Suspension of cooperation with Russian institutions until further notice

Dear Colleagues,

The situation in Ukraine and the behavior of the Russian government have continued unchanged. We continue to stand in firm solidarity with all those affected and with those who also condemn the belligerence of the Russian regime.

Russia’s attack on Ukraine has already had a concrete impact on our work and our lives as students, teachers, researchers, and employees of Universität Hamburg and will continue to do so for some time.

In light of these ongoing circumstances, Universität Hamburg has decided to continue to adhere to the measures agreed at the beginning of March. Until further notice, all institutional collaborative activities with Russian institutions are suspended. No new projects will commence. This suspension expressly does not represent the termination of any formal collaborative activity. It also does not affect contact between individuals on a personal level; these may continue to be maintained. Universität Hamburg does not advocate the isolation of individual researchers or students. For us, one of the main roles for academia lies in building bridges in the interests of peace.

In this course of action, Universität Hamburg is following the recommendations provided by the German government and the Alliance of Science Organizations. Russia’s attack on Ukraine goes against the spirit of academia and the values of freedom, self-determination, and nonviolent international exchange pursued by our University. We will reexamine this position should the geopolitical situation change or should new recommendations be issued by the German government and the Alliance.
All institutional collaborative activities with Russian institutions are suspended including:
- all research, teaching, and knowledge exchange collaborations occurring pursuant to a formal agreement
- all collaborative activities in research, teaching, and knowledge exchange bound to an individual institution, whether with Universität Hamburg or a Russian partner organization—for example, applying for joint third-party funding, joint special formats, and teaching (including summer school programs, guest teaching) and Universität Hamburg events
- collaboration on degree programs and collaboration in the field of international student mobility.

We would like to emphasize that individual personal contact is explicitly not affected:
The joint publication of articles with Russian researchers affiliated with Russian institutions is permitted. However, particular care must be taken with data exchange and data protection that may fall under export control regulations and the current sanctions regime. Consult the University advising services listed below in such cases.

Individual researchers from Russia may continue to come to Universität Hamburg as long as this is not part of an institutional collaboration and when still permitted under the regulatory framework. Data protection must also be particularly considered in these cases.

Russian students and exchange students currently enrolled in a semester at Universität Hamburg as part of a cooperation are still entitled to participate in classes and sit examinations.

Prospective degree-seeking students from Russia may still apply for university places.

Specific care must be taken to ensure that individuals with Russian citizenship do not face any discrimination or disadvantage.

I would like to take this opportunity to again draw your attention to the UHHhilft Ukraine campaign. We provide a range of assistance and advising services for those affected by the war—for example, 58 prospective students who fled Ukraine have already been registered for the #UHHhilft program in Summer Semester 2022. The information on the services offered by Universität Hamburg and others is updated regularly: [www.uni-hamburg.de/en/uhhhilft-ukraine](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/uhhhilft-ukraine).

If you have any questions, contact the people listed below.

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