

## **About Our University**

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

Today, Crimean Federal University encompasses 8 academies and institutes, 5 colleges and centres, 11 branches located across Crimea, and 7 scientific and research organizations.

The history of the conception and development of the academies is entwined with the history of Crimea. It was the complicated, trouble stricken and eventful 20th century that saw the development of forward-looking educational 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, made an invaluable contribution to the development of global and national science, and produced a number of prominent scientists, writers, and public figures.

Today, the University carries on a variety of student, teaching, scientific, and training activities which enable its students to acquire and develop knowledge in various fields of science, art, and medicine.

V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University holds many 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 comprising students and faculty and staff representatives.

University's production facilities, its active cooperation with the companies of related industries provide students with the chance to gain practical skills and open a number of employment opportunities.

Training is delivered in a variety of laboratories, including language laboratories, fully-equipped specialized classrooms and multimedia classrooms, at student farms and partner companies. Students have at their disposal a unique, well-equipped scientific library, rich in educational, scientific, and fiction works.

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

The University maintains strong relations with its international partners in the framework of various 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. By autumn 1918, all five University departments - History and Philology, Physics and Mathematics, Law, Medicine and Agronomy – relocated to Simferopol. They were accommodated in the premises of a former military hospital, women's diocesan school, a seminary, and in private properties.

Among the originators of Taurida University were the scientists of Kiev University. They elected the first board headed by the rector, an eminent figure in 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.

With the establishment of Soviet authority, the University was reorganized. In February 1, 1921, it was renamed as M.V. Frunze Crimean University. During the 1920s and early 1930s it formed the basis for the foundation of three higher education institutions: 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 and 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).

A number of prominent scientists lived and worked in Crimea during the years of the University's existence (1918 - 1925). Many of the University's professors are now the pride of Russian science. Among them are 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 government meeting 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.

Crimean Federal University has been established on August 4, 2014 by the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1465-p. The tenth federal university is composed of the leading Crimean universities, institutes, scientific and research institutions.

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 enable Crimean scientists, postgraduate students, and lecturers to implement their scientific ideas and concepts. Cooperation with the leading Russian universities will contribute to the improving of the University's rankings, add to its strong reputation, and enhance its graduates' competitiveness in the job market.