

Institutional actions at the University of Tartu

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Institutional actions to support Academic Freedom

- The University of Tartu (UT) upholds academic freedom as one of its core values: <https://ut.ee/en/values-and-responsibility>
- The University is signatory to the Magna Charta Universitatum (1988)
- The UT Senate has adopted the Code of Conduct for Research Integrity (October 2017) and instructions for applying the Code (January 2020).
- A quote from the introduction to the latter document:

Science and art and their teaching in Estonia are free, and universities and research institutions are autonomous within the limits prescribed by the law (Constitution of the Republic of Estonia), but the freedom is not absolute. It is limited by responsibility to people, society, natural and cultural environment. Taking responsibility is the precondition that ensures the society's trust in research.

UT's support to Students and Scholars at Risk

- Under the Estonian Research Council's Ukrainian support measure, **9 temporary academic positions (up to 6 months)** have been created at UT, majority of them in the Faculty of Science and Technology and in the Faculty of Social Sciences.
- In addition, **3 Ukrainian researchers** have joined UT staff via MSCA4Ukraine.
- **The University of Tartu Ukraine Centre (UTUC)** established in 2023 to pool expertise and coordinate activities of UT and its partners in support of Ukraine.
- At the end of Feb 2022, the University of Tartu Foundation set up a scholarship fund for Ukrainian students to collect and channel donations to support the studies of Ukrainian students. Several fundraising and charity events have been organised to raise money for the fund. Since 2022, **UT Ukrainian Scholarship Fund** has offered financial support to **245** students in the amount of **€178,700**.
- Since 2022, a total of **297 Ukrainians** have been enrolled **in degree programmes**, of whom **192** started their studies in autumn 2022 on state-funded study places.

The University of Tartu's support to Ukraine



The University of Tartu Senate's
address to the people of Ukraine
07.03.2022

Institutional actions towards Responsible Internationalization

Gradual change in attitude towards internationalisation and growing risk awareness:


- 2016 Structural and governance reform at the University. Centralisation of the process of concluding cooperation agreements. Trend towards reducing the number of agreements and focus on cooperation with strategic partners
- 2020 Drafting of guidelines for cooperation with PR China
- From 2022 Information seminars by the Estonian Internal Security Service (ISS) for the University's senior management team
- March 2022 Termination of cooperation with Russian institutions
- 2023 Expansion of training provision to include the University's support staff
- Spring 2024 [Guidelines of responsible internationalisation policy](#) developed and published on the University's intranet
In-house trainings and dissemination of information to faculties

Thank you!

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