

Open Doors: Russian Scholarship Project



A call for entries for Master's students from all over the world has been announced to participate in the intellectual competition "Open Doors: Russian Scholarship Project". Contestants will compete for an opportunity to get free tuition at one of Russia's leading universities. They can choose from four subject areas: Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science and Economics. The contest is supported by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and is organized by the "Global Universities" Association.

The competition will reveal the outstanding international students eligible for merit-based scholarships awarded by the government of the Russian Federation to study Master's programs at one of the Russian universities. They will be enrolled without having to take examinations and may apply for any one of the courses offered by 21 Russia's leading universities participating in the Russian academic excellence project: 5-100 whose purpose is increase global competitiveness of the Russian universities.

Who can Participate?

The competition is open to citizens of all countries other than Russia, stateless citizens, and Russian citizens who are permanent residents of other countries. They are required to have a Bachelor's degree or at least be receiving it in 2018.

Subject Areas

Contestants can choose from four subject areas: Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science and Economics, which each area including several fields of study. Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University is the co-organizer for Mathematics and Physics in 2018. Please, note that it is allowed to apply for more than one field of study. Winners will have an opportunity to choose from a range of programs taught either in Russian or in English. If your Russian needs improvement you may apply for a preparatory year. A place in the Master's program will still be reserved for an applicant, so the winner will have two years of free tuition in the program of the choice.

Stages of the Competition

The competition is composed of two stages.

The qualifying stage is portfolio contest will last from December 1st till December 30th, 2017. You may sign up for qualification starting November 20th and upload your portfolios starting December 1st.

The second stage is final and represents an online-testing. The stage begins on January 22nd, 2018 and will be over on February 5th, 2018. Participation in this stage is open to winners of the qualification stage.

The list of winners will be published at www.globaluni.ru on February 20th, 2018.

The organizing committee

The competition is supported by the leaders in Russian high education and the Russian Ministry of Education and Science. The organizing committee includes [ITMO University](#), [the National Research Nuclear University \(MEPhi\)](#), [Higher School of Economics](#). Among the co-organizers alongside [SPBPU](#) are the [National University of Science and Technology MISIS](#), [Tomsk State University](#), [N. I. Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod \(UNN\)](#), the [Siberian Federal University](#), [Novosibirsk State University](#), [Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University](#) and [Ural Federal University](#).