

Kazan Federal University competition for an IT research grant

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The city of Kazan lies in European Russia, along at the confluence of the Volga and Kazanka Rivers and has a population of more than 1.1 million. It is fourteen hours by train eastwards from Moscow.

More than 140,000 students are educated in Kazan, a major scientific centre in Russia. Kazan Federal University, founded in 1804, is the third oldest university in Russia after Saint Petersburg State University and Moscow State University. The Higher School of Information Technologies and Information Systems (ITIS) of the university is organising a competition for a research grant of \$US 1.1 million.

Conditions

It is the first time the institution is organising a competition to find partners abroad. The grant competition is a new system for Kazan Federal University and not all the conditions of the competition have been completely clarified yet. The general conditions are as follows:

1. The grant is meant for active young researchers from a higher education institution, whose work has been published in internationally recognised journals.
2. The size of the grant is US\$1,000,000. The grant is given for three years.
3. The working language is English or Russian.
4. Researchers have to spend part of the grant money on organising and leading their research group which will include both foreign and Russian young scientists.
5. The winner of the grant competition can apply for the post of Head of Department at the Higher School ITIS, Kazan Federal University.
6. The winning institution needs to sign a partner agreement with Kazan Federal University.
7. As part of the agreement foreign researchers will receive: a convenient location of residence (a fifteen minute walk from the office in Kazan), internet access, medical care and insurance, free access to a variety of sports facilities and the library.

Dutch higher education institutions wanting to participate in the competition for the Kazan ICT research grant should contact director Airat Khasyanov of ITIS before 1 March 2013.

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