



EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN RUSSIA

Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program
US – Russia Volunteer Initiative
Community Connections – Russia
University Administration Support Program
Eurasian Undergraduate Exchange Program
Contemporary Issues Fellowship Program

IREX EDUCATION PROGRAMS CAPACITY IN RUSSIA

- **Decades of Experience:** Nearly 40 years of IREX programs in the region, including 16 years of on-the-ground work on the territory of the Russian Federation.
- **Strong Networks:** Each year recruitment is conducted in more than 85 cities, regularly reaching more than 1,000 institutions and 8,000 individuals across the Russian Federation. IREX's networks are further supported by its extensive contacts across Russia, including program alumni in top government, business, and academic positions.
- **Transparent and Merit Based Program Management:** Selection committees comprised of independent experts, including representatives of Russian and US universities, ensure that selection process is transparent, fair, and open. Special attention paid to selecting qualified and innovative participants who are well placed to impact the local community upon their return.
- **Comprehensive Understanding of Issues Affecting Russia Today:** Expert in-country and international staff provide crucial insight on issues surrounding civil society development, university administration, business development, and other critical areas in Russian regional cities.
- **Prestigious Placements at Leading Academic, Public, and Non-Profit Institutions:** IREX has successfully placed participants at more than 250 US and Russian public and nonprofit organizations and more than 500 US and Russian higher education institutions.
- **World-Class Training Resources:** IREX boasts a worldwide network of professional trainers who conduct expert trainings in Russia on topics ranging from institutional management and NGO capacity building to transparent business practices and partnering with local authorities.
- **Comprehensive Participant Orientation and Fellowship Support:** Streamlined orientation process balances needs of program participants with expectations of host organizations. Dedicated IREX advisor for length of fellowship, 24 hour a day emergency participant hotline.
- **Career Commitment to Alumni Professional Development:** Ongoing follow-up work with program alumni, including networking programs, professional development trainings, and grants.



In a changing academic climate, strategic planning is crucial to Russian universities forced to compete for students and funding for the first time. After a 10-week internship at Kent State University as part of the University Administration Support Program, Sergey Zapryagaev, first vice-rector of Voronezh State University, established an Office of Strategic Planning and a university-wide quality assurance program. Voronezh State University is part of a group of progressive Russian institutions setting a new standard for university management, ensuring the ongoing viability and vigor of the public university in Russia.