

## International Academic Mobility of SPbPU

Today (May, 20) Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University has finished accepting the applications from university-partners to participate in the student exchange program in the autumn semester of 2016.



The results of the qualifying period are as follows: the Department of International Academic Mobility has received 160 applications from 65 partner-universities, including 98 applications from the leading universities of the world, 19 applications from strategic partners, such as Leibniz University of Hannover (QS 366), Technical University of Berlin (QS 178), Zhejiang University (QS 110), Polytechnic University of Milan (QS 170), Technical University of Graz (THE 351), Polytechnic University of Valencia (QS 411), Lappeenranta University of Technology (THE 501), and 26 applications from the BRICS countries, for example, the University of São Paulo USP (QS 143), the University of São Paulo UNESP (QS 481), Chandigarh University, Harbin Polytechnic University (QS 291), Xi'an Jiaotong University (QS 331). Comparing to the autumn semester of 2015 the number of applications has increased by more than 2 times.

This qualifying period is unique, because the first received applications were from

19 new universities, 10 of which are in the world rankings. Thus, in the autumn semester of 2016 SPbPU will train for currency-free exchange the students from 65 universities representing 19 countries and 3 continents. The Department of International Academic Mobility is pleased to note that the interest of foreign students, including those from the leading universities of the world, to participate in the academic exchange programs has been steadily increasing. Thus, in the new semester the Polytechnic University will train the first students from Spain, Denmark and Mexico.

There has been a new positive trend among the partner-universities of SpbPU: the students come in small groups. For example, Giessen University, Germany (THE 251) is sending 11 students, Ghent University, Belgium (QS 124) - 9 students, the Federal University of Toulouse, France - 9 students, Zhejiang University, China (QS 110) - 7 students, Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany (QS 366) - 6 students, Technical University of Munich, Germany (QS 60) - 5 students, Harbin Polytechnic University, China (QS 291) - 5 students, the University of Turin, Italy (ARWU 151) - 4 students, the Catholic University of Holy Heart, Italy (THE 401) - 4 students.

"International academic mobility is one of the most effective ways of learning opportunities at the individual level. We are delighted that the students from so many countries and parts of the world have chosen Russia and the Polytechnic University to acquire new knowledge and skills," says the head of the Department of International Academic Mobility, N.A. Stolyarova.

Due to the sharply increased number of students willing to take part in the exchange semester, the Department of International Academic Mobility has begun to develop a new program of Orientation Week for the students arriving for the currency-free exchange. The event will be held from August, 29 to September, 4, 2016.

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