

Annual report 2025

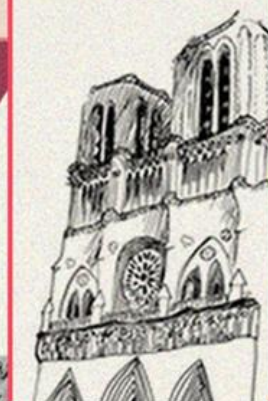


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Project Overview

The FGU was established through an intergovernmental agreement signed in 2018, with the following objectives:

- To create a set of coordinated and accredited double-degree programs, partially or fully implemented in Georgia.
- To contribute to the internationalization of Georgian higher education by sharing expertise in the development of degree programs with French higher education institutions.
- To develop Georgia's human capital by offering high-quality professional training in key sectors of the local economy (*agriculture, tourism, information sciences*).

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Our University Partners



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The UFG offers three programs at the undergraduate and master's levels:

- Professional Bachelor's Degree in Agri-Food Technologies and Dairy Production (*GTU – University of Rennes*)
- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science (*TSU – University of Évry–Paris-Saclay*)
- Master's Degree in Oenology and Viticulture (*GTU – Institut Agro Montpellier*)
- Master's Degree in Tourism and Cultural Heritage [*currently suspended*] (*TSU – Lumière Lyon 2 University*)

5 Strategic Priorities

- **DOUBLE-DEGREES** : Maintaining accredited double-degree programs and expanding the FGU consortium
- **STUDENT MOBILITY** : Supporting student mobility and developing scholarship programs funded by the FGU foundation
- **SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION** : Developing scientific cooperation and fostering academic exchanges between France and Georgia
- **TECHNICAL SUPPORT** : Expert missions and partnerships
(project in the veterinary field)
- **INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING** : Strengthening the institutional framework

1. Maintaining accredited double-degree programs

Since FGU's creation, **74 graduates**:

- **19** in **Tourism & Cultural Heritage** (*Master*)
- **47** in **Agri-Food Technologies** (*Bachelor*)
- **5** in **Viticulture & Oenology** (*Master*)
- **3** in **Computer Sciences** (*Bachelor*)

In 2024-2025, **73 students** enrolled in FGU programs:

- **9** in **Agri-Food Technologies** (*Bachelor*)
- **2** in **Viticulture & Oenology** (*Master*)
- **62** in **Computer Sciences** (*Bachelor*)

1. Expanding FGU's consortium

Consortium Expansion – In November 2024, integration of **6 new HEI**:

CNAM (<i>Paris</i>)	Caucasus University (<i>Tbilisi</i>)
University of Clermont Auvergne (<i>Clermont-Ferrand</i>)	Ilia State University (<i>Tbilisi</i>)
Sciences Po Rennes (<i>Rennes</i>)	
EHESP (<i>Rennes</i>)	

Upcoming Double-Degree Programs – At least **3 new programs**:

- **Master's Degree in Economics**

(*Tbilisi State University – ISET & University of Clermont Auvergne*)

- **Master's Degree in Atmospheric Sciences**

(*Ilia State University & University of Clermont Auvergne*)

- **PhD in Education Sciences**

(*Ilia State University & Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers*)

2. Supporting student mobility

Financial Support for Student Mobility. Through its foundation, the UFG has implemented **financial support mechanisms**, including **scholarships for academic and research mobility**, aimed at supporting Georgian students wishing to study in France.

Scholarships Awarded in 2024:

- **2 PhD mobility grants** (*2-month research stays in France*)
- **2 Scholarships for students of our program in viticulture and oenology** (*4-month internships in France*)

2. Supporting student mobility through language courses

In **cooperation with the AUF and the IFG**, the FGU offers students the opportunity to take part in **intensive French language training**.

FGU Project: French Language Contest to Promote French among Georgian Students

- A competition will be organized in the spring for **Computer Science students** who wish to improve their French.
- Participants will undergo an **intensive training session**, followed by a language test.
- The student with the highest score will win a **three-week French course in Évry (France)**

2. Developing scholarship programs

New Partnership for 2025

The FGU signed a **cooperation agreement with the Rustaveli Foundation** to launch a **co-funded franco-Georgian scholarship program** starting in 2025:

- 50% funded by the **Rustaveli Foundation**
- 50% funded by the **FGU Foundation**

Each year: 3 two-month research mobilities to France for Georgian PhD students

3. Developing scientific cooperation

=> Promotion of **scientific cooperation between France and Georgia**, with the organization of academic events (*conferences, symposiums, and summer schools*).

- **FGU's Annual Summer School**, a tradition launched in 2023
 - Brings together Georgian, French, and international students and early-career researchers
 - Open to **all disciplines**: from humanities and social sciences to natural and exact sciences
 - Offers a unique opportunity to **broaden knowledge** and perspectives
 - Promotes **dialogue between FR & GEO academic communities**

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Key Activities in 2024

- **Study Week in Geopolitics** (*September 2024*)

Co-organized with the French Institute of Geopolitics (*Univ. of Paris 8*)

- **Autumn School in Nuclear Physics** (*November 2024*)

Co-organized with University of Paris-Saclay, Kutaisi International University, the French Embassy and the French Institute in Georgia

- **Launch of an Economics Lecture Series** (*November 2024*)

First lecture held on November 26, 2024, with Dr. Christophe Cordonnier, followed by a discussion led by former Georgian Finance Minister Kakha Baindurashvili

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Key Activities in 2025

Economics Lecture Series (*Ongoing*)

- In partnership with Caucasus University
- A platform connecting researchers, experts, policymakers, and business leaders from France and Georgia

Co-organization Summer school “Armenia in Regional and Global Context”

(May 2025 in Yerevan, Armenia)

- In partnership with Sciences-Po Paris
- Co-organization of a study day focused on Georgia as part of this annual summer school

Summer School in Viticulture (*October 2025 in Telavi*)

- In partnership with Telavi University, Institut Agro Montpellier, and the private sector
- Participants: Bachelor’s students from France and Georgia
- Focus on sustainable viticulture techniques and innovation in wine production

Autumn School on Migration (*November 2025 in Batumi*)

- Focus on Contemporary migration dynamics and border issues in the Caucasus
- Target audience: Master’s and PhD students
- Continuation of the 2023 FGU migration school

4. Advancing training and technical support in the veterinary field

The FGU is actively pursuing initiatives in the field of **veterinary education**, a sector facing a shortage of qualified young professionals in Georgia.

Key Actions in 2024–2025

- Three **specialized training sessions on bovine health** were conducted with French experts, through funding from FranceAgriMer (*Winter 2024*).
- A **Memorandum of Understanding** was signed between **Georgian Technical University (GTU)** and the **National Veterinary School of Toulouse** (*Summer 2024*).
- A **teaching visit** by a professor from the **National Veterinary School of Toulouse** was held in Tbilisi (*March 2025*).

5. Strengthening FGU's Institutional Framework

- **Launch of a new website (fgu.ge)**, improving visibility and communication with our partners, students, and the public
- **Relocation of our office**, back to the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Georgia
- **Revision of FGU Foundation's statutes**, ensuring the proper functioning of our activities
- **Persistent budgetary unpredictability**, posing ongoing challenges to long-term planning and operational stability
- **Need for continued support from our supervising authorities**



Merci !

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