

## Strategic Development Program (Sociology)

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The strategic goal of the Strategic Development Program is to make the HSE the foremost center for research and education, analysis, consulting, and design in social and economic fields so as to join the ranks of leading global research universities in terms of the quality of its competence and developments. The university has called to make a significant theoretical and practical contribution to the innovative development and global competitiveness of Russia.

To reach this goal the HSE will have to deal with the following challenges:

1. Generate, implement and disseminate new educational technologies to supply the Russian economic field with competitive personnel for research, analysis, and management.
2. Create a research and innovation center matching global standards in social and economic fields.
3. Promote the dissemination of innovative knowledge and practices in the social and economic fields.
4. Form a personnel base for the research university.
5. Organize the infrastructure for educational and scientific activities equal to that of the best research and education centers in the world.

The foreground lines of development (FLD) at the HSE as a national research university are determined by the fields of research in which the HSE keeps its leading position in Russia and has the potential to improve its ground in the global research and educational environment. An important criterion for the FLD lies in its formulation, whereby the commercial potential of research results can be implemented in feasible social and managerial instruments as technology develops. At the same time, since the Russian Federation's government envisions the preparation of highly skilled personnel as the major task for research universities, the major lines of development for HSE as a research university have been emphasized in the following fields as foreground lines:

- Economics
- State and municipal administration
- Management
- Sociology

Implementation of the Program of Development is designed to go through three stages within the period of 2009 - 2018.

In the first stage (2009 - 2012) the Program will focus on updating educational products and creating new master of arts programs. Other key points of the Program at this stage will be in manpower development and providing facilities that enable the foundation of research centers at a global caliber that follow the FDL.

In the second stage (2013 - 2015) the Program's priority will be to support activity of the named centers and promote their unique lines of education (primarily at the master of arts and post-graduate levels) in relevant fields in the global environment. The second stage will also provide support for the development of new foreground lines (from University funds) aimed at improving interdisciplinary research and development. One more challenge set at the second stage will be the commercialization of knowledge and technologies by means of the foundation of infrastructure for innovative companies around the University.

The priority challenge at the third stage (2016 - 2018) will be in establishing international partnerships and enjoying equal rights both in research and development as well education. The third stage will also see further subject expansion of the foreground lines of development.

The key result of the proposed project will be the foundation of a new "center of excellence" in Russia - a large research university specializing in social and economic sciences that is in line with top global counterparts and has prestige among the professional and business community.

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