

### **University of Lodz**

Activities for students and lecturers from abroad are among the priorities set by the University of Lodz in its strategy for the coming years. For example, in February, International Hub (iHub) was established to supervise the comprehensive process of internationalization — 45 foreign researchers are expected to come to the university soon. In addition, since 2016, the University Diversity project has been implemented. It provides exhibitions, workshops and initiatives for foreigners studying and teaching at UniLodz. The comfort of foreigners is also ensured by the City of Lodz Office, which announced recruitment for the competition "Academic Lodz friendly to new city residents" at the end of March. Under this programme, NGOs can apply for grants to finance activities aimed at integrating people from abroad. The competition provides support for projects in two areas. The first one includes initiatives that enable better adaptation of foreign students in Lodz universities, bring their culture closer and facilitate the acquisition of knowledge. The second one focuses on the activities of the scientific community. They include, among others, legal advice, language classes, art workshops, etc. The total budget allocated to subsidies in the competition is PLN 88 000.

<https://www.uni.lodz.pl/aktualnosc/szczegoly/ul-lodzki-hub-roznorodnosci>

### **Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University**

IKBFU Botanical Garden develops environmental education. The Foundation for Economic Education and the public organization "St. Petersburg for the Clean Baltic" awarded IKBFU Botanical Garden with an honorary "Green Flag". It is a global environmental symbol and certificate of environmental education. It confirms that the educational institution is actively engaged in the formation of eco-culture. The goal of the Green Flag programme is to give the younger generation an understanding of the concept of sustainable development, to instill skills in resource and energy conservation, to facilitate communication and mutual work with the local community, and to help formulate an environmental code of conduct.

<https://kantiana.ru/news/botanicheskij-sad-bfu-razvivaet-jekologicheskoe-obrazovanie/>

### **Yaroslav-The-Wise Novgorod State University**

The first session of the Russian-Armenian scientific seminar "Hagiography in the Space of Time and Culture" was held at NovSU. Researchers discussed the mutual influence of the heritage of the two nations. The seminars are planned to be held regularly, once a year. In addition, NovSU together with HEIs of Armenia plans to organize a youth summer theological school and ensure student exchange between Veliky Novgorod and Armenia.

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