

Call for applications Stanford University U.S.-Russia Forum (SURF)

I hope your fall quarter is starting off well!

I'm writing because we're starting the 2025-2026 Academic Year SURF program in collaboration with Stanford University, and we're inviting your applications.

SURF is a fully-funded program between the **Boris Nemtsov Master's program in Russian Studies** at Charles University Faculty of Arts and **Stanford's Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law**. It is a unique program that brings together Russian-speaking Charles University's students with peers in Stanford for collaborative research & networking. Participants publish original work in public policy, arts and culture, and international relations, appearing in both academic journals and broader media outlets.

Last year, 27 Stanford SURF participants presented their research and met their peers during the **conferences in Prague and on Stanford campus in Palo Alto (USA)**. You can explore their conference memos and review research from past cohorts [here](#). This year, we aim to once again bring participants together in Prague (Wednesday, March 25 through Friday, March 27) and at Stanford likely in mid-May (Saturday, May 16 through Wednesday, May 20), to present their final group research memos.

Throughout the program, you will also have the opportunity to engage with leading Russia-focused scholars and journalists, and connect with experts who can support your research interests.

Please complete the application form below. The deadline for application submission is **November 7, 2025, at 11:59 pm CET**.

If you have any questions, feel free to write to russianstudies@ff.cuni.cz

Application form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe64BGxPb46fFZB1NfeUydIY1upY-vypvP2JusoHy4HyER5OA/viewform?usp=header>

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