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Viktor Koksharov was appointed the Rector of UrFU in 2010. Previously he served as the Minister of International and Foreign Economic Relations of Sverdlovsk Oblast and Chairman (Prime Minister) of the Sverdlovsk Oblast Government.

In 1986, Viktor Koksharov graduated from the Department of History of Gorkiy State University. In 1992, he received a PhD in History; the title of his thesis was "Activities of American Oil Companies in Saudi Arabia (1933-1945)." Viktor Koksharov thereafter started working as chief specialist at the Ural Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences.

In 1999, Viktor Koksharov participated in the U.S. government exchange program "Business for Russia". He is a graduate of the professional retraining courses of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (Germany) and also completed advanced training courses under the program of the John Smith Institute at the University of Birmingham (UK).