

University of Potsdam Suspends Academic Relations with Russian Research Institutions (Last updated: March 16, 2022)

Even in difficult political times, it has always been important to the university to keep up the dialog with our partners via cultural and scientific bridges in the spirit of science diplomacy. We remain deeply committed to these principles. As a reaction to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which violates international law, the Executive Board has, however, passed the resolutions summarized below with regard to further cooperation with Russia on March 16, 2022.

University partnerships and faculty partnerships

Partnerships with Russia are suspended. University management at the Russian partner institutions will be informed of this.

Cooperation with business partners

Cooperation projects with Russian businesses are also suspended.

Research projects

As a rule, both ongoing and planned research projects with Russia are suspended. The university management would like to point out that the infrastructure of the UP may not be used if the cooperation project continues.

On the issue of the university's financial contributions to projects with the above-mentioned countries, it was decided that no monetary contributions to Russian research institutions may be made by the UP. In addition, the UP will not transfer any rights of use for research results.

The Executive Board requests that you involve the Finance and Procurement Division at an early stage and take note of the paper "[Embargo- und Sanktionslage gegenüber Russland und Teilen der Ukraine](#)".

Visiting scholars

Individual hosts may continue to invite individual researchers. However, they must not hold any office at Russian universities.

Cotutelle procedures

Ongoing cotutelle procedures will continue as planned. This also applies to the invitation of Russian doctoral candidates to Germany. No new cotutelle procedures will be agreed, while planned but not yet contractually concluded procedures will be stopped.

Exchange and scholarships

Enrollment of Russian exchange students with and without scholarships is still possible.

We will continue to make scholarship payments for Russian students, faculty, and researchers who are already present at the university.

Potsdam students will not be nominated for study abroad periods in Russia.

Internships

Internships in Russia will not take place until further notice.

Business trips

Business trips to Russia will not be approved until further notice.

Events

Joint events will not take place if they were co-organized with Russian institutions.

University of Potsdam, Executive Board

Resolutions of March 16, 2022