



# **KHALEL DOSMUKHAMEDOV ATYRAU UNIVERSITY**





## **Development of Inclusive Education**

Khalel Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University places special emphasis on the development of inclusive education and the creation of equal opportunities for students with special educational needs.

In 2025, the University signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Inclusion Bolashak Atyrau Public Association and the Zeyin-Atyrau Development Center for Children with Special Needs. The agreement provides for the training of specialists in inclusive education, the organization of students' academic and professional internships, the implementation of joint research projects, and the exchange of professional experience.

This partnership contributes to the development of an inclusive educational environment and supports children with special educational needs by promoting equal access to quality education.

## International Cooperation in Inclusive Education

As part of the University's Science Decade, Khalel Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University hosted the international scientific and practical conference "Inclusive Education and Society: Methodology, Research, and Practice."

The conference brought together scholars from Kazakhstan, Canada, the United States, and Türkiye, as well as representatives of educational authorities, faculty members, and university students.

Participants discussed contemporary international approaches to inclusive education, shared best practices, and presented the results of collaborative research aimed at ensuring equal access to quality education.

As an additional contribution to international cooperation, an invited lecture was delivered by Associate Professor Zarafshan Kalandarova of Kokand State University (Uzbekistan) within the framework of the ORHUN academic mobility program. The lecture focused on modern approaches to inclusive education and international experience in teacher training.





## Enhancing Professional Competencies in Inclusive Education



The University systematically provides professional development opportunities for its academic staff in the field of inclusive education.

In 2026, a 72-hour professional development course entitled “Methods of Psychological and Pedagogical Support for Children with Special Educational Needs in Inclusive Education” was organized.

Participants studied modern models of inclusive education, national policies and international standards, and acquired practical approaches to supporting learners with visual, hearing, speech, and physical impairments, as well as those with developmental delays. The knowledge and skills gained through the course contribute to the creation of an accessible and inclusive learning environment and improve the quality of education for students with special educational needs.



## **Social Integration of People with Disabilities**

One of the University's significant research initiatives is the project “The Economic Impact of Integrating People with Disabilities into the Labor Market,” carried out by the Department of Economics.

The project examines the social and economic impacts of integrating people with disabilities into the labor market, explores their professional potential, and promotes the principles of equal opportunities in employment.

The research findings contribute to strengthening social inclusion, improving the effective use of human resources, and enhancing social stability by supporting the integration of people with disabilities into economic and public life.



## Equal Access to Higher Education



Khalel Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University, in cooperation with the Kazakhstan Halkyna Public Foundation, implements an educational grant program aimed at supporting young people from socially vulnerable groups.

For the 2025–2026 academic year, the University was awarded 15 educational grants for applicants from low-income families, rural areas, orphaned children, persons with disabilities, young people from families raising children with disabilities, and children affected by the January 2022 events.

The program promotes equal access to higher education, expands educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth, and contributes to reducing social inequality by ensuring that talented students can pursue higher education regardless of their social or economic background.



## Key Achievements

During the reporting period, the University:

- expanded cooperation with organizations working in the field of inclusive education;
- organized an international scientific and practical conference on inclusive education;
- implemented professional development programs for academic staff in inclusive education;
- conducted a research project on the integration of people with disabilities into the labor market;
- provided educational grant opportunities for students from socially vulnerable groups through the Kazakhstan Halkyna Public Foundation;
- promoted lifelong learning and expanded access to educational resources for different social and age groups.





## Future Steps Towards Achieving SDG 10

Khalel Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University will continue to develop initiatives aimed at reducing inequalities and fostering an inclusive educational environment.

The University's key priorities include:

- expanding cooperation with organizations working in the field of inclusive education;
- strengthening international research projects and academic collaboration;
- enhancing teacher training in inclusive education;
- expanding social support programs for students;
- ensuring equal access to quality education for all members of society;
- further promoting an inclusive culture across the University community.

Through these initiatives, the University seeks to create equal opportunities, strengthen social inclusion, and contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

