

جامعة موسكو الحكومية لامونوسوف / Lomonosov Moscow State University



History of Moscow University

In January 2005 Lomonosov Moscow State University celebrated its 250th anniversary, over 800 various events being held on the occasion. Founded in the XVIII century, the University has been constantly growing and encompassing new branches of learning and research.

All the history of the University is the evidence of the outstanding role its alumni have played promoting the ideas of freedom, common good, humanity, and truth.



Early history

One of the oldest Russian institutions of higher education, Moscow University was established in 1755. In 1940 it was named after Academician Mikhail Lomonosov (1711 - 1765), an outstanding Russian scientist, who greatly contributed to the establishment of the university in Moscow.

Mikhail Lomonosov was one of the intellectual titans of XVIII century. The great Russian poet Alexander Pushkin described him as a person of formidable willpower and keen scientific mind, whose lifelong passion was learning. Lomonosov's interests ranged from history, rhetoric, art and poetry to mechanics, chemistry, mineralogy. His activity is a manifestation of the enormous potential of the Russian scientific community whose representatives occupied the leading positions in the world at the time. Peter I reformed Russia, which allowed the country reach the standards of the contemporary European powers in many spheres. Great importance was placed on education. In 1724 the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences, founded by Peter I, established a university and a grammar school to educate intellectuals and researchers the country needed; however, these educational establishments did not fulfill the task they took on. It was Michail

Lomonosov who suggested, in his letter to Count Shuvalov, the idea of establishing a university in Moscow. An influential courtier and the favorite of Empress Elizaveta Petrovna, Count Shuvalov was a patron of the arts and science; he supported Lomonosov's plans for a new university and presented them to the Empress.



In 1755, on 25 January, St. Tatiana's Day according to the Russian Orthodox Church calendar, Empress Elizaveta Petrovna signed the decree that a university should be founded in Moscow. The opening ceremony took place on 26 April, when Elizaveta Petrovna's coronation day was celebrated. Since 1755 25 January and 26 April are marked by special events and festivities at Moscow University; the annual conference where students present results of their research work is traditionally held in April.

According to Lomonosov's plan, there were originally three faculties. First all the students acquired a comprehensive knowledge in the field of science and humanities at the Faculty of Philosophy; then they could specialize and continue at the Faculty of Philosophy or join either the Law Faculty or The Faculty of Medicine. Lectures were delivered either in Latin, the language of educated people at the time, or in Russian. Unlike European Universities, Moscow University did not have the Faculty of Theology, since Russia had special theological education establishments.



From the very beginning elitism was alien to the very spirit of the University community, which determined Moscow University's long-standing democratic tradition. The Decree Elizaveta Petrovna signed stated in its preamble that the university was to educate commoners; only serfs were not admitted. Lomonosov himself pointed out that in European universities it was the academic achievements of a student that mattered, not his social position or family background. In the late XVIII century there were only three noblemen among the 26 professors of Moscow University, most of the students were commoners too. The best students were sent to continue their education abroad, establishing the contacts with the international scientific community.

Originally tuition at Moscow University was free for all, later only poor students were exempt from tuition fees. The state funding did not cover all the University expenses; thus the administration had to find ways to raise additional funds. The University was partly funded by its patrons, such as the rich merchants of the Demidov and Stroganov families and some others, who donated laboratory equipment, books, various collections and established scholarships for University students. Many times University alumni supported their alma mater through hard times raising money by public subscriptions. To the University library professors traditionally bequeathed their private book collections, the largest among them were those collected by I.M.Snegirev, P.Ya.Petrov, T.N.Granovsky, S.M.Soloviev, F.I.Buslaev, N.K.Gudzy, I.G.Petrovsky and some others.



Moscow University played an outstanding role in popularizing science and learning in Russia by making the lectures of its professors open to the public. Book publishing in Russia started in 1756, when a printing house and a bookshop were opened on campus; the printing of one of the first Russian newspapers "Moskovskie Vedomosti" (Moscow Gazette) started there. Since 1760 the first Moscow literary periodical "Poleznoe Uveselenie" (Useful Entertainment) was

also printed at the University printing house. N.I.Novikov, one of the outstanding figures of the Enlightenment in Russia, was at the head of the University publishers from 1779 to 1789.

For over a century, since 1756, the University library was the only one in Moscow opened for the general public.

Professors of Moscow University greatly contributed to establishing new cultural centres in Moscow and Russia, the grammar school and later a university in Kazan, The Academy of the Fine Arts in St. Petersburg, the Maly Theatre in Moscow, to name just a few. In XIX century the first scientific societies, uniting naturalists, historians and philologists, were founded at the University.



XVIII century saw a number of outstanding figures among the students and professors of Moscow University: philosophers N.N.Popovsky, D.S. Anichkov, mathematicians V.K. Arshenevsky, M.I.Pankevitch, medical doctor S.Z.Zybelin, botanist P.D.Veniaminov, physicist P.I.Strakhov, soil scientists M.I.Afonin and N.E.Cherepanov, H. A. Chebotarev, historian and geographer, historian N.N. Bantysh-Kamenetsky, A.A.Barsov, S. Khalfin and E.I.Kostrov who were philologists and translators; lawyers S.E.Desnitsky and I.A.Tretiakov, well-known authors D.I. Fonvisin, M.M. Kheraskov, and N.I. Novikov, architects V.I.Bazhenov and I.E.Starov. Their

work greatly contributed to Moscow University's becoming the leading educational, scientific and cultural centre in Russia and in the world.

[FACULTY OF LAW](#)

... of the **faculty** 16 departments constitute the stucture of the **faculty**: The ... **Tuition fee** — 385 000 rubles per year. Civil law (4 years). **Tuition fee** — 385 000 rubles per year. Criminal law (4 years). **Tuition fee** — 385 ... Degree Public law (2 years). **Tuition fee** — 340 000 rubles per year ... taxpayer Civil law (2 years). **Tuition fee** — 340 000 rubles per year ... objects Criminal law (2 years). **Tuition fee** — 340 000 rubles per year ... time post-graduate- 4 years **Tuition fee** — 310 000 rubles per ...

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[FACULTY OF MATERIALS SCIENCE](#)

... **Faculty** of Materials Science appeared on the basis of three **faculties** – **Faculty** of Chemistry, **Faculty** of Physics and **Faculty** of ... Physics and Mechanics (4 years). **Tuition fee** – 325 000 RUR per ... Physics and Mechanics (2 years). **Tuition fee** – 325 000 RUR per ... 01 Inorganic chemistry (4 years). **Tuition fee** – 261 600 rubles per year ... Solid state chemistry (4 years). **Tuition fee** – 261 600 rubles per ... of condensed matter (4 years). **Tuition fee** – 261 600 rubles per ...

FACULTY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)

... and Municipal Administration (4 years). **Tuition fee**– 325 000 rubles per ... municipal management. Management (4 years). **Tuition fee**– 325 000 rubles per ... **Tuition fee**– 325 000 rubles per year. Political Science (4 years). **Tuition fee**– 325 000 rubles per year. MSc Degree **Tuition fee**– 325 000 ... Municipal Administration Specializations: For the **Faculty**'s Bachelor Degree Graduates ... and political processes Postgraduate programs **Tuition fee**: full-time postgraduate study – 261 ...

FACULTY OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

... large scale production technologies. **Faculty** educational programme unites ... biotechnology Photobiotechnology Experimental biomedicine **Faculty** curriculum includes both fundamental ... biotechnological sector. Mastering the **faculty** educational programme will ... Molecular biotechnology (2 years). **Tuition fee** – 325 000 rubles per ... **Tuition fee** – 325 000 rubles per year. Photobiotechnology (2 years). **Tuition fee** – 325 000 rubles per year. Experimental biomedicine (2 years). **Tuition fee** ...

FACULTY OF FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

... : About **Faculty** of Fundamental Physical-Chemical Engineering (Physics and Chemistry **Faculty**) was established in 2006. **Faculty** consists of 2 ... and applied chemistry (6 years). **Tuition fee** - 325 000 rubles per year ... mathematics and physics (4 years). **Tuition fee** - 325 000 rubles per year ...). **Tuition fee** - 325 000 rubles per year Graduate school 4 years. **Tuition fee** - 261600 ...

FACULTY OF JOURNALISM

... of the **Faculty** of Journalism. The history of the **Faculty** of Journalism dates back to 1947, when the **faculty** was founded as a part of the **Faculty** of ... reorganized as an independent **Faculty** of Journalism. **Faculty** of journalism is considered ... Ukraine, USA. BSc Degree Journalism. **Tuition fee**– 325 000 rubles per ... Journalism Lifestyle Journalism MSc Degree **Tuition fee**– 325 000 rubles per ... Digital Media. Postgraduate programs Journalism. **Tuition fee** - 262 000 rubles per year

FACULTY OF HISTORY

Contacts: About **Faculty** of History, Lomonosov Moscow State ... (4 years). **Tuition fee** – 300 200. History of Art (4 years). **Tuition fee** – 300 200. MSc Degree History (2 years). **Tuition fee** – 300 200. History of Art (2 years). **Tuition fee** – 300 200. Postgraduate programs **Tuition fee** - 262 000 rubles ...

FACULTY OF GEOLOGY

... the **Faculty** of Geology of MSU, one of the largest **faculties** ... center of Russia. The **faculty** trains experts capable of ... equipment and knowledge. Nowadays the **faculty** includes the following chairs: ... and Geoacoustics Foreign Languages The **Faculty** also comprises five fundamental ... on marine geology and geophysics. **Faculty** of Geology provides higher ... geological education. Graduates of the **faculty** are skilled computer users, ... Degree Geology. **Tuition fee** – 325 000 rubles per year MSc Degree **Tuition fee** – ...

FACULTY OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

... & Emerging Economies Rankings 2015). Our **faculty** developed collaborative relationships with a ... is “Improvements for better life”. **Faculty** educates bachelors, Masters and postgraduate ... involved in educational process. Our **faculty** strives to bring a holistic ... classification). BSc Degree 4 years **Tuition fee** - 350 000 rubles per year ... supervisors. MSc Degree 2 years **Tuition fee** - 350 000 rubles per year ... Full-time studies – 3 years. **Tuition fee** – 262 000 rubles per year ...

FACULTY OF GEOGRAPHY

... of focus. Nowadays the MSU **Faculty** of Geography has the world ... in 15 Departments of the **Faculty** every year. There is a ... Science, work in the **Faculty**. The **Faculty** of Geography has its own ... and a photo laboratory. The **Faculty's** Map Library is a ... and atlases. Since 1946 the **Faculty** publishes a bi-monthly scientific ... as the **Faculty's** Meteorological Observatory. PRESENTATION BSc Degree **Tuition fee**–325 000 ... and Geoinformatics Tourism Postgraduate programs **Tuition fee**: full-time studies (3 years ...

FACULTY OF BIOLOGY

Contacts: International Office: The **Faculty** possesses three biological stations, two ... of them just a few meters from the **Faculty's** Building. Also ... BSc Degree Biology (240 credits). **Tuition fee** — 325 000 rubles per year ...) MSc Degree Biology (120 credits). **Tuition fee** – 325 000 rubles per year ... and Ecology Virology Postgraduate programs **Tuition fees** – 262 000 rubles per ...

FACULTY OF COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND CYBERNETICS

... Office: International Office: About The **Faculty** of Computational Mathematics and ... the Dean of the **Faculty**. Nowadays, the **Faculty** is a world leading ... Mathematics and Computer Science. The **Faculty** comprises 19 departments and ... supporting staff work at the **faculty**. The

training and scientific ... study, research, and collaboration. The **Faculty** is targeted on preparing ... of Natural Resources, etc. The **Faculty** is involved in active ... Computer Science (3-4 years).
Tuition fee – 261 600 rubles per year ...

FACULTY OF FUNDAMENTAL MEDICINE

... «Medicine» (full-time, 6 years. **Tuition fee** - 325.000 rubles per year ... «Pharmacy» (full-time, 5 years. **Tuition fee** - 325.000 rubles per year ... programmes Clinical residency (2 years).
Tuition fee - 325.000 rubles per year ... years, part-time, 4 years. **Tuition fee** - 261.600 rubles per year ...

FACULTY OF PHILOLOGY

... : BSc Degree Philology (4 years). **Tuition fee** – 325 000 rubles per year ... and Applied Linguistics (4 years). **Tuition fee** – 325 000 rubles per year04.01 Philology (2 years).
Tuition fee – 325 000 rubles per year ... and Applied Linguistics (2 years). **Tuition fee** – 325 000 rubles per year ...

Post-graduate studies

... THE **FACULTY** YOU WANT TO STUDY AT AND CONTACT THE **FACULTY** TO ...
YOU THIRD STEP — PROVIDE THE **FACULTY** WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
Application ... Russian Federation and at the **faculty** You are applying to; The ... ; Six 3x4 cm photographs. The **Faculty** has the right to require ... international studies of the chosen **faculty**: application form; a notarized copy ... **FACULTY** The Agreement would be concluded on the **Faculty** (and with the **Faculty** ... can be estimated as follows: **Faculty tuition fee**. Cost of accommodation in the ...

Specialist studies

... THE **FACULTY** YOU WANT TO STUDY AT AND CONTACT THE **FACULTY** TO ...
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Master studies

... THE **FACULTY** YOU WANT TO STUDY AT AND CONTACT THE **FACULTY** TO ...
YOU THIRD STEP — PROVIDE THE **FACULTY** WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
Application ... Russian Federation and at the **faculty** You are applying to; The ... ; Six 3x4 cm
photographs. The **Faculty** has the right to require ... international studies of the chosen **faculty**:
application form; a notarized copy ... **FACULTY** The Agreement would be concluded on the
Faculty (and with the **Faculty** ... can be estimated as follows: **Faculty tuition fee**. Cost of
accommodation in the ...

[Bachelor studies](#)

... THE **FACULTY** YOU WANT TO STUDY AT AND CONTACT THE **FACULTY** TO ...
YOU THIRD STEP — PROVIDE THE **FACULTY** WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
Application ... Russian Federation and at the **faculty** You are applying to; The ... ; Six 3x4 cm
photographs. The **Faculty** has the right to require ... international studies of the chosen **faculty**:
application form; a notarized copy ... **FACULTY** The Agreement would be concluded on the
Faculty (and with the **Faculty** ... can be estimated as follows: **Faculty tuition fee**. Cost of
accommodation in the ...

[Specialist studies](#)

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Application ... Russian Federation and at the **faculty** You are applying to; The ... ; Six 3x4 cm
photographs. The **Faculty** has the right to require ... international studies of the chosen **faculty**:
application form; a notarized copy ... **FACULTY** The Agreement would be concluded on the
Faculty (and with the **Faculty** ... can be estimated as follows: **Faculty tuition fee**. Cost of
accommodation in the ...

[FACULTY OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES](#)

... mainly for students of all **faculties** of the University who wished ... and some lectures in
English. **Tuition** – 300 200 rubles per one ... Degree Education Management (2 years). **Tuition
fee** – 300 200 rubles per year ...

[FACULTY OF CHEMISTRY](#)

... : BSc Degree Chemistry (4 years). **Tuition** fees - 325 000 rubles per ... chemistry Postgraduate
programs Chemical sciences. **Tuition fee** — 262 000 rubles per year ...

[HIGHER SCHOOL OF MODERN SOCIAL SCIENCES](#)

... societies. The name for the **faculty** “Modern Social Sciences” introduces undergraduates Undergraduate students at the VSHSSN **faculty** are taught by leading scientists ... logically, laterally and independently. The **faculty** encourages questioning spirit, quality and ... years). **Tuition fee**– 325 000 rubles per year Management (4 years). **Tuition fee**– 325 000 rubles per year MSc Degree **Tuition fee** 325 000 ... Social sciences (Sociology of management). **Tuition fee** 262, 000 rubles

BUSINESS SCHOOL

... and management. The MSU BS **faculty** of over 110 members is ... scholars. The full-time core **faculty** is organized into three departments ... international opportunities to students and **faculty** and support their internationalization; Enable ... BSc Degree Management (4 years). **Tuition fee** – 400 000 rubles per year ...). **Tuition fee** - 185,000 rubles per semester. IT Management (2 years). **Tuition fee** -185 ...

Faculty of History

Faculty of History Dean: Prof. Sergey P. Karpov The **Faculty** of ... historical education in Russia. The **faculty** provides its graduates with ... **faculty** members ensuring high quality instruction for our students. The **faculty** ... to various modern trends. Our **faculty** has five divisions with ... 80s”, to name just a **few**. The Division of the ... this division are to pay **tuition** fees. The Division of ... past and at present. Our **faculty**’s resources and its ... culture, etc. Students of the **Faculty** of History have appropriate ...

Faculty of Global Processes

Faculty of Global Processes Academic Adviser: Iliyina The mission of the **Faculty** of Global Processes is to ... Professional Communication. Our approach to **tuition** combines the traditions of classical Our core curriculum includes a **few** blocks of disciplines. The Liberal ... Resolution, etc. Traditional forms of **tuition**, such as lectures, classes and ... and exchange information in a **few** foreign languages to establish business ... support and business security. The **Faculty** of Global Processes comprises the ...

Journalism

Tuition fee — 20 000 rubles per month The **Faculty** organizes training courses in ...

MSU History

... **faculty** of philosophy or join either the Law **Faculty** or The **Faculty** ... the **Faculty** of Physics and Mathematics, the Law **Faculty**, the **Faculty** of ... **Faculty** of Psychology, the **Faculty** of Computing Mathematics and Cybernetics and the **Faculty** of Soil Science. A **few** problem-dedicated ... new blocks for a **few faculties** and research laboratories, a ... The historical, philological, sociological **faculties** and the **faculties** of economics, journalism ... pay their **tuition** but 15% of students whose **tuition** is ...

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... **faculties**, Directors of research institutes and centers, representatives elected by the **faculties** ... fields. Besides its 39 **faculties**, Moscow University comprises 15 A number of new **faculties**, departments and research laboratories ... Tsytovitch) new blocks for a **few faculties** and state-of-the- ... 2007, the new block housing **Faculties** of History, Public Administration, ... for students of different **faculties**. The University offers individual ... not pay their **tuition** but 15% of students whose **tuition** is ...

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[Further Education Programs at MSU](#)

... are organized by a **faculty** or a **few faculties** working in a specific ... Classes are conducted by MSU **faculty** lecturers or invited specialists in ... Modern teaching methods, including interactive **tuition** and computer-aided methods, are ... offers the following MBA programs: **Faculty** of Economics MBA Program [http ...](#) please see websites of MSU **faculties**. If you have further ... Further Education at the MSU **faculty** running the program. Academic ... and more popular, most MSU **faculties** offer their further education programs ...

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... plan, there were originally three **faculties**. First all the students acquired ... **Faculty** of Philosophy; then they could specialize and continue at the **Faculty** of Philosophy or join either the Law **Faculty** or The **Faculty** ... University did not have the **Faculty** of Theology, since Russia had ... the international scientific community. Originally **tuition** at Moscow University was free ... poor students were exempt from **tuition** fees. The state funding did ... Moscow, to name just a **few**. In XIX century the first ...

[School of Television](#)

... are planning to introduce a **few** new workshops at other well At the moment at our **faculty** there are five departments: the ... of Television are to pay **tuition** fees.

[Graduate School of Innovative Business \(Corporate University\)](#)

... programs in cooperation with the **Faculties** of Geology, Chemistry, Law , Economics ... organizations such as UN, UNESCO, **FAO**, etc. Students of the Graduate ... Innovative Business are to pay **tuition** fees.