Enhancing University Research and Entrepreneurial Capacity

Enhancing University Research and Entrepreneurial Capacity (EURECA) program is a multi-year initiative aiming to strengthen Russian National Research Universities’ (NRUs) capacity to commercialize the results of their research, and foster entrepreneurial activity on their campuses.

EURECA was launched on October 8th, 2010 by a consortium of one Russian - New Eurasia Foundation (FNE), and two U.S.-based NGOs - American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS and the National Council for East European and Eurasian Research (NCEEER). The program is operating under the overall guidance of U.S.-Russia Foundation (USRF), and in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation (MOES). It is managed by FNE in Russia and by American Councils and NCEEER in the U.S.

Purdue University is proud to have been selected as one of four U.S. universities in partnership with Lobachevsky State University of Nizhni Novgorod (UNN). Purdue’s Discovery Park administrators lead Purdue’s partnership with UNN. The major goal of this EURECA project is to develop collaborative relationships, university policies and support infrastructure to enhance student entrepreneurial capacity. Purdue’s mandate is to support UNN’s efforts in designing procedures and regulations for student innovation and entrepreneurship support; assist in developing supportive infrastructure for establishing Center for Innovative Entrepreneurship Development at UNN; promote student involvement in entrepreneurial activities; enhance educational programs in entrepreneurship; and launch the EURECA Hub Entrepreneurial Dimension, devoted to dissemination among NRUs.