Dear friends!

Orenburg State University is one of the largest regional universities in Russia. Our graduates hold key management posts in the enterprises throughout the region and the Russian Federation. The university is a leader of staff training in the area that covers the Southern Urals, the Volga region and the Central Asian countries. This activity is one of the main targets of the OSU Strategic Development Program. The university brings together the educational, scientific and innovative potential of Russian and foreign higher educational institutions with research organizations and major national enterprises.

Having a multilevel education system, the university pays special attention to science development and its integration in education, business and international projects. OSU’s friendly links with international universities and research organizations help our students adapt to the process of rapid globalization.

Our university has all means to train qualified specialists able to meet challenges of the 21st century.
About

25 000 students

More than 150 000 graduates

More than 1000 doctors and candidates of sciences

60 cooperation agreements with educational institutions of CIS and non-CIS states

More than 1 000 000 items in the OSU library

3 institutes

12 faculties

3 branches

2 colleges

OSU TODAY

A guarantee of high-quality training in a wide range of programmes (36 educational fields)

A regional scientific and innovative centre

A source of positive changes in the city and region environment

A centre for cultivating talents and generating leaders

Orenburg State University progresses to solving personnel and research problems for the local economy to grow. It retrains and upgrades specialists for innovation industries that are playing a key role in accelerating regional programmes for social and economic development thus to serve Russian Federation long-term interests in the global market.

The university offers more than 160 training programmes in engineering, humanities and natural sciences. It pursues research in 49 research fields within 12 areas of science.

Each year the university expands its international activities: it has 60 cooperation agreements with international partners in the Western Europe, the United States, Japan, former Soviet states.

Strong links with firms and companies and businesses enable students to find the job placement and have a great demand on the labour market.

Many-sided cooperation between Orenburg State University and high schools manifests itself in sharing scientific and methodological knowledge, innovative ideas, advanced pedagogical tools and information technologies, teachers and tutors.

OSU aims to provide high quality education together with the supporive environment for developing a harmonious, aesthetic, cultural, moral and patriotic personality. The university offers students various opportunities for self-realization and skills development both in and off the university following its motto: “OSU is a university with great opportunities!”
EDUCATION

More than 200 training programmes
36 educational fields

8 specialist’s training programmes
74 bachelor’s training programmes
42 master’s training programmes
21 research degree programmes

Ratings
- 18th position in the ratings of Superjob portal according to the IT specialists salary who graduated between 2011 – 2016
- 69th position in the Webometrics rankings among 1172 Russian universities
- 100 – 101st position in the Interfax National University Ranking
- 31 OSU training programmes are in the top list of the “Best Training Programmes of Innovation Russia” project
- in the list of 400 best universities of BRICS countries in the QS World University Rankings

Academic units

Institutes:
- Aerospace Institute
- Institute of Management
- Institute of Innovations in Social Sciences and Humanities and Massmedia

Faculties:
- Faculty of Architecture and Construction
- Faculty of Geology and Geography
- Faculty of Distance Learning Technologies
- Faculty of Mathematics and Information Technologies
- Faculty of Applied Biotechnology and Engineering
- Faculty of Transport
- Faculty of Physics
- Faculty of Philology
- Faculty of Economics and Finances
- Faculty of Chemistry and Biology
- Faculty of Electrical Power Engineering
- Faculty of Law

Advanced Training and Retraining

- Interdisciplinary Centre for Professional Development and Retraining
- Faculty of Teachers’ Upgrading
- Training Centre for Evaluators
- Training Centre for Accountants and Auditors
SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

Over 150,000,000 rubles make up annual research funding

4 research institutes

11 scientific educational centres

12 specialized research laboratories

Over 30 scientific events a year

OSU strategic projects in priority sciences and technologies

- Digital design and manufacture in machine building
- Photonic and nanoplasmic devices of molecular and quantum electronics
- Photonics of polyatomic molecules and complexes in living cells and biotissues
- Engineering centre “Comprehensive processing of mature ferrous slags”
- Technological maintenance for making and developing HealthNet and FoodNet markets of the future
- Developing advanced energy saving technologies to introduce into industrial cluster of the Orenburg region
- Resource saving technologies in construction, housing and utility sector and road industry
- Advanced geotechnologies, methods for early detection and emergencies prediction in a boundary area
- Axiology of innovation training
OSU FOR REGIONAL ECONOMY

26 affiliated branches of university’s departments are located at the premises of Orenburg companies.

Over 100 developments by OSU scientists are designed for manufacture.

Over 200 executives and representatives of Orenburg companies are members of OSU State Examination Boards.

800 requests from companies and firms to host trainees.

Over 300 partner enterprises in Moscow, Orenburg, Chelyabinsk, Belgorod regions, the Republic of Bashkortostan, etc.

Over 75% of OSU graduates find employment within the first year after graduation.

Innovations for manufacture
OSU scientists conduct researches for leading local companies and firms to face production modernization. The university actively assists in solving experimental problems of manufacture: it develops new technologies and comes up with inventions to promote import substitution. The university’s active partners are “Production Association “Strela”, “Gaspromdobycha Orenburg”, “Orenburg Teplogeneriruyuchaya Company”, “Gazprom gazoraspredelenije Orenbug”, Orenburg building companies, etc.

Projects for community development
Each year university’s scientists together with government bodies, state and municipal authorities carry out life-oriented researches in management, economy, ecology, urban environment. They develop projects to improve public spaces in the region as part of the programme “Our cities are changing”. They also implement the project for overall processing of wastes from the regional non-ferrous metallurgic companies. The university’s researchers formulate theoretical and methodological principles for competition development in the Orenburg region.

Personnel training

1st position in the Russian Ranking of Regional Centres for Graduates Employment Assistance
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Participation in international projects of Erasmus+ programme, German Academic Exchange Programme DAAD, etc.
- Academic exchange with universities of Japan, Germany, Finland, France, Poland, the Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, Denmark, Italy, Greece, Sweden, the USA, CIS countries.
- International Summer School “Modern Russian Science and Culture” welcomed students from Japan (Hiroshima, Ehime), Germany (Leipzig), Kazakhstan (Aktobe)
- 6 language centres
- OSU houses the Research Centre for Interethnic and Interreligious Studies. Authorised by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation it coordinates all research activities about internationalization and cross-border cooperation in the Volga Federal District.

Training
Native speakers with the financial support from foreign embassies, Robert Bosch Foundation, DAAD, the Fulbright and Alliance Français Samara programmes teach our students English, German, French, Chinese, Japanese and Spanish.

Certificates
On completing special French and German language courses the students get DSH and DELF/DALF certificates from the university’s certified specialists. The certificates qualify their holders to get a job without taking language tests.

Festivals
Every year OSU hosts Days of Japan, Days of Germany, Days of France. The programme of the events has:
- arts and photo exhibitions,
- film and theatre festivals,
- business seminars,
- workshops on different subjects,
- contests in photo, essay, reading, translation,
- philosophic and poetry discussions.
UNIVERSITY – HIGH SCHOOL

100 high schools in the city of Orenburg and Orenburg region belong to the Association “Orenburg University (Educational) District” and act as the university’s partners

18 affiliated branches of the university’s departments are located in high schools

1800 high school teachers of the region take in OSU retraining and upgrading courses every year

2000 people participate in university’s Olympiads every year

Career guidance

“Open days”
“University’s Saturdays”
“Days of Orenburg region’s districts in OSU”
“Days of OSU in Orenburg region’s districts”
“Professions Avenue” as the part of the municipal festival “Spring Ball”
“School Leavers Weekend”
Participation in educational exhibitions and fairs in Russia and abroad

Special projects

The Association “Orenburg University (Educational) District” supports and carries out a number of training and social projects: “Pedagogical Olympus”, “Intellectual Future of Orenburg region”, “Discovering of Talents”, “Ascending to a Word”, “Pedagogy of Media Education”, “Cossak School”. The Association organizes regional teacher-parents meetings, the contest “Leader of Education”, the theoretical and practical conference “Step into the Future of Science”.

“Eurasian Olympiads and Contests” project

Initiated by OSU and co-sponsored by the Orenburg region Ministry of Education and Makhambet Utemisov West Kazakhstan State University the project unites the representatives from Russia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan.

The University School of Physics and Mathematics

It assists high school students (8 – 11 grades) to prepare for Olympiads, contests, the Unified State Exam in Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry, Informatics. Completing the school’s programmes makes it possible for its graduates to enter Orenburg State University and other Russian institutes.

The Pre-University Training Centre “Abiturient”

The Centre offers preparatory courses in different subjects to take the Unified State Exam. The courses are free for orphans and servicemen. OSU faculties have consulting offices and study clubs in humanities, engineering and natural sciences.

“Drawing, Painting, Design” studio

The studio located in the Palace of Youth Creativity “Progress” offers preparatory courses for the applicants for “Design” and “Architecture” programmes. The training is given by educators from the Faculty of Architecture and Construction and aims to prepare applicants for a creative exam.
25 performance groups, clubs and studios

5 performance groups have the title “People’s” – “Antre” circus, “Inye” dance theatre, “Crystal” fashion theatre, “EksCourse” vocal group, “Zhemchuzhinka” dance group. The latter has the title of Honoured Group of the Russian Federation.

17 sport clubs

10 students construction brigades with 500 members in total

- Regional centre for training students’ teams
- Students’ trade union
- Coordinating centre for volunteer movement “OSU Volunteer”
- Movement “Young professionals “WorldSkills Russia”
- Faculty of Public Professions
- Students’ Council
The educational activities are implemented by 3 branches and 2 colleges for 8000 students in total.

- **Orsk Institute of Humanities and Technology (OGTI)**
  - Over 2000 students study at 5 faculties.
  - The Institute's graduates find jobs in the enterprises of education, metallurgy, mechanical engineering, energetics, IT-technologies, etc.

- **Buzuluk Institute of Humanities and Technology (BGTI)**
  - Over 1000 students study in 4 faculties.
  - The Institute trains specialists in construction, petrochemistry, education, economy and law.

- **Kumertau Branch**
  - Over 2000 students study in 2 faculties.
  - The branch trains personnel for electricity supply, transport, construction, housing and public services enterprises.

- **University College (the city of Orenburg)**
  - Over 2000 students study in 3 departments
  - The College offers training programmes in IT-technologies, electricity supply, mechanical engineering, economy and law.

- **Buzuluk College of Industry and Transport (BKPT)**
  - Over 2000 students study in 5 departments.
  - The College's graduates work for the enterprises of electric power, transport, oil and agricultural industry.