

**STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME BETWEEN
SAINT PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU**

In the programme of scientific cooperation for 1991–1995 Saint Petersburg State University and the University of Turku agreed upon student exchange which started in the autumn term 1991. The student exchange agreement has been renewed twice (in 1995 and in 1998), and in the academic year 2000-2001 and in the fall 2001, the exchanges were continued on the basis of the earlier agreements. Both parties are willing to continue this successful exchange programme and have jointly prepared the present agreement.

The present student exchange agreement is made for the spring term 2002 and for the academic years 2002–2005, and it is valid until the 31st of July 2005. The agreement is automatically extended for five (5) academic years at a time unless cancelled in writing by either party at least six (6) months prior to its expiration. Any alterations to this agreement, agreed upon jointly by both parties, will be submitted to the same proceedings as the original agreement and expressed in writing.

The quota of scholarships is a total of nine (9) months per academic year for each party.

The sending university will select qualified candidates for the scholarships. It is recommended that at least one extra candidate for each field of study is proposed, in which case the receiving department will make the final choice. Only on special grounds, such as inappropriate study plan or lack of language proficiency, may the receiving department reject the candidates.

The applications for scholarships must be submitted three months in advance (e.g. by May 31st for studies in the autumn term). The receiving university will inform the other party of the decision made as soon as possible, at the latest two months after receiving the applications.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU considers applications for studies

- in the Faculty of Law, especially for the courses falling under the Turku Law School
- in the Faculty of Humanities, especially for the "Finnish Language and Culture for Foreigners" course and the Baltic Sea Region Studies Programme
- in the Faculty of Social Sciences, especially for the European Studies Programme and courses offered by the Finnish/Nordic Studies Programme
- in other faculties, if the receiving department supports the application.

SAINT PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY considers applications for studies

- in Russian Language and Literature
- in Law and in Social Sciences
- in other faculties, if the receiving department supports the application.

To make the exchange as efficient as possible, it is desirable that the exchange participants from the University of Turku possess a good knowledge of Russian or English, and, those from Saint Petersburg State University, a good knowledge of Finnish or English.

The sending university or the participants themselves will pay the travel expenses to their destination and back.

The receiving university will provide the students with:

- a) free accommodation in the student dormitory or an extra grant to cover the rent,
- b) transportation on the day of arrival (in case the exact time is known one week in advance) and
- c) a grant to cover living expenses annually agreed upon by the parties. In Turku this sum covers the Student Union membership fee.

In the event that the quota of scholarships is not used during the academic year concerned, the remaining quota can still be used during the following academic year. However, the deadlines for applications are the same as mentioned above.

In the event that the four (4) month quota per calendar year for teachers and researchers is not used, the remaining quota can also be used for students within the year concerned and within the following year. In that case, however, the arrangements concerning housing, financial allowances, deadlines etc. are as mentioned above.

In addition to the exchange programmes mentioned above, both parties will encourage student exchange and visits between the parties funded through other sources. In such cases the receiving university will help the incoming students in practical matters, e.g. accommodation.

Signed in Saint Petersburg

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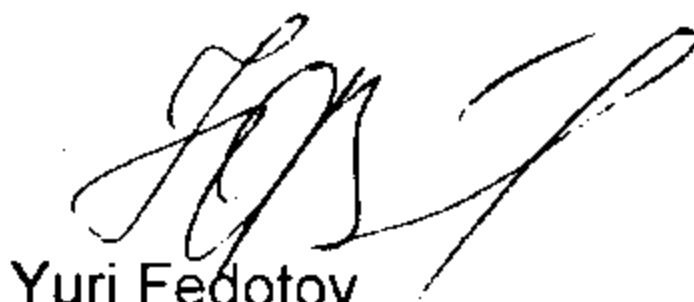
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