

## 89 foreign lecturers have joined the ranks of the Polytech

The first meeting of the Personnel Commission for the Selection of Foreign Faculty Members in 2026 was held at SPbPU, chaired by Dmitry Arseniev, Vice-rector for International Affairs.

Following the meeting, the committee selected 89 foreign faculty members who will work at virtually all of SPbPU's institutes. The range of countries from which foreign academic staff come expands every year. This year, faculty members from 20 countries will teach students.



In 2026, Dr. Saurav Dixit, Vice-Chancellor for Research at Chittora University (India) and Doctor of Philosophy, will once again join the faculty of SPbPU.

Also, two winners of the Open Doors competition for postdocs — Pravar Chaudhary, PhD (Mathematics), and Kumar Kaushal, PhD (Mechanical Engineering), both from Mangalam University (India) — will be trying their hand as instructors at SPbPU's «CI» Research Institute this year.

In 2025, foreign academic staff at SPbPU accounted for approximately 10% of the university's total academic and teaching staff. Following the results of two

selection committees held in 2025, 178 foreign academic staff members began working at SPbPU. Every year, the number of young candidates and doctors of science among the invited foreign faculty members increases, many of whom are graduates of Polytechnic University. Last year, graduates of our postgraduate program —Candidates of Science Khashayar Sadeghi, Seyed Hadi Ghazai, and Panah Mehdi Basati — who are actively publishing in scientific journals (more than six articles in Q1), have won two grants from the Russian Science Foundation and several grants from foreign universities, and teach in English-language master's degree programs. This year, these young scientists will continue to work at SPbPU.



This year, young candidates of science will also be working at the Institute of Mathematics and Informatics (IMMiT)—Dmitry Yumanov (Belarusian-Russian University), at the Institute of Biophysics and Biotechnology (IBSiB) — Ani Makichyan (Armenia), at the Institute of Economics and Technology (IET) — Chan Thanh Dat (Vietnam), and others.

As noted by Dmitry Arseniev, Vice Rector for International Affairs, the number of INPR graduates employed directly influences the university's standing in global rankings, and SPbPU, despite all external challenges, maintains a strong position in this regard.

Polytechnic University is actively developing communication channels with representatives of the international academic community who visit our university and not only share their experience and knowledge with students but also

strengthen cooperation with Russian colleagues, participate in joint research projects, and contribute to the development of educational programs.

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