



LEARNING AND STUDENTS

INRTU actively integrates the principles of sustainable urban development into its educational framework, preparing a new generation of professionals equipped to design resilient and inclusive urban environments.

Launch of Specialized Master's Programs

INRTU delivers an [abundance of programs](#) directly focused on sustainable urbanism. A new Master's program "Transformation of Urban Space" was launched in 2024. It is based on the practical methodologies of the Baikal Winter Urban Development University and underscores INRTU's commitment to training specialists in sustainable territorial development.

Students Initiatives Transform the City

[Students gain practical experience by working on real-life challenges.](#) A prime example is the project where architecture students developed comprehensive development concepts for the villages of Irkutsk region. Besides, [architecture students developed design solutions for the renovation of residential buildings in Angarsk city.](#)



RESEARCH

INRTU's research endeavors in 2024 were strategically aligned with SDG 11, focusing on innovative solutions for urban safety, environmental monitoring, and smart city technologies.

Hosting Scientific Conferences on Urban Sustainability

The university serves as a pivotal platform for expert dialogue on critical urban issues. In 2024, INRTU successfully organized the [XIV All-Russian Conference "Technosphere Safety in the 21st Century"](#) where leading scientists and practitioners

discussed challenges and innovations related to the safety and resilience of urban infrastructure of the Russian Federation.

Winter University

INRTU hosted the [25th session of the International Baikal Winter Urban Development University](#). The workshop was a scientific and practical event where students and young specialists from five countries developed project concepts for the sustainable development of Irkutsk, including smart transport systems and a world-class interregional campus.



Fostering Student Research

Bridging the gap between theory and practice, INRTU held an [ESG Forum](#) where students developed and presented concrete projects aimed at creating more comfortable and safe cities. This event highlights the university's role in nurturing applied research and innovative thinking among students to address urban sustainability challenges.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

INRTU is deeply committed to fostering social cohesion, cultural dialogue, actively engaging both students and the wider community.

Promoting Intercultural Dialogue

The university annually conducts many inclusive cultural and educational events free of charge for students and university staff and residents of the city.

Being a home for 1500 international students from 56 countries, INRTU organizes such national cultures festivals as [Chinese Cultural Festival](#), [Africa Day](#), [Nowruz](#), and [Mongolian White Month Tsagaan Sar](#). These festivals facilitated intercultural exchange and supported the integration of international students into the local community, promoting mutual understanding.



Preservation of National Heritage

INRTU puts significant focus on patriotic education and the preservation of national heritage. Thus, [INRTU organized a concert dedicated to the 79th anniversary of the Great Victory in World War II](#). Students held a rally at the "Eternal Flame" monument and [a student conference to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the battles at Khalkhin Gol](#).



OPERATIONS

Sustainable Commuting

INRTU implements the principles of sustainability within its own campus management, focusing on the [Zero Carbon Policy](#), [Policy on Achieving Sustainable Transport](#) and implements An Action plan to reduce the number of vehicles on campus. Thus, INRTU dorms provide affordable housing within walking distance of classrooms for thousands of students, which directly aligns with sustainable commuting principles. Each year, an increasing number of staff and students choose bicycles and e-scooters for on-campus mobility.

This is a direct result of the university's awareness initiatives.



Sustainable Housing

The university prioritizes the creation of modern, environmentally conscious spaces which enhance the quality of life for its academic community.

[The university modernizes its residential infrastructure.](#) A key initiative in this area is the major renovation of the student dormitories, which was carried out using eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient technologies.



Social Infrastructure

In 2024, the university significantly enhanced its [support for students and staff with families by opening a dedicated "Mother and Child Room"](#) on campus. This facility provides a comfortable space for parents with young children, demonstrating the university's commitment to creating a family-friendly environment.

