

Partnerships for the Goals



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Institutional Commitment to Global Partnerships

Lankaran State University (LSU) recognizes that achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires strong collaboration between universities, research institutions, governments, and communities. In alignment with SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals, LSU has developed an institutional strategy focused on strengthening international cooperation, expanding academic mobility, and fostering partnerships that contribute to knowledge exchange and sustainable development.

The university's internationalization policy emphasizes long-term academic partnerships, joint research initiatives, student and staff mobility programs, and participation in global academic networks. Through these partnerships, LSU seeks to enhance research capacity, improve educational quality, and contribute to sustainable development both regionally and internationally.



INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

Lankaran State University maintains cooperation agreements with more than 50 universities worldwide, forming a broad international academic network. These partnerships involve universities from Europe, Central Asia, and the Turkic world and play an important role in strengthening LSU's international academic integration.

Partner institutions are located in countries such as:

Turkey

Poland

Hungary

Kazakhstan

Uzbekistan

Romania

Moldova

Ukraine

other countries

These international partnerships support a wide range of academic and research activities, including:



student exchange and mobility programs
academic staff mobility and visiting scholar programs
joint scientific research projects
organization of international conferences and academic forums
collaborative training and capacity-building initiatives
exchange of academic expertise and research experience

By establishing these partnerships, LSU strengthens international collaboration in higher education and contributes to the development of global academic networks.



International Mobility and Exchange Programs

Lankaran State University actively promotes academic mobility through participation in international exchange programs that encourage cross-border education and academic cooperation.

Erasmus+ Program

LSU participates in the Erasmus+ program, enabling students to study at partner universities in Europe for one academic semester. The program also supports academic staff mobility, allowing faculty members to participate in teaching and research exchanges.

Additionally, international students from partner institutions regularly attend LSU within mobility frameworks.

Orhun Exchange Program

LSU is also involved in the Orhun Exchange Program, which promotes collaboration among universities in the Turkic world. The program supports both student and academic staff mobility and strengthens academic cooperation between participating universities.

LSU is a member of the Turkish Universities Union (**TÜRKÜNİB**), which facilitates academic collaboration among universities across the Turkic world. The network supports joint academic initiatives, conferences, and student exchange programs.

Cooperation with Turkish Universities

LSU maintains active collaboration with Kafkas University (Kars, Türkiye). Within this partnership, LSU students regularly participate in three-month internship and practical training programs, gaining valuable international academic and professional experience.

These collaborations help to:
strengthen regional academic partnerships
provide international internship opportunities for students
enhance knowledge exchange among universities
promote academic cooperation within the region.





Participation in International Rankings and Academic Visibility

The establishment of the Rectors' Conference in Azerbaijan aims to strengthen cooperation among higher education institutions and ensure their more active representation at the international level. The ECAR project (2021-2024) is implemented within the framework of the Erasmus+ KA2 Capacity Building Program, funded by the European Union. The main objective of the project is to support the internationalization of higher education, enhance the role of universities in the digital and innovative economy, and promote their institutional development. The project is coordinated by Baku Business University and implemented in cooperation with international partners such as the French Rectors' Conference, the Polish Rectors' Conference, EFMD, as well as higher education institutions and organizations from Sweden, Lithuania, Portugal, and Finland. Several Azerbaijani universities also participate as partners, including Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University, Azerbaijan Technical University, Baku Engineering University, Khazar University, Lankaran State University, and others.

As a result of the project, the Rectors' Conference in Azerbaijan is planned to be established. Within this framework, extensive surveys have been conducted to assess the current state of higher education institutions, working groups have been formed, and the analysis of the collected data is currently ongoing.

Lankaran Dövlət Universiteti "QS Stars" audit qiymətləndirməsində 3 ulduza layiq görülüb

- ★★★★★ Tədris (Teaching)
- ★★★★★ Maşğulluq (Employability)
- ★★★★★ Yaxşı idarəetmə (Good Governance)
- ★★★★★ İnfrastruktur (Facilities)
- ★★★★★ Ətraf mühitə təsir (Environmental Impact)
- ★★★★★ Elmi tədqiqat (Research)
- ★★★★★ Qlobal əməkdaşlıq (Global Engagement)
- ★★★★★ İncəsənət sahəsində fəaliyyət (Art)
- ★ Müxtəliflik, bərabərlik və inklüzivlik (Diversity, equity and inclusion)

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Impact Ranking 2025
1001-1500th

1 NO POVERTY 801+	2 ZERO HUNGER 301+	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 1001+	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 801+
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 301+	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 1001+	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 1001+	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 1501+

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CERTIFICATE

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Lankaran State University
as The 1616th World's Most Sustainable University
in 2025 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings

5 December 2025

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Chairperson of UI GreenMetric

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS EUROPE 2026

601-650

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Senior Vice-President
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LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Alongside its international collaborations, Lankaran State University works closely with national universities, research institutes, and regional organizations in Azerbaijan.

These partnerships focus on:

- joint research initiatives
- innovation and technology transfer
- student internships and practical training opportunities
- regional development projects

Through these initiatives LSU contributes to strengthening the research and innovation ecosystem in the southern region of Azerbaijan.

Local partnerships support:

- stronger university–community collaboration
- knowledge transfer between academia and society
- development of regional scientific capacity
- practical learning opportunities for students



ECAR – Establishment of the Rectors' Conference in Azerbaijan



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Partnerships with Schools and Educational Institutions

Lankaran State University actively collaborates with secondary schools in the southern region of Azerbaijan to promote science education and support talented students.

One of the key initiatives is the Regional Subject Olympiad, organized annually by the university.

The Olympiad includes competitions in the following subjects:

Physics

Mathematics

Informatics

Chemistry

Biology

Geography

Students from Bilasuvar, Jalilabad, Masalli, Yardimli, Lankaran, Astara, and Lerik regions participate in this academic competition.

The initiative contributes to:

identifying talented students in the region

promoting interest in science and higher education

strengthening university-school cooperation

encouraging talented students to pursue university education



Conclusion

Through its extensive international collaborations, academic mobility programs, participation in global networks, and regional engagement initiatives, Lankaran State University actively contributes to the implementation of SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals. These partnerships strengthen the university's capacity to generate knowledge, expand international cooperation, and support sustainable development at regional and global levels.