

On the approval of the  
Internationalisation Policy of St  
Petersburg State University

For the purpose of developing the international activities of St Petersburg State  
University (hereinafter referred to as SPbU)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Internationalisation Policy of SPbU (hereinafter referred to as the Policy) be approved.
2. That the Vice-Rectors, Directors of Institutes and Deans of Faculties are guided in their activities by the principles outlined in the Policy.
3. That Timur T. Zainullin, Head of the Public Relations Division, ensure the publication of this Order on the SPbU website.
4. For further information on the contents of this Order, consult the Deputy Rector for International Affairs through the SPbU Virtual Reception service.
5. Any amendments of and/or additions to this Order shall be sent to [org@spbu.ru](mailto:org@spbu.ru).
6. I shall personally supervise the implementation of this Order.

Deputy Rector  
for International Affairs

S.V. Andryushin

## **Internationalisation Policy of St Petersburg State University**

Internationalisation is a means of achieving international excellence in education, research and other activities of SPbU in order to ensure the quality of education, research and other activities that corresponds to the best international standards, and to promote the best practices of SPbU in the field of education, research and other activities as part of partnership agreements with the leading international research and educational centres.

### **1. Goals of the Internationalisation Policy of St Petersburg State University:**

- 1.1. to achieve an optimal share of foreign students in higher education programmes in accordance with the indicators established by the SPbU Development Programme until 2030;
- 1.2. to achieve an optimal share of new international research and teaching teams in accordance with the indicators established by the SPbU Development Programme until 2030;
- 1.3. to achieve an optimal share of educational programmes and disciplines taught in foreign languages in accordance with the indicators established by the SPbU Development Programme until 2030;
- 1.4. to introduce new forms of international academic cooperation;
- 1.5. to ensure the promotion of the Russian language and culture abroad and to contribute to the study of the Russian language, literature and history in foreign countries, including through the use of distance learning technologies;
- 1.6. to create a favourable environment by improving the quality of services for students and academic staff, including foreign nationals.

### **2. The main priorities of the Internationalisation Policy of St Petersburg State University:**

- 2.1. To position SPbU as a leading global research and education centre, demonstrating the best scientific and educational achievements of Russia, and a partner of world leading research and education centres;
- 2.2. To promote regional (national) priorities when selecting strategic partners and developing joint projects;
- 2.3. To promote the SPbU brand in international educational markets and in the international academic community;
- 2.4. To promote SPbU in international university rankings (THE, QS, ARWU, MosIUR, etc.);
- 2.5. To maintain and develop close ties with foreign alumni of SPbU.

### **3. Topical issues of internationalisation**

- 3.1. In the sphere of educational activities:
  - 3.1.1. to involve leading foreign academics in teaching and on the boards of educational programmes;

- 3.12. to develop educational programmes and online courses in foreign languages in cooperation with reputable foreign partners at the highest training levels and areas of study for both Russian and foreign applicants and to meet the needs of domestic and international labour markets;
  - 3.13. to achieve a qualitative improvement in educational programmes with thematic relevance to various aspects of Russian studies (including teaching a substantial part of the curriculum in Russian);
  - 3.14. to export educational programmes, including interaction with the world's leading online education platforms to export SPbU online courses (developing online network programmes with foreign partners, implementing SPbU's online programmes in the foreign branches of SPbU, developing and posting SPbU online programmes on international e-learning platforms, etc.);
  - 3.15. to seek international accreditation of educational programmes;
  - 3.16. to increase the number of summer and winter schools (including online schools) for foreign students;
  - 3.17. to develop support, adaptation and mentoring programmes for international students at SPbU;
  - 3.18. to analyse and adapt best international practices in the implementation of educational programmes.
- 3.2. In the sphere of scientific activities:
- 321. to attract internationally renowned scientists to joint research and educational projects;
  - 322. to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of international scientific and technical cooperation between SPbU and the world's leading research centres in accordance with the principles and indicators established by the SPbU Development Programme until 2030;
  - 323. to increase the number of English language editions of scientific journals of SPbU and ensure their indexing in databases;
  - 324. to ensure a comprehensive promotion of SPbU scientific publications on the Internet with the aim of attracting foreign researchers, and increasing subscriptions among foreign research and academic institutions;
  - 325. to include representatives from SPbU on the editorial boards of internationally recognised peer-reviewed journals in accordance with the principles and indicators established by the SPbU Development Programme until 2030;
  - 326. to involve leading foreign academics in teaching, acting as members of dissertation councils and as experts;
  - 327. to analyse and adapt best international practices in the organisation of research activities;
  - 328. to facilitate the organisation of fundamental research undertaken by international research teams and funded by Russian and foreign research foundations;
  - 329. to organise and host major international conferences at SPbU under the auspices of the world's leading associations.

The Internationalisation Policy of SPbU is implemented by adopting personnel, financial, information and resource decisions in accordance with the established priorities and the designated targets.