



# University of Wisconsin–Madison

## Quick Facts

**Location (city, state):** Madison, Wisconsin

**Website:** [www.wisc.edu](http://www.wisc.edu)

**Undergraduate student enrollment:** 35,665

**Public/Private:** Public

**Graduate student enrollment:** 12,815

**Type of Institution:** Research 1 (R1) university  
(Carnegie classification)

### Institutional Description (limit 250 words):

Since its founding in 1848, the University of Wisconsin–Madison (UW) has been a catalyst for the extraordinary. As a public land-grant university and major research institution, UW students, staff, and faculty engage in a world-class education while solving real-world problems. With public service—or what is frequently referred to as the Wisconsin Idea—as the institution’s guiding principle, Badgers are creating a better future for everyone. For more information about UW–Madison, see <https://www.wisc.edu/about/>.

## Partnership Information

### Possible Academic Areas of Collaboration:

Global health, migration, environmental conservation, teacher training, entrepreneurship education, makerspace and project-based learning in STEM, smart agriculture, and sustainability

### Institutional Strengths:

For some pride points, please see <https://www.wisc.edu/about/facts/>. In addition, UW–Madison has a long history of engaging in extensive language learning and area studies, as seen in area studies centers like the [Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia](#), the Russian Flagship program, and the Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute where languages like Kazakh, Uyghur, and Tajik are taught. Finally, through the International Projects Office, UW–Madison has been engaging in capacity building and systems strengthening work in Kazakhstani universities and have extensive familiarity with different areas within university settings.

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

Faculty exchanges, student exchanges, trainings, faculty-to-faculty research collaborations, graduate student training

### 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?

UW–Madison has had numerous connections with Kazakhstan including: hosting Bolashak scholarship recipients from the early days of the program until the present, a 14-year partnership with Nazarbayev University as a strategic partner for the School of Sciences and Humanities, engaging with different industry partners through UW Extension, and most recently, providing coaching for six universities around HR, language program development and administration, research administration, and creating university-driven entrepreneurship ecosystems. Additionally, through the US government-funded Russian Flagship Program, UW students also study intensive Russian at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University. Given all these linkages, UW hopes to continue building on these connections in the following areas:

- **Academic collaboration:** Partnerships can help facilitate academic collaboration, allowing faculty and students from both institutions to engage in joint research, exchange programs, and scholarly activities. By working together, they can address global challenges and contribute to knowledge in various fields.
- **Intercultural learning and student exchange:** Partnerships can promote intercultural learning through student mobility, enabling students and scholars to learn about each other’s cultures, traditions, and perspectives, which can be formative in shaping students’ educational experiences.
- **Innovation in language and area studies:** UW–Madison is one of the few universities in the US **teaching the Kazakh language**. Through partnerships, UW–Madison can enhance language instruction and deepen understanding of Central Asia for students and faculty interested in Kazakhstan and the broader region.

- **Global engagement:** Partnerships align with the Wisconsin Idea—a tradition of extending university knowledge beyond campus boundaries. By partnering with Kazakhstani universities, institutional partners can work together to make a positive impact on the educational experiences and the communities in which they are located.

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