



# NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY



Years Anniversary

# #1

in Kazakhstan  
and Central Asia

Location

# Welcome — to Astana

**the capital  
of Kazakhstan!**

A modern and rapidly growing metropolis, Astana attracts students and professionals from across Central Asia and beyond. Here, you'll find world-class education, career opportunities, and an inspiring environment that fosters growth.



The city is renowned for its futuristic architecture, lush parks, and vibrant riverfront, making it an ideal place to live, study, and connect. Clean, safe, and dynamic — Astana combines tradition with modernity, offering a truly unique lifestyle.

Kazakhstan is a land of hospitality and bright opportunities.

**In Astana, you'll always  
feel welcomed and  
supported — a place  
where you can build your  
future with confidence.**



# President's Welcome

**Professor Waqar Ahmad**  
President of Nazarbayev  
University



As the new President of Nazarbayev University, I am committed to working with our vibrant community of students, faculty, staff, and partners to build a university that will be a source of national pride. Our goal is to be a catalyst for progress in the region, making substantial contributions to knowledge creation, leadership development, and societal transformation, as well as reforms in higher education and health services.

Since its establishment in 2010, NU has been a pioneering institution, recognized for its academic excellence and its role as a world-class research university. We are the leading research university in Central Asia. However, our ambitions are to be among the best universities globally and we have clear plans to take us there.

We also take pride in our partnerships with leading universities, research centers, and international organizations globally, which provide opportunities for collaboration, student and faculty exchange, and cutting-edge research. Our diverse and inclusive community, with faculty and students from over 60 countries, is a source of strength and global connections for research, student life and teaching.



Whether you are a prospective student, faculty member or partner, opportunities here are vast. While we commit to excellence in teaching, research and student life, we also take pride in being a welcoming and supportive community. As a residential university, we have exceptional facilities to support our community. In particular, student life at NU is world-class, with outstanding facilities for entertainment, cultural life and sports.

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Further information on the University is also available on our website.



nu.edu.kz

# Welcome

to Nazarbayev University





Imagine a university at the heart of Eurasia where knowledge meets innovation, and ambition meets opportunity.

Founded in 2010 in Astana, Nazarbayev University (NU) has quickly become Central Asia's most prestigious research university.

Here, you will find world-class teaching, groundbreaking research, and a vibrant international community that will prepare you to lead in a rapidly changing world.

The NU campus spans over 94 hectares, featuring modern academic buildings and recreational facilities. A network of enclosed Skywalks connects key buildings, ensuring comfort and accessibility throughout the year. Campus security is ensured through 24/7 surveillance and professional staff presence, providing a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.



# NU Ranking & Accreditation

Nazarbayev University is ranked in the top

**18-23%**

of international research universities according to the 2025 Times Higher Education World University Rankings (THE WUR) edition.

NU has secured its position within the

**401+**

range, thus demonstrating the best performance among universities in Kazakhstan, Central Asia, and the Caucasus region.



## Asian University Rankings 2025

NU is listed in the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings for 2025, ranked

**150 out of 853 institutions.**

The rankings for Asia utilize identical criteria for the THE World University Rankings, adjusted to suit the specific characteristics of Asian institutions. These rankings evaluate universities across the key missions such as teaching quality, research output, knowledge transfer, and international outlook, ensuring comprehensive and equitable comparisons among universities.

## Institutional accreditation

Nazarbayev University has been awarded institutional accreditation following a rigorous International Quality Review by the UK Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA).

This signifies that NU adheres to the highest international standards for quality and governance in higher education. It reaffirms the university's position as a leading institution and reinforces the global recognition and value of a Nazarbayev University degree.



Institution accredited  
Nazarbayev University  
Valid 07/2025 - 07/2030

## Programme accreditation

NU's commitment to excellence is further demonstrated by its internationally accredited programs:

- ✓ EAPAA (European Association for Public Administration Accreditation) - Master in Public Policy, Master in Public Administration
- ✓ AMBA (Association of MBAs) - Full-time MBA, Executive MBA
- ✓ ECAQA (Eurasian Centre for Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Higher Education and Health Care) - Doctor of Medicine
- ✓ BALEAP (The British Association of Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes) - Models FEAP 010 and 020

## Ongoing Accreditation Processes

NU is actively pursuing further global recognition to ensure its programs meet the most prestigious international standards:

- ✓ AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) - Business and Finance
- ✓ APHEA (Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation) - Master of Public Health
- ✓ ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) - BEng in Electrical and Computer Engineering; BSc in Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biological Sciences, Petroleum Engineering

# Excellence in Research



Our research speaks for itself:

**A Field-Weighted Citation  
Impact of 2.11, with over 63%  
of our publications written with  
international partners.**

And our students are not just learners — one-third of NU's publications are co-authored by them, in world-leading journals such as Nature.



## Innovation Highlights:

ISSAI: Kazakhstan's first Large Language Model (KazLLM), multilingual AI, and digital breakthroughs shaping industries.

/ **Cancer Research:**  
Pioneering therapies for KRAS-mutant cancers.

/ **Institute of Batteries:**  
Cutting-edge energy storage solutions.

/ **Exoskeleton A-GEAR:**  
Affordable robotics transforming rehabilitation.



NU Laboratories

# Where Innovation Happens:

Nazarbayev University is home to over 270 laboratories across 9 research clusters, where groundbreaking solutions for the future are being developed. Here, you'll turn ideas into reality — experimenting, building, testing, and innovating alongside world-class researchers.

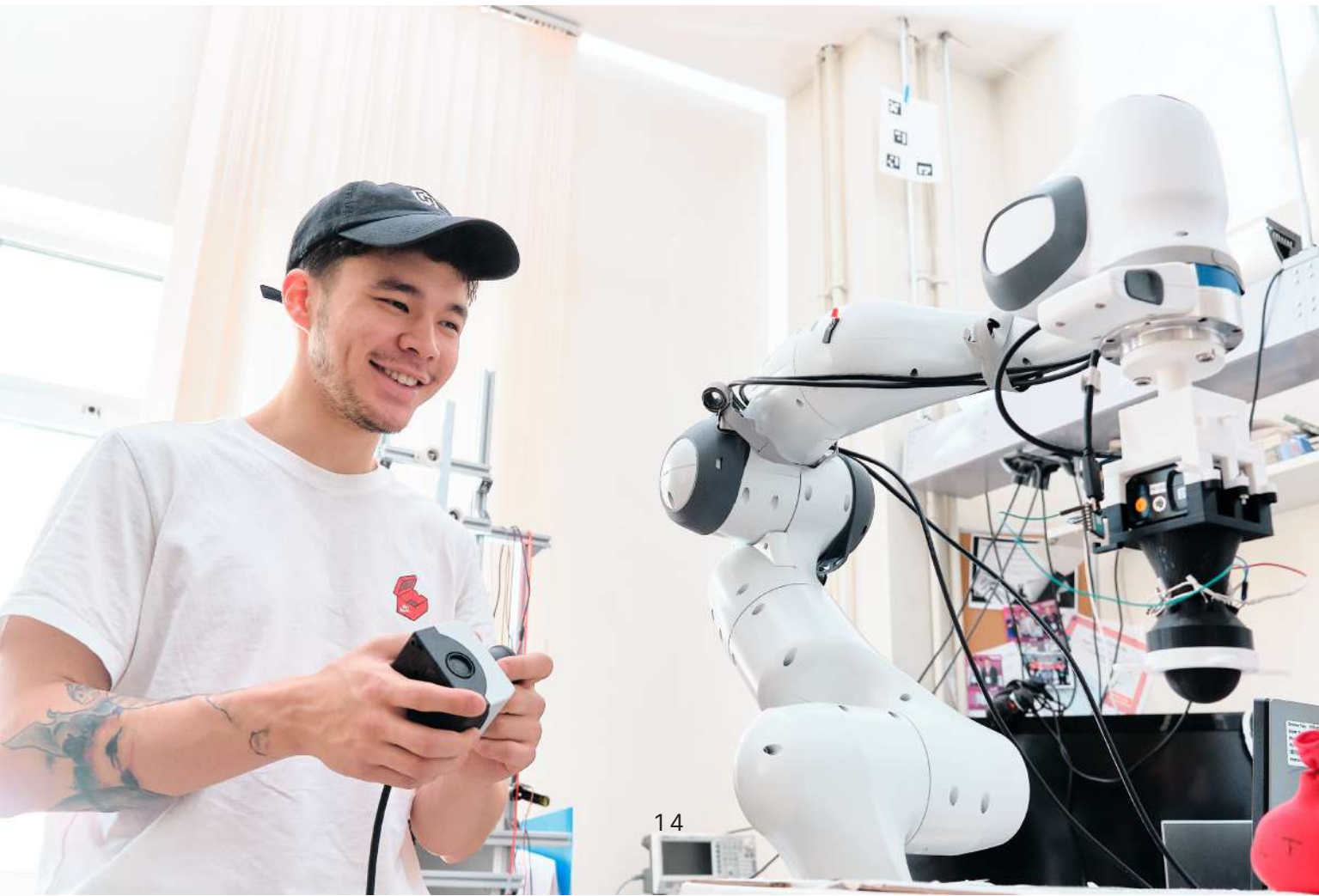
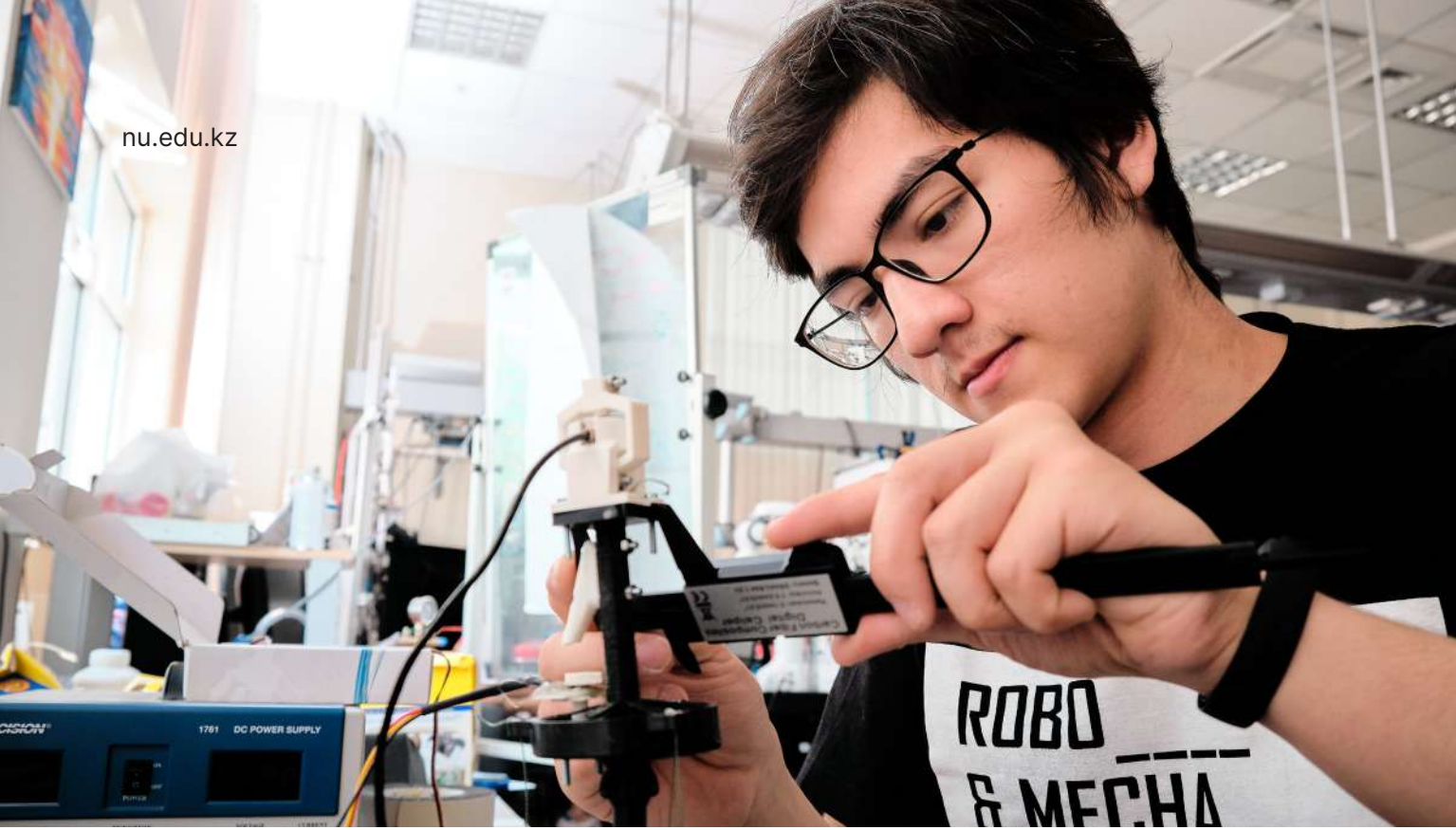




## Our Clusters & Laboratories

- ✓ **Intelligence & Robotics:**  
Developing AI, robotics, and human-robot interaction.
- ✓ **Ecology & Energy:**  
Sustainable environmental and energy solutions.
- ✓ **Fundamental Science:**  
Sustainable technologies and renewable energy.
- ✓ **Electronic & Photonic Systems:**  
Cutting-edge developments in optoelectronics and nanophotonics.
- ✓ **Space & Industry:**  
Innovations in additive manufacturing and aerospace.
- ✓ **Biology:**  
Neurophysiology, genetics, and biomedicine.
- ✓ **Computing & Cybersecurity:**  
Machine learning, cybersecurity, and big data.
- ✓ **Behavioral Sciences:**  
Neuroscience and machine learning in education and healthcare.

**These labs aren't just spaces — they are gateways to discovery, preparing you to solve tomorrow's challenges today.**





At NU, talent knows no boundaries.  
Admission is fully merit-based,  
attracting the brightest students  
from Kazakhstan and beyond.

# Teaching Future Leaders

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We offer more than

# 80

programs at undergraduate, master's, and PhD levels, covering every field — from robotics and medicine to public policy and business.

Our nearly

# 500

faculty members from 62 countries bring global expertise directly into your classroom.

## And our graduates?



They continue their journey at world-leading universities — Harvard, Oxford, Cambridge, Stanford, MIT — or join industry giants to make an immediate impact.





MAZARBAEV UNIVERSITY

NU's library is more than a place to read — it's a hub of ideas and innovation.

# Library:

The Heart of Knowledge

With over 280,000 resources, 67 academic databases, and 24/7 access to collaborative spaces, it fuels discovery day and night.









# Vibrant Student

Life at NU is as dynamic as it is inspiring.

# Life

We believe in the Tolyq Adam philosophy — developing not just your mind, but your character and wellbeing.



# 123

student clubs:

from robotics to debating, art to entrepreneurship, K-pop to football.

# 450+

events every semester:

cultural nights, hackathons, charity runs, competitions.

Sports excellence:

NU Basketball in the Astana League, NU Women's Football competing nationally, NU Swimming Team at Universiade 2025.



On campus, you'll find modern residences, cafés, a cinema hall, and an Olympic-standard swimming pool.

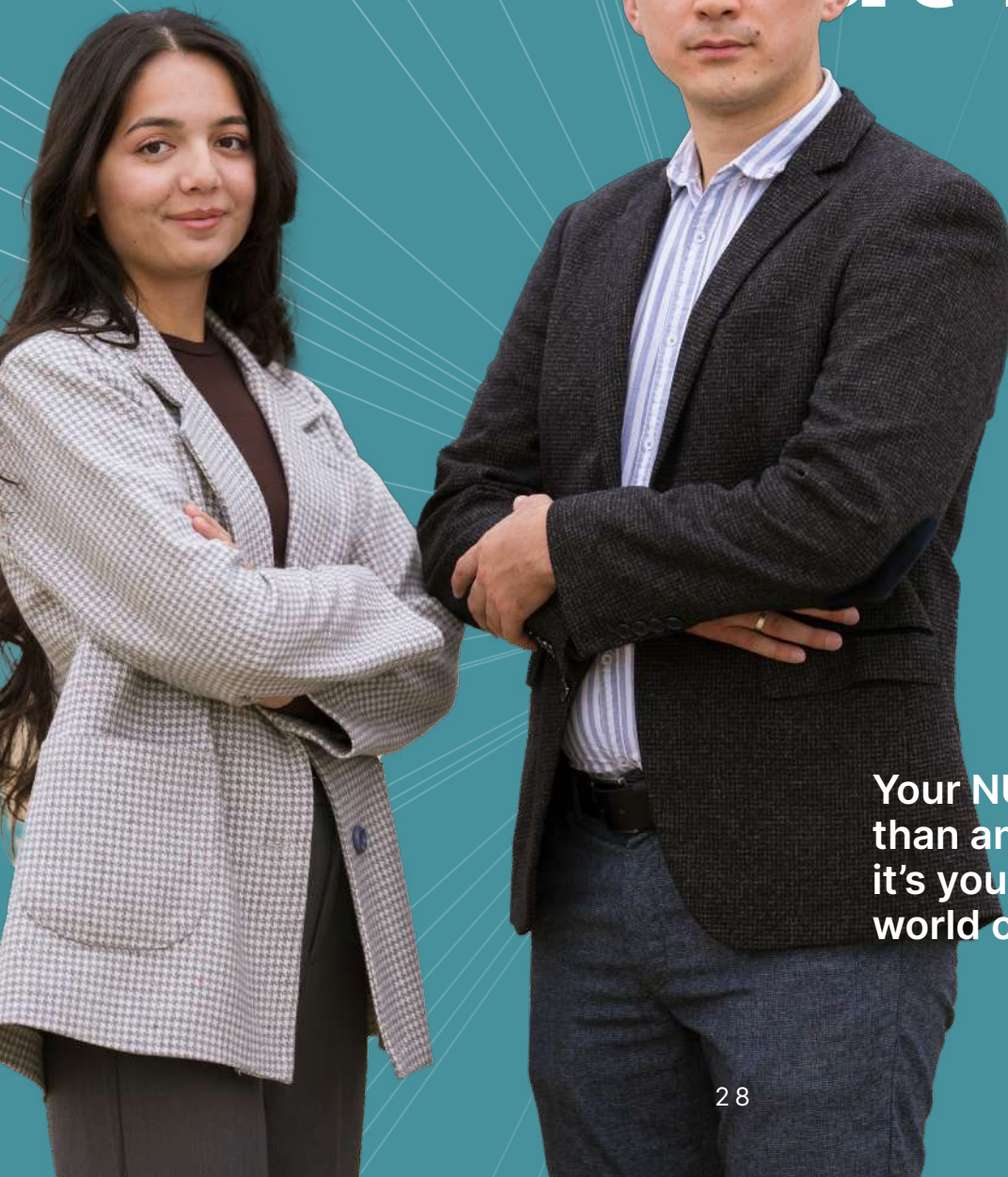
**It's not just a campus —  
it's a lifestyle, a community,  
and a second home.**







# Career Opportunities at NU



Your NU degree is more than an education — it's your passport to a world of opportunities.



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At NU, we don't just prepare you for the future — we connect you to it. Through the Career and Advising Center (CAC), students gain direct access to top employers, powerful networks, and the skills to stand out anywhere.

**98%**

of NU graduates secure employment or continue their studies within just one year of graduating.

**140+**

career events annually, from bootcamps and workshops to exclusive networking sessions with industry leaders.

**Skill-Building Workshops & Mock Interviews** to polish your CV, sharpen your interview skills, and boost your confidence.

Special Projects including open days, employer showcases, and fast-track career bootcamps.

**Our graduates don't just find jobs — they lead.**

From Google and Amazon to EY, KPMG, Kaspi, and Samruk-Kazyna, NU alumni are making their mark in business, science, and government.

And with our alumni pursuing advanced degrees at world-leading universities, the NU network reaches every corner of the globe — and it's ready to welcome you.

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Our graduates are employed by leading companies in Kazakhstan and worldwide:



**Deloitte.**



**AIFC**

ERG



**MARS**



**KAZATOMPROM**  
NATIONAL ATOMIC COMPANY



**BI GROUP**

**KAZ**  
MINERALS



**Schlumberger**



**SAMRUK**  
KAZYNA



**Google**

**Microsoft**



**KPMG**



**КазМұнайГаз**  
NATIONAL COMPANY  
ҰЛТТЫҚ КОМПАНИЯСЫ

**PWC**

**EY**



A large, modern glass building with a grid-like facade. The building is viewed from a low angle, looking up. The sky is a pale, overcast blue. The letters 'UIMC' are mounted on the top right corner of the building in a gold, three-dimensional font.

UIMC

# NU Medicine: A Leader in Healthcare

# Nazarbayev University Medicine (NU Medicine) is a leading force in healthcare, education, and research in Kazakhstan.



By integrating its Medical School and University Medical Center (UMC), it aims to transform the country's healthcare system.

UMC, which includes three specialized hospitals, offers 46 high-tech medical services. Under the leadership of Dr. Yuriy Pya, the center has achieved global milestones, including the world's first total artificial heart implantation and the development of ALEM, a groundbreaking system for the normothermic preservation and long-term transportation of donor organs.



The Medical School trains future medical professionals through a range of programs, from bachelor's to PhD.

NU Medicine has earned international recognition: the Medical School is accredited by the WFME, and UMC is the first center in Central Asia to achieve JCI accreditation. The center is also known for its innovative procedures, such as organ transplants and the development of cancer treatments like CAR-T cell therapy.

NU Medicine is setting new standards in medical care, research, and education for Kazakhstan and beyond.

At NU, the world  
is your classroom.

Connections

# Global

We partner with top universities in 22 countries and proudly co-founded the Asian Universities Alliance.

With exchanges across Europe, Asia, and North America, and students from 34 countries on campus, you'll experience a truly global education — without leaving Kazakhstan.





**Nazarbayev University offers you  
a future of limitless possibilities.**

# Your Pathway Starts Here

Here, you will join a community  
of pioneers, thinkers, leaders,  
and changemakers.

You'll learn from international  
experts, research in world-class  
laboratories, and connect with  
peers from across the globe.



## Programs Offered:

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**Foundation:** NU Foundation Year Program.

## Undergraduate:

Engineering, Computer Science, Robotics, Biological and Physical Sciences, Medicine and Nursing, Geosciences, Business, Economics, Social Sciences and Humanities.

## PhD:

Push the boundaries of research in Engineering, Computer Science, Geosciences, Life Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Global Health, Physical Sciences, Business, Public Policy, Education, and Eurasian Studies.

## Master's:

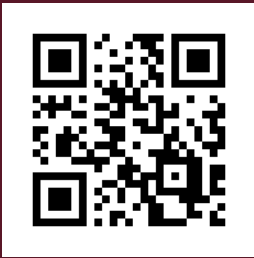
Engineering, Data Science, Computer Science, Life Sciences, Business and Finance, Economics, Public Policy and Administration, Education, Geosciences, Physical Sciences, and Medicine.

## Your journey starts here.

**Nazarbayev University —  
Central Asia's Top Research  
University, shaping leaders for  
a global future.**

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**Choose NU.  
Choose Excellence.  
Choose Your Future.**










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