

## SPbPU in the top-50 according to THE in terms of faculty/students ratio



On January 16, the world-known British magazine Times Higher Education (THE) published ranking results of universities with the lowest number of students per teacher. Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University ranks the 49th in terms of faculty/students ratio.

The list was made on the basis of the overall THE ranking data. In fact, the indicator "faculty/students ratio" is 4.5%. Making the analysis the THE specialists collected data on the number of faculty and students of each institution and calculated the coefficient. According to these data, at SPBPU the numbers show that there are almost 7 students per teacher.

It is believed that a lower faculty/students ratio at the university helps in building close relations between teachers and students, in increasing the speed of feedback and the opportunity to participate in interactive seminars and discussions. All this ultimately leads to more effective and faster progress.

In the published part of the ranking there were 100 universities. 11 of them are from our country. The top five Russian universities in terms of the lowest number

of students per teacher are as follows: Bauman Moscow State Technical University (17), St. Petersburg State University (34), Novosibirsk National Research University (42), Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University (49) and National Research Nuclear University "MEPhI" (67).

On the top of the overall ranking are medical universities of Japan and the United States. At the leader-university - Jikey Medical University (Japan) - the ratio there is less than one student per teacher (0.6). At the same time, experts note that since these universities combine practical experience with theoretical training, they may need even more staff to support such a model of training.

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