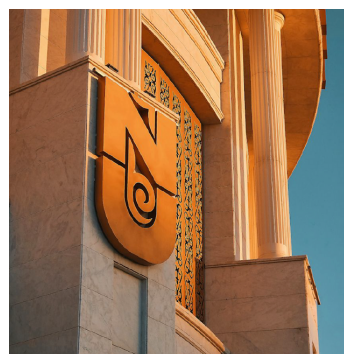


# World-class research in action

## Nazarbayev University



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corridors of NU is to  
witness a vision unfolding  
—a university that is  
already Central Asia's  
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the ranks of the world's  
best, with a dream to  
become the global meeting  
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### Welcome to a New Way of Thinking

In the very heart of Eurasia, where the winds of history once carried caravans along the Silk Road, stands a modern beacon of learning and discovery—Nazarbayev University (NU). Rising from Astana, Kazakhstan's capital, NU is more than a campus; it is a movement, a declaration that world-class education and research can flourish in Central Asia and shine brightly on the global stage. From its foundation, NU was never designed to be ordinary. Admission here is purely merit-based, ensuring that the brightest minds from Kazakhstan and beyond find their place within its walls. From the first day of their freshman year, students are immersed in an ecosystem where teaching and research are seamlessly intertwined. Professors do not simply lecture; they ignite curiosity, guide inquiry, and invite students into the living, breathing world of discovery.

### Research at the Core of NU

NU's defining strength is its unwavering commitment to research excellence. Laboratories here are not mere facilities; they are sanctuaries of invention where students and faculty together explore the unknown—whether in artificial intelligence, biotechnology, energy, environmental science, or policy studies. Research is not postponed to graduate school; it begins from the very first year. This spirit has placed NU's scholars and students in leading international journals, collaborative global networks, and at the forefront of solutions to humanity's most urgent challenges.

### A Faculty Beyond Compare

Behind every breakthrough lies NU's extraordinary faculty. With professors hailing from 57 nations, each holding a Western-type PhD or its highest global equivalent, NU has built an intellectual community unrivaled in the region. Its 520 full-time faculty, 27 postdoctoral researchers, and 48 teaching assistants embody both scholarly rigor and global diversity. Many are decorated with awards, fellowships, and memberships in prestigious academies, bringing to NU a vibrancy that blends the traditions of Cambridge, Penn, Singapore, Duke, Wisconsin, and beyond into the unique tapestry of Kazakhstan's academic landscape.





### Number One in Central Asia – Now a Rising Global Leader

The world has taken note. In the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025, NU proudly holds the title of #1 university in Central Asia, a recognition of its excellence and impact. More remarkably, NU has surged ahead to secure a coveted position within the world's top 200 universities—a feat few institutions of such youth have ever achieved.

This ascent affirms what NU has believed from the beginning: that with vision, meritocracy, and relentless pursuit of knowledge, Central Asia can create a university that rivals the world's greatest.

### A Bold Vision: 150,000 International Students

Yet NU's story is only just beginning. Looking to the horizon, the university has embraced an audacious vision—to welcome more than 150,000 international students over the next three years. This goal is not simply about numbers; it is about transforming Kazakhstan into a global hub of education, where students from every continent gather, learn, and collaborate. In doing so, NU seeks to build not only classrooms without borders but also bridges between cultures, economies, and ideas.

### Schools That Shape the Future

NU's academic breadth ensures every student finds a place to thrive:

- Engineering and Digital Sciences, where innovation meets invention.
- Sciences and Humanities, where discovery speaks the language of imagination.
- Medicine, where science serves compassion.
- Mining and Geosciences, where sustainability meets heritage.
- Graduate Schools of Business, Education, and Public Policy, where leadership for the future is forged.
- The Center for Preparatory Studies, where hidden potential is refined into brilliance.

### The Road Ahead

Guided by its Strategy 2018–2030, NU continues to set benchmarks not just for Kazakhstan, but for the world. By 2025, it aims to grow its student body to 8,000 on campus, while simultaneously expanding its global reach through partnerships, online initiatives, and its bold push for internationalization.

