

# Student mobility programmes in Russia

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**1 046** universities  
**6 455 700** students



Moscow

*Russia*

**25615**

mobile  
students



Age	Qualification	Level of Studies
26	<b>Doctor of Science</b>	Advanced Postgraduate
	<b>Ph. D</b> 3 years	
23	<b>Specialist's diploma</b> 5 years	Higher Education
21		
17	<b>Bachelor of Science</b> 4 years	
15	<b>High School</b> 2 years	
10	<b>Secondary School</b> 5 years	Secondary Education
	<b>Primary School</b> 3 years	Primary Education

# General observations

Rate of *mobility*  
< 1 %

*Most* – through foreign  
grants, scholarships

*On average,*  
BA & MA  
programmes

< 10 %

*Model:*  
4 year BA +  
2 year MA

*Study abroad period:*  
BA –semester,  
MA - year

*ECTS:*  
in app. 4 % of HEIs  
(mostly regional HEIs)

*Generally low mobility of*  
population and labour  
in Russia

*Lack of information on*  
*possible financial support*  
for students

*Insufficient interest of*  
*European students in*  
studying in Russia

*Solution:* More programs

*Solution:* Marketing

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# Structural obstacles to student mobility

- Uncertainty with the official recognition of the study abroad period
- Low level of scholarship size
- High level of transport prices
- Non-affordable accommodation prices
- Regional differences
- Language familiarity
- Lack of quality control

Countries of destination	Russian Federation
Australia	599
Austria	263
Belgium	271
Czech Republic	203
Denmark	187
Finland	911
France	1 924
Germany	8 913
Hungary	217
Italy	237

Japan	319
Netherlands	255
Norway	458
Poland	291
Spain	148
Sweden	584
Switzerland	458
Turkey	846
United Kingdom	1461
United States	6722
...	...
<b>Total all reporting destinations</b>	<b>25615</b>



International College of  
Economics and Finance  
(HSE, Moscow)

London School of Economics and  
Political Science



European  
University at  
St. Petersburg  
Tacis/Tempus

# Good practice examples

Summer  
Schools



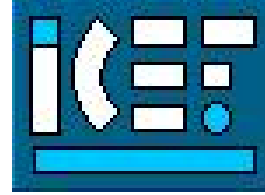


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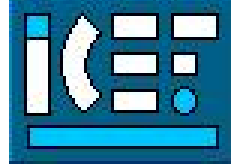
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-with the assistance of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

- **1997** - an autonomous structure of the State University - Higher School of Economics



*What it does* – two degrees: a **Russian BSc** in Economics (HSE) and an **English BS?** (University of London)



students follow the **University of London's External Studies** four-year degree programme taught mostly in **English**

*-direct involvement* of LSE academics

*-external examinations*

*Entrance procedure* – russian  
highschool leaving certificate +  
competition procedure (examinations)

*-Russian and  
native speaker  
lecturers*

In 2004:

- ✓\$2.500 a year (\$5.000 discount) –  
12 places for a year for the students  
admitted to the HSE Economics  
Department;
- ✓\$3.750 a year (\$3.750 discount) - 16  
places for a year;
- ✓\$4.750 a year (\$2.750 discount) - 16  
places for a year;
- ✓\$6.000 a year (\$1.500 discount) - 12  
places for a year;
- ✓\$7.500 a year-all the students admitted  
to ICEF but failed to get a discount.



To reduce the load of tuition payment we work with

*SPONSORS* - is financed by a consortium of major Russian commercial **banks**

- including *the Foreign Trade Bank [Vneshtorgbank]* ,
- the Foreign Economic Bank [Vneshekonombank]* ,
- the National Savings Bank [Sberbank]* ,
- the Eurofinance,*  **EuroFinance**
- Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange (MMVB),*
- Gazprombank and Charity Know How.*





*European  
University  
at St. Petersburg*



*1994* – a non-state non-commercial institution of further professional education (raising qualification)

-for specialists in the spheres of social sciences and humanities.

-Founding members:

- ✓Committee for municipal Real Estate Management of St.Petersburg mayor administration;
- ✓St.Petersburg Institute for Economics and Mathematics;
- ✓St.Petersburg branch of Sociology Institute (Russian Academy of Science);
- ✓St. Petersburg Association of Scientists and Scholars.





*What it offers*– five

Departments

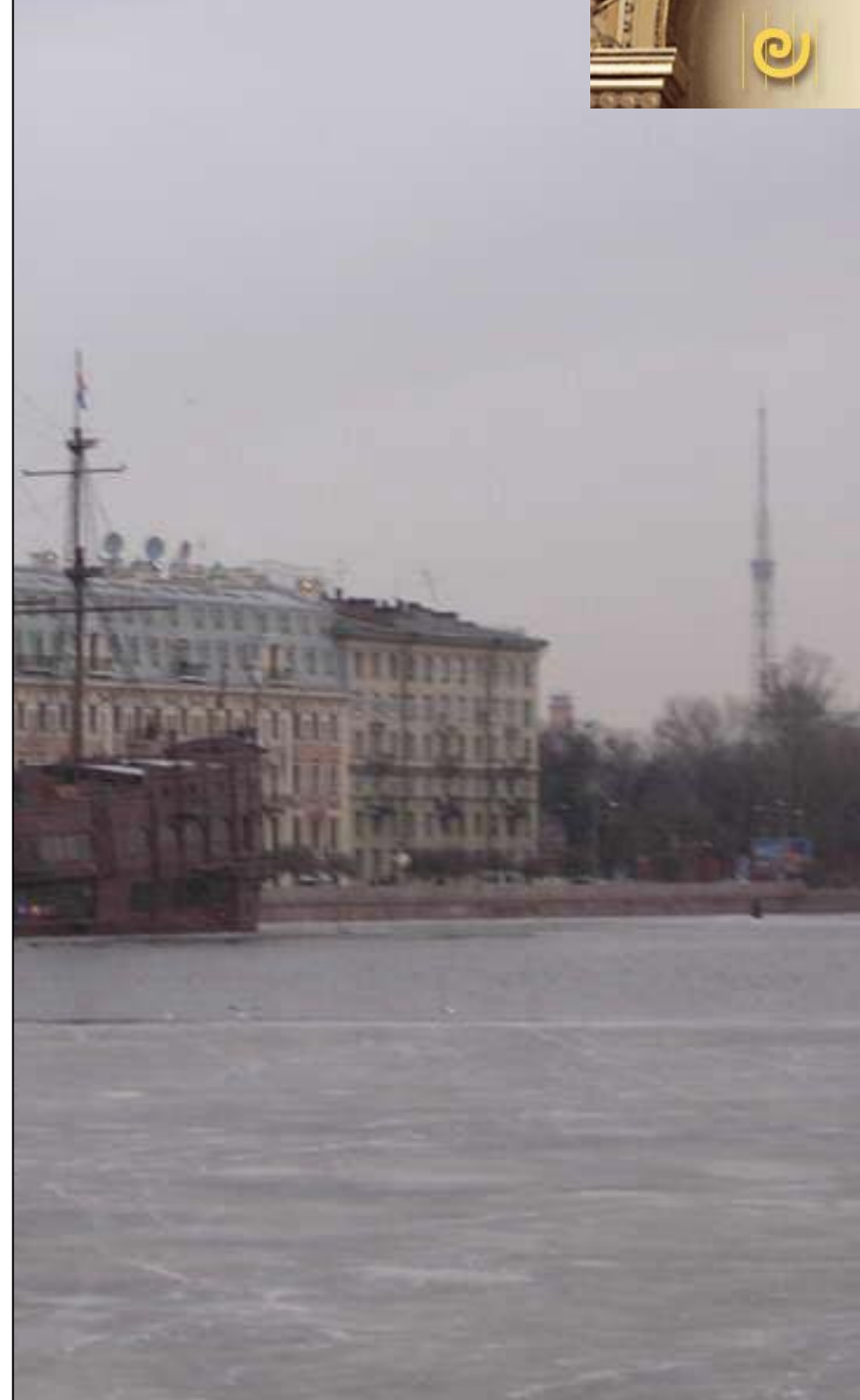
-five interdisciplinary centers

-two research programs:

Program for Ecological History  
and "Ethnic Studies" program.

three types of post-graduate  
programs:

- basic academic program,
- 2) English-language program for students  
from Western Universities (IMARS),
- 3) interdisciplinary and specialized programs  
for graduate and senior students and  
young specialists of the city.





# Sources of financial support

- the City Government and the Legislative Assembly of St Petersburg

- 'Cultural Initiative' International Foundation

- Municipal Real Estate Committee

- the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation



- International Higher Education Support Program (HESP) of the Open Society Institute (The Soros Foundation),



- The Ford Foundation



- the TACIS/TEMPUS

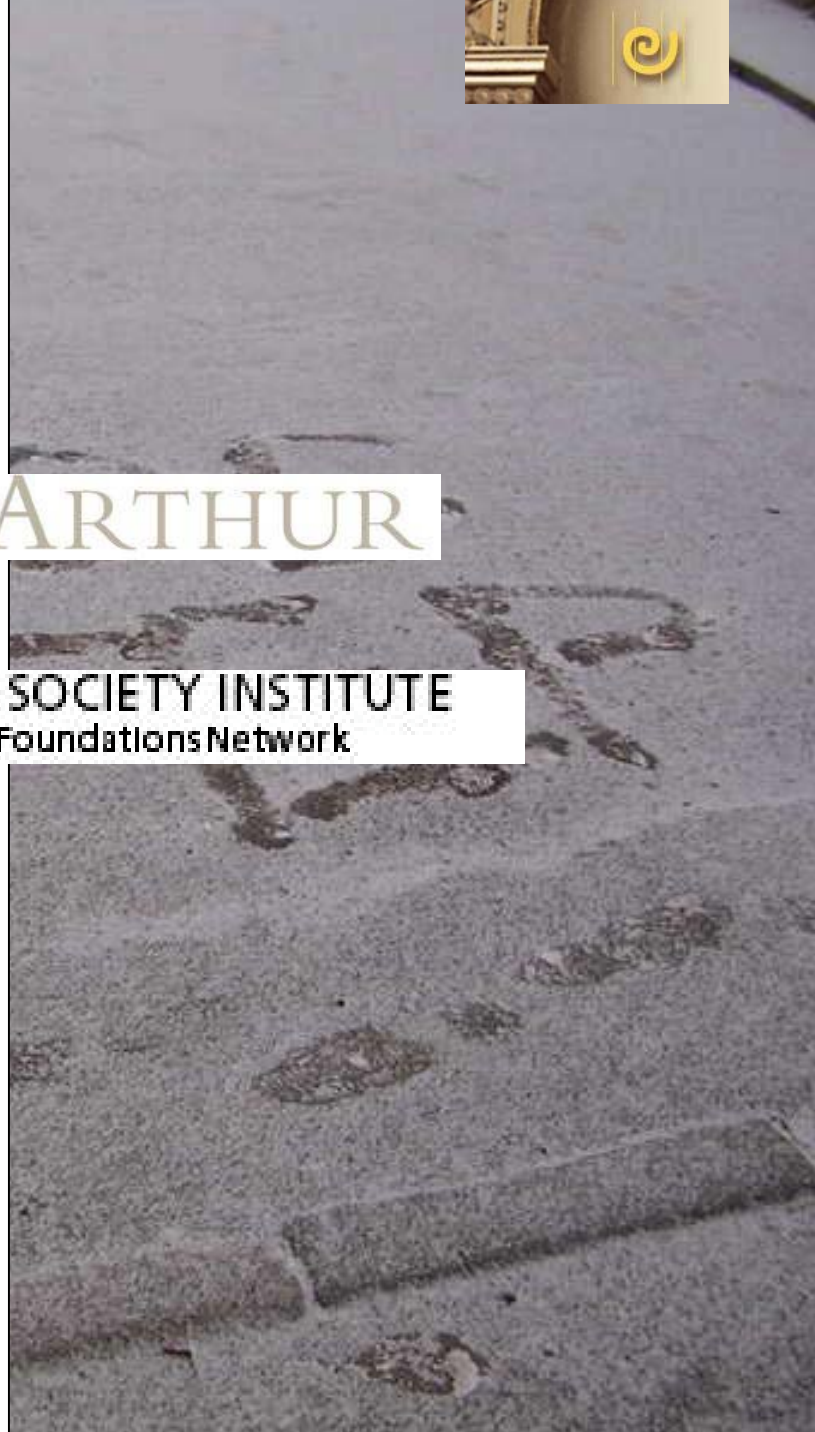


- the INTAS

- the Thyssen Foundation (Germany)

- the Spencer Foundation (USA),

- the Russian Foundation for the Humanities





## *Foreign students –*

Altogether 103 foreign students from Europe and the United States completed their studies in IMARS program (International MA in Russian Studies).

## *Summer schools:*

Each year 20 students from Russian and Eastern Europe, as well as 10-12 students from Western Europe (mostly Germany) participated in summer schools organized by the Department of History.



# Summer Schools



# Conclusions - what is needed

*National academic mobility cooperation scheme*

*National mobility grants, scholarships, funds*

*Universal use of BA&MA programmes*

*Model:*

*Inland unification (4 year BA + 2 year MA)*

*Universities should aim at developing the system of mobility*

*ECTS:*

*More information and guides in russian*

*State support of regional mobility*

*Student coordinating institute within universities*

*Close cooperation with European universities, external quality control*

Welcome to Moscow!

