



UALIKHANOV UNIVERSITY

### Quick Facts

**Location (city, state):** Aqmola region, Kokshetau city

**Website:** <https://www.shokan.edu.kz/en/>

**Undergraduate student enrollment:** 7000

**Public/Private:** public

**Graduate student enrollment:** 300

**Type of Institution:** Comprehensive, regional

**Institutional Description (limit 250 words):** Ualikhhanov University (UU) is a fast-growing regional university in the north of Kazakhstan with 60 years of history in providing high quality teachers, engineers and agrarians to the Aqmola region. Since 2019 the Higher School of Medicine was established to educate nurses and doctors. Ualikhhanov University has a great reputation in the country for educating teachers in Kazakh, English, Russian and German languages as well as teachers in Natural sciences. Our top 7 programs in Education, Engineering, Mining, Agronomy have been leading in the Atameken Ranking that assess the graduate employment rate. UU is open to the world class experience and partner with more than 60 universities in 10 countries of the world, while 400 international students study at UU from 16 countries, mostly coming from India and Pakistan. 20 international projects Erasmus + funded by the European Union successfully implemented at the university campus with more than hundred faculty and students trained and retrained in the European universities. With our U.S. university partner Penn State, we are collaborating in soil and water quality research, we also sustain our partnerships with Visiting professors from the U.S. from the University of Washington, Dr. Talant Mawkanuly to develop a linguistic joint center and from Drexel University, Dr. Beth Leonberg in Medicine. We hope our membership in the Kazakhstan-U.S. Consortium will bring more productive and strong collaboration nets in research and innovation. Our vision is to become an innovative university by 2029.

### Partnership Information

#### Possible Academic Areas of Collaboration:

We would like to increase awareness of our faculty and students in generative AI, VR and AR technology and advanced methods in education and engineering. Our vision is to create an innovative university so to inject innovativeness into our academic programs and curriculum.

#### Institutional Strengths:

One of our strength is a strong leadership team with understanding of UU future goals and ambitions. We are striving together with the faculty to build research schools in our three areas (Environmental Studies, Agriculture, Education and Linguistics) and increase the number of young researchers in these areas.

#### Partnership Interests: *(e.g., faculty exchanges, student exchange, dual degrees, joint research, distance learning, etc.)*

We are interested in virtual mobility with American students and faculty, it may be COIL, EDGE programs, so it may give more students a chance to learn and plunge into the American culture, research and academic experience. At the moment it is expensive to send students to study for a semester so this way of partnership through online and virtual joint projects may increase interculturality and students career perspectives. We are looking forward to joint collaboration in research in three areas: Environmental Studies, Agro-engineering and Education.

**Interest in Partnership:** Why are you interested in partnering with a U.S./Kazakh institution? What do you hope to gain from such a partnership?

First of all, it is going to be an exchange of knowledge, faculty experience and research collaboration. It is going to be a two-way collaboration, our university may bring Kazakh language and traditions through teaching the Kazakh language, doing joint research projects in education and methodology, collaborative research in agriculture and crop production. While we are interested to strengthen our partnership through getting more knowledge and practice in AI in these areas and VR and AR technology.

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