

ICEF was established within Higher School of Economics in 1997 with the participation of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), University of London (UoL), and with the support of Russian business community.

Over 20 years of work ICEF has turned out of a small College (first cohort included only 13 graduates) into a full-scale academic centre. It has been recognized as one of the leaders of Russian economics education both in Russia and abroad. Now ICEF consists of over 1000 students and over 70 assistant and associate professors, including about 30 PhD teachers that successfully completed their research degree in the leading universities of USA, UK, France, Spain, Italy, Belgium, India. Our professors do research and publish in the leading international journals, including top-5 in economics and finance.

ICEF in 2017 includes HSE and UoL **BSc double-degree programme** (6 specializations in the area of economics and business), **international MSc programme** in Financial Economics with the participation of LSE, and **International Laboratory** of Financial Economics.

Over 1500 ICEF graduates work and study in Russia and other 35 countries in the world which proves that the education they received in Moscow is globally competitive. A third of ICEF graduates continued their education on MSc, MBA and PhD programmes abroad, more than a half of them did it at Top-50 world's universities, such as Harvard, MIT, LSE, Oxford, Cambridge, Princeton, Stanford, Chicago and so on. ICEF became the first Russian college where BSc graduates have been admitted to PhD programmes of the leading research universities in the area of economics (over the years 54 BSc and MSc alumni continued their education on PhD programmes).

ICEF is proud of its graduates that became professors in the universities of Stanford, Georgetown, Florida, Paris, Vienna, Lausanne, NES and others. ICEF graduates work in such well known international companies as McKinsey, A.T. Kearney, KPMG, EY, PWC, BCG, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, Citi, BNP Paribas, Alfa Bank, VTB, Sberbank, UniCredit Bank, Google, IBM and others. Many of them finished MBA programmes in the leading world's universities and became departments heads in large international banks and companies, created and implemented own successful business projects.

In 2017 the highest amount of ICEF graduates in history receive their degrees: **171 BSc programme graduates (17th cohort)** and **29 MSc programme graduates (9th cohort)**. For the first time BSc graduates receive so many 1st class and 2nd upper class honours degrees – 98, that is around 60% of all degrees.

Traditionally some 2017 graduates continue their education in the leading universities of Russia and 10 other countries (USA and Western Europe). Some begin their professional career in Russian and international companies in key economic sectors (consulting, banking, industry, financial sector) and government bodies.

This year 6 ICEF BSc graduates will start their PhD studies at the famous American universities, including Columbia University, Cornell University, Boston University, University of California at San Diego, and others.

ICEF history shows what important role an international cooperation between 2 national universities (LSE and HSE) can play in academic development. ICEF created as a result of such development took the best of two academic cultures and will stay stable as one of the leading research and education centres in the area of economics and finance in Eastern Europe.

