Russian State University for the Humanities grew out of Moscow State Institute for History and Archives. Its official birthday is 27 March 1991.

The first round of admissions into RSUH took place in 1991. Despite its comparatively young age, RSUH has come to be one of the best among the most respected universities of the country, having emerged as one of the leading educational and research centers in Russia. The University was the first in the country to combine the words “Russian” and “humanities” in its name. In all the past years RSUH has been one of the most sought-after institutions among the prospective students.

Several RSUH departments are located next door to the Kremlin. It is literally within a 5-minute walking distance. Thus the students can enjoy Medieval Rus architecture as well as the very heartbeat of Moscow, its main street Tverskaya.

Russian State University for the Humanities is one of the leading universities in Russia. Based on century-long traditions, it is also poised on the cutting edge of innovations.

Developing academic and educational ties with foreign partners is one of the major trends in the RSUH.

The RSUH has more than 250 partner educational institutions in Europe, in the US, in Canada, Asia, and Latin America.

The university has a good record of successful projects within the framework of the EU (Tempus, Erasmus Mundus), UN (UNICEF, UNESCO), Council of Europe, British Council, DAAD, the Library of Congress, ACTR programs, etc. There exists a multilevel academicmobility system that provides different models of student and staff mobility (more that 1,000 per year).

Dual degrees at the M.A. and the Ph.D. levels are successfully implemented at RSUH with Ruhr-University in Bochum (Cultural Studies, Russian Culture), Albert Ludwigs University of Freiburg (Philology, International Literature Studies, Russian-German cultural transfer), University of Konstanz (History and Cultural Studies, East European Research), Ecole Nationale des Chartes in Paris (History and New Technologies), Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (History, Comparative Studies and Transitology RussiaPoland).

The principal activities of the Department for International Affairs:

• organizing international cooperation
• developing International Centers for Education and Research
• organizing training for foreign students and graduates students
• organizing and managing student and graduate student exchanges, faculty exchanges
• organizing and managing the RSUH’s participation in multilateral integration projects
• Providing visa support