2016, Tehran; 2017, Moscow)
- Forum of Rectors of the Russian Federation and India (2015, Moscow; 2016, Mumbai; 2017, Moscow)
- Forum of Rectors of the Russian Federation and Universities in the Arab World (2018, Beirut)

There were created:
- Association of Universities of Russia and India (2015)
- Association of Classical Universities of the Russian Federation and the People’s Republic of China (2016)
- Association of Universities of Russia and Japan (2016)
- Federation of Universities of the Russian Federation and Countries of the Arab World (2017)
“Lomonosov” International Youth Science Forum


The International Union of Young Scientists was created on the basis of the «Lomonosov» International Youth Science Forum.

Today, the Forum has more than 300,000 young scientists from 75 countries of the world registered on the portal.

International Union of Young Scientists

At the XIX World Festival of Youth and Students in Sochi in 2017, the MSU Rector V.A. Sadovnichy put forward an idea to create the International Union of Young Scientists. On January 25, on Russian Students’ Day, the idea was further supported by Russian President Vladimir Putin during his teleconference with students.

The members of the International Union of Young Scientists are represented by the young scientists from more than 20 countries across all continents.

"When I became actively involved in the pursuit of science, I experienced a kind of deficit of communication between scientists from different countries. This gave me an idea about the creation of an international platform for young scientists from all over the world. The newly established International Union of Young Scientists will give us an opportunity to develop science much faster and more efficiently! I very much hope that this Union will help to bring together young scientists and those who are interested in science. It will also allow facilitating and increasing exponentially the communication level between scientists from all around the world, more than ever before!"

Yossr Khaled Ghazy of Egypt, 3rd-year student, MSU Faculty of Fundamental Medicine.

The first projects of the Youth Research Platform include:

- «Luch» Virtual Laboratory. Real-time mathematical modeling of physical processes for virtual space.
- Electronic taste sensor. The electronic taste sensor is a molecular sensing system that provides spectral analysis to evaluate the quality and flavoring characteristics of production.
- Environmental monitoring based on the decoding of satellite imagery and data from UAVs with the use of artificial intelligence for spotting of ecological dangers.
- DeafKIT. DeafKIT provides automatic sign language translation in real time and operates on the basis of computer vision technology.
- Blockchain.
Olympiads and Universiades

Olympiads for High School Students

Lomonosov MSU hosts 8 Olympiads for high school students included in the List of the Olympiads for High School Students approved by the order of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation: “Lomonosov”, “Conquer Vorobyovy Gory!”, “M.V. Lomonosov Tournament”, “State Audit”, the All-Russian Olympiad for High School Students “Nanotechnologies: Break for the Future”, the Moscow Olympiad for High School Students, the Open Olympiad for High School Students in Programming, and the Olympiad for High School Students in Physics “Robofest”. MSU also holds the International Mendeleev Olympiad for High School Students in Chemistry, the Moscow Geological Olympiad, the All-Russian Tournament of Young Physicists, the Biomedical Olympiad of High School Students, the Tournament of Young Biologists, the High School Biological Olympiad and many other Olympiads for primary, middle and high school students of 1−11 grades.

Universiades

Since 2011, MSU has hosted universiades for students in biology, mechanics & strategic information technologies, fundamental medicine, econometrics, programming, mathematics, homeland history & law, the Persian Language, geomorphology, etc., including international universiades in biology, and management, international business & entrepreneurship.

In 2018, more than 3,200 students participated in universiades, 25 faculties took part in the universiade organization in 24 various fields of studies.

Annually, more than 200,000 high school students participate in the Olympiads of MSU.
Student Organizations

The MSU Student Council is an elected body of student self-government of Moscow University.

The Joint Student Committee is an elected body of student self-government representing the interests of students living in the MSU residence halls.

The MSU Student Sports Club is a youth organization uniting MSU undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate students and staff involved in sports.

The MSU Student Union is the first higher school student organization of Russia. The projects of the Student Union include “MSU Immortal Regiment”; “MSU Volunteers of the Victory”; MSU War Graves Search Group; sports, international & scientific volunteering; art volunteering; charitable and cultural centers.

The MSU Student Labor Union deals with students’ social problem-solving.
Student sports

Moscow University is home to more than 50 sports clubs.

More than 5,000 students participate annually in MSU Spartakiade, the largest university sports tournament. Athletes from Moscow University traditionally get high places at interuniversity competitions. Among MSU students and alumni are Olympic champions Sofia Velikaya, Aleksandra Patskevich, Svetlana Romashina, Alla Shishkina, Alexander Lesun, Ph.D. in Biology Elena Petushkova.

MSU Big Relay Race
The first relay race took place in May, 1950. The relay is as long as 4,800 meters.

Student Football Festival
Dedicated to the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia, the Program of Festival-2018 included:

- indoor and outdoor football tournaments: The MSU football championship; the Festival Super Cup along with teams from Russia's higher education institutions; and also the MSU Rector Cup;
- MSU students’ meetings with famous football players and coaches. Within the interuniversity interactive project «University Chair» the following celebrities were the guests of the University: A.G. Smertin, a football player and a FIFA ambassador; S.S. Cherchesov, head coach of Russian National Team, L.V. Slutsky, former coach of CSKA football club and Russian National Team; Yu.P. Syomin, head coach of FC Lokomotiv, and Eder, a Portuguese football player.

More than 2,000 MSU students and students from other Russia's higher education institutions participated in the events of the All-Russian Student Football Festival!
Student Creative Activities

The Moscow University Arts & Entertainment Center (DK MGU) serves as a catalyst for student creativity and venue for activities of 100 various interest groups.

Opened on the initiative of the MSU Rector Sadovnichy, the cycle of musical soirées titled «The Rector of Moscow University invites …» has existed for more than a quarter-century. Over these years more than a hundred concerts of outstanding performers with world renowned names have been held: Denis Matsuev, Vladimir Spivakov, Valery Gergiev and many others.

The Lomonosov Moscow State University Academic Choir is the oldest amateur choral collective in Russia.

Lomonosov Moscow State University Symphonic Orchestra

MSU Folk Dance Ensemble «Vesna»

Theater of modern and variety show dance «Zvon»
The Earth Sciences Museum was opened on May 14, 1955. The exhibits of the museum encompass geography and geology sciences. The exposition discovers the history of the development of natural-science knowledge and the ideas about the Earth.

The Museum has natural collections of minerals, rocks, ores, fossil organisms, meteorites, soil samples and monoliths and also botanical herbariums and models of natural zones and biogeocenoses. 262 pictures reflect landscapes of Russia.

The Research And Educational Museum Of Moscow University History was open in 1995. The funds and expositions of the museum include about 15,000 exhibits.

The MSU Zoological Museum was originally established as a Cabinet of Natural History at Moscow University. The Zoological Museum has been public since 1805. Its exposition funds contain about 14,000 specimens. The Museum scientific collections consist of about 10 million items. The MSU Research Zoological Museum is one of the twenty largest natural-science museums in the world due to the volume of its zoological scientific collections.

The D.N. Anuchin Museum Of Anthropology has the largest collection of data on evolution, human morphology and the early stages of the existence of culture. The first collections were created from exhibits of the All-Russia Anthropological Exhibition in 1879. After its closing, the greater part of the exhibits on paleoanthropology and prehistoric archeology were given to Moscow University.
The Moscow University Botanical Garden was set up in 1706 under Peter the Great decree for cultivation of medical herbs. In 1805, it was bought by the University. Today, it comprises two sections: the Apothecary Garden in Prospekt Mira and the Botanical Garden in Vorobyovy Gory.

The «Art In The Stone» Museum was opened in 2007. The basis exposition consists of natural samples of minerals and fossils collected from the various parts of the world.

The MSU Art Gallery is a collection of more than 300 works of painting and graphics spanning the 19th and 20th centuries, with artists such as V.M. Vasnetsov, A.K. Savrasov, I.I. Levitan, V.V. Pereplechtikov, V.E. Makovsky, V.D. Polenov, B.M. Kustodieiev, N.N. Dubovsky, M.V. Nesterov, A.N. Benois, M.A. Voloshin, A.A. Deineka, etc.

MSU Research Library. The MSU Research Library holds about 10 million printed volumes, of them 2.5 million are in foreign languages. The electronic catalogue exceeds 700,000 items. The MSU library has valuable collections of rare books and manuscripts. About 65,000 readers visit the Library annually. The Library comprises 17 buildings of Moscow University and has 63 reading rooms accommodating 3,500 readers.
Campus

MSU Buildings in Mokhovaya and Bolshaya Nikitskaya Streets

Among the MSU Buildings in Mokhovaya and Bolshaya Nikitskaya streets there are the Saint Tatiana’s Church, the Institute of Asian and African Studies, the Faculty of Journalism, the Faculty of Psychology, the Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts, and the Zoological Museum of Moscow University.

Moscow University Residence Halls

The Moscow University dormitories represent a complex of residence halls. MSU has seven residence halls running independently and having the developed infrastructure accommodating 20,000 students.
MSU Campus in Vorobyovy Gory

The campus in Vorobyovy Gory is a technologically difficult complex located on the area of more than 1,200 thousand square meters and including more than 1,000 buildings and premises. In the process of University development and emergence of new faculties and research laboratories, its territory has also undergone significant changes: new teaching, learning and research facilities, halls of residence, recreation zones have been opened.

Since 2003, an ambitious program of capital investment projects in a new territory of University located from the side of Lomonosovsky Prospekt and comprising 120 hectares has been under way: in 2005, the building of the Main Library was constructed; in September, 2007, the Shuvalovsky Building and the MSU Multipurpose Medical Center were open; in 2016, the first building of the largest complex of student residential facilities in Moscow in Lomonosovsky Prospekt opened its doors, and the University Gymnasium was opened.

The Main Building in Vorobyovy Gory has a pool and several gyms. The University campus provides the University community with ample opportunities to satisfy their sports and recreational needs in various sport clubs to include: the MSU Mountaineering Club; the R.V. Khokhlov Alpine Club; the Boxing Club; a number of track and field clubs; the Tennis Club; the Central Club of Table Tennis; the MSU Yacht Club, etc.
Wellness and Vacation Facilities

**Krasnovidovo Vacation House**

The Krasnovidovo vacation house is located 120 km of Moscow on the bank of the Mozhaisk Reservoir. It accommodates 195 people. The vacation center has two residential buildings with a library and a gym; a children’s playground; a professional tennis court; a basketball court; and a five-a-side football pitch. A cross-country skiing facility is available in the winter season.

**Universitetsky Vacation Boarding House**

Located in the environs of the town of Zvenigorod, the Universitetsky vacation boarding house accommodates 200 people. The Universitetsky has two four-storey buildings that house scientific educational programs for high school students, student sports contests, off site seminars and conferences for university students.

**Burevestnik Vacation Boarding House**

Located on the Black Sea coast of the Caucasus, the Burevestnik vacation boarding house accommodates 550 people. The vacation boarding house provides facilities for playing volleyball, basketball, tennis and football on its territory. It hosts music performances and concerts.

**Solnechny Vacation Boarding House**

The Solnechny vacation boarding house is located on the Black Sea coast of Abkhazia. The vacation boarding house facilities include sports grounds, children’s play areas, gyms, a hall for conferences and workshops. The cozy accommodations in the cottages nestled in a big territory with a number of sea-view terraces are available for the MSU guests.
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