



EURASIA  
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# Higher Education

Against the backdrop of an increasingly globalized and interconnected world, higher education institutions are essential for driving innovation, developing economies, and building 21st century skills and competencies. Eurasia Foundation (EF) recognizes the importance of international collaboration and the role of universities in building a skilled workforce and enhancing local development.

## CORE ACTIVITIES

- Research Administration
- Student and Faculty Exchanges
- Curriculum and Degree Development
- University Partnerships

For more than 20 years, EF has implemented robust education programs that build professional development and research capacity by fostering meaningful, collaborative partnerships among leading higher education institutions around the world. Many of these partnerships have resulted in accredited, internationally-recognized degree and joint-degree programs that continue today.

Leveraging our networks of more than 4,000 higher education institutions, EF matches passionate and dedicated university partners based on shared visions and the understanding that commitment and individual and institutional buy-in are key ingredients for partnership success.

## Jordan Creating Pathways to University Partnerships

EF is enhancing higher education reform in Jordan by deepening and sustaining university partnerships between Jordanian and U.S. institutions. In fall 2016, with the generous support of the U.S. Embassy in Jordan, EF assessed linkages between Jordanian and American universities and created a road map for developing robust, long-term institutional partnerships. In collaboration with universities in both countries, the program explores a range of partnership models and cooperation mechanisms, including student and faculty exchange, research collaboration, and linked professional development. EF is also examining the regulatory and enabling environment for strategic internationalization in Jordan and is tying its work to the country's key development priorities, including water, youth employment, and refugee services. EF's assessment will inform tailored strategies for catalyzing new partnerships and set a clear path for sustained academic cooperation.

## US-Russia University Partnership Program

In 2015, EF launched the US-Russia University Partnership Program (UPP), with support from the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, to promote and develop sustainable, long-term linkages between universities in both countries. UPP's two-tiered funding structure supports universities to develop and implement concrete collaborative activities that will evolve into long-term partnerships. Through this program, EF engaged more than 330 universities. We have supported 15 partnership projects involving 31 universities, including dual degree programs, faculty exchanges, joint research, and curriculum development in medicine, social services, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

## Research Administration Initiative

In order to promote sustainable, long-term collaboration between U.S. and Russian universities, EF and its partner, the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA), launched the Research Administration Initiative (RAI) in 2016 to promote knowledge exchange in international research administration for higher education institutions. RAI established the NCURA-EF Fellowship program, which supports two U.S. research administration professionals to spend up to two weeks working with a Russian partner university to enhance research collaboration between U.S. and Russian universities and provide hands-on training to research administrators.

## World Expo 2017 Kazakhstan

World Expos provide visitors with opportunities to experience other cultures and the latest international innovations. For the World Expo 2017 in Astana, Kazakhstan, EF, in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Madison and American Councils of International Education, recruited and provided support to 40 American undergraduate and graduate students who served as student ambassadors at the USA Pavilion. The students guided visitors throughout the pavilion as part of the support team during the three-month exposition focused on "Future Energy."



Eurasia Foundation, an international nonprofit organization, works to engage citizens and empower communities to take responsibility for their own civic and economic prosperity. Founded in 1992, EF utilizes best practices in advocacy, institutional development, and cutting-edge online training and education tools to foster the next generation of leaders in the Middle East and North Africa, China and the Eurasia region.

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