

Information for foreign nationals

V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University is a higher education institution with rich, century-long history, and a research and production complex with more than 10,000 staff and more than 35,000 students, including 2,793 international students from 53 countries.

Today, Crimean Federal University comprises 8 academies and institutes, 5 colleges and centres, 11 branches located across the territory of Crimea and 7 scientific organizations.

The history of the academies' establishment is entwined with the history of Crimea. It was the complicated, trouble stricken and eventful 20th century that saw the development of the forward-looking education institutions in the Republic of Crimea, which, in their relatively brief period of existence, managed to gain success and respect in scientific and academic circles, to make an invaluable contribution to the development of global and national science, and to introduce a number of famous scientists, writers and public figures to the world.

Today, the University carries out a variety of student, teaching, scientific, and training activities which allow students to acquire and develop knowledge in various fields of science, arts and medicine.

V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University organizes a number of international and national forums, conferences, events, meetings and roundtables. The University has cooperation agreements with the leading national and foreign higher education institutions, regulatory bodies, major companies and enterprises of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Crimea. Being committed to promoting the development of research and science in the region, it initiates the establishment and development of various scientific organizations which comprise students, faculty and staff representatives.

Crimean Federal University structural units' facilities and the University's active collaboration with the relevant companies provide students with core practical skills and offer a number of employment opportunities.

Most of the practical training is carried out in laboratories, specialized and computer-equipped classrooms, language laboratories, multimedia classrooms, at student farms and partner companies. The students have at their disposal a unique, technically well equipped scientific library, rich in educational, scientific and fiction works.

Crimean Federal University offers a variety of options in terms of leisure activities like joining performing arts societies, sports clubs, dance, song, and theatre groups.

The University maintains strong relations with its international partners in the framework of scientific projects, students and faculty internship programmes.

Today, V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University trains future professionals using

novel opportunities that meet high-level national and global standards in education. The number of these opportunities has increased significantly with the establishment of the new federal-level university through the merger of leading Crimean universities. V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University has developed into a major scientific centre and a source of pride for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Crimea.

V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University is a higher education institution located in Simferopol. It is one of the 10 federal universities of the Russian Federation.

Crimean Federal University traces its history back to the establishment of Taurida University, the first institution of higher education in Crimea.

V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University is the successor to Taurida University, the first institution of higher education in Crimea, which was established in 1918 on the initiative of Solomon Samoylovich Krym.

Lectures at the Department of Physics and Mathematics and the Department of Medicine, both located in Yalta, started in May 1918. Starting from autumn 1918, all five University departments - History and Philology, Physics and Mathematics, Law, Medicine and Agronomy – were concentrated in Simferopol. They were located in a former military hospital, women's diocesan school, seminary, and in private homes.

Among the originators of Taurida University were the scientists of Kiev University. They elected its first Board headed by the rector, an eminent figure in the medical science, professor R.I. Gelwig. After the death of Gelwig, on October 13, 1920 academician V.I. Vernadsky was elected rector of Taurida University.

After the establishment of Soviet authority, the University was reorganized. In February 1, 1921 it was renamed into M.V. Frunze Crimean University. During the 1920s and early 1930s it served as a basis for establishing three institutions of higher education: pedagogical, medical and agricultural institutes.

At different points in time, among its graduates were such great scientists as academician D.I. Shcherbakov (1922), academician I.V. Kurchatov, member of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences K.D. Sinelnikov (1923), corresponding members of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR G.M. Frank (1925) and K.I. Shchyolkhin (1932).

The years of the University's existence (1918 - 1925) are at the same time the years of life and work in Crimea for a number of outstanding scientists. Nowadays, many of the University professors constitute the pride of the Russian science: V.I. Vernadsky, V.A. Obruchev, A.A. Baikov, V.I. Palladin, A.V. Palladin, P.P. Sushkin, V.I. Smirnov, N.M. Krylov, A.F. Ioffe, I.E. Tamm, B.D. Grekov, E.P. Pavlovsky.

The intention to create a new federal university was announced by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev on March 31, 2014 at a meeting of the government in Simferopol. In an interview with Izvestia newspaper on April 10, 2014, Minister of Education and

Science of the Russian Federation Dmitry Livanov said that the Federal University would be created on the basis of Vernadsky Taurida University.

The Order of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1465-p issued on August 4, 2014 established Crimean Federal University, as one of 10 federal universities of Russia, composed of leading universities, institutes, scientific and research institutions of the Republic of Crimea.

Foreign nationals who have graduated from V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University are employed in their chosen careers in almost every country across the globe.

The aim of V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University is to allow the Crimean scientists, postgraduate students, and lecturers to implement their scientific ideas and concepts. Cooperation agreements with leading Russian universities would greatly improve the rating, prestige and competitiveness of Crimean Federal University in the labour market.