

Regulations for an Open Competition among Foreign Nationals, Stateless Citizens and Compatriots Residing Abroad Applying for Admission to St Petersburg State University in 2021 to Government-Funded Places within the Framework of the Quota Established by the Russian Government's Decree No 2150 as of December 18, 2020

1. General Provisions

1.1. In accordance with the Russian Government's Decree No 2150 as of December 18, 2020 "On Establishing an Education Quota for Foreign Nationals and Stateless Citizens in the Russian Federation"; Procedures for Admission to Educational Programmes of Higher Education — Bachelor Programmes, Specialist Degree Programmes and Master Programmes approved by the Decree of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation No. 1076 as of August 21, 2020; Procedures for Admission to Educational Programmes of Higher Education — Aspirantura Programmes for Training Research and Teaching Staff approved by the Decree of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation No. 13 as of January 12, 2017; Letter of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation No. MN-5/55 DSP as of January 14, 2021, St Petersburg State University (hereinafter referred to as SPbU) accepts for consideration documents submitted by foreign nationals, stateless citizens and compatriots residing abroad to government-funded places allocated to SPbU in 2021 within the framework of the quota specified by the Government of the Russian Federation in Decree No 2150 as of December 18, 2020 "On Establishing an Education Quota for Foreign Nationals and Stateless Citizens in the Russian Federation".

1.2. Foreign nationals, stateless citizens and compatriots residing abroad shall be admitted to government-funded places allocated to SPbU in 2021 as first-year full-time students of main educational bachelor, specialist degree, master and aspirantura programmes.

2. Acceptance of Documents

2.1. Documents for competition from foreign nationals, stateless citizens and compatriots residing abroad (hereinafter referred to as the applicants and the competition) shall be accepted **from February 8, 2021 to May 21, 2021**, unless other dates are established hereby for particular programmes. The specific features of the competitive selection to programmes mentioned in Sections 4-14 hereof are set forth in these sections. Admissions of international applicants pursuant to the relevant agreements signed between SPbU and governmental agencies of foreign states are organised in accordance with statements (recommendations, references) of the respective governmental agencies of foreign states.

2.2. The applicants shall submit the following documents for competition:

2.2.1. a personal application addressed by the applicant to SPbU Rector (to be filled in at the applicant's Personal Account through the Admissions Committee page of the SPbU website abiturient.spbu.ru); the applicant may submit no more than 3 (three) applications to different educational programmes;

2.2.2. a questionnaire - competition application form of the prescribed form filled in block letters and provided with a photo;

2.2.3. a copy of the applicant's identity document or of a document identifying a foreign national's identity in the Russian Federation under Article 10 of the Federal Law No 115-FZ "On the Legal Status of Foreign Nationals in the Russian Federation" as of July 25, 2002;

2.2.4. a document issued by a medical institution in the country of the applicant's residence confirming the absence of medical contraindications against studying in the Russian Federation;

2.2.5. a medical certificate on the absence of the HIV virus and AIDS issued by a medical institution in the country of the applicant's residence;

2.2.6. an educational credential and a supplement thereto (if the latter is provided for by the laws of the country having issued the said educational credentials) containing the list of subjects studied and grades (points) obtained¹; one of the following documents must be submitted:

2.2.6.1. when admitting to bachelor and specialist degree programmes:

2.2.6.1.1. a standard (in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation) document of secondary general education or secondary vocational education;

2.2.6.1.2. a foreign educational credential recognised in the Russian Federation as a state-recognised document of secondary general education or secondary vocational education;

2.2.6.1.3. a statement from an educational organisation implementing educational programmes of secondary general education or secondary vocational education or their equivalents, where the applicant is studying at the moment of his/her submission of the application for competition. This statement shall contain information of the level of the educational programme he/she is studying, the expected date of the end of training, presence or absence of final assessment and its form, academic performance according to the results of the previous interim assessment with grades for subjects (disciplines) obtained during the recent 3 (three) semesters of study.

2.2.6.2. when admitting to master programmes:

2.2.6.2.1. a standard (in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation) bachelor or specialist degree diploma confirming that a diploma specialist qualification has been conferred to the given person;

2.2.6.2.2. a non-Russian educational credential recognised in the Russian Federation as a bachelor or a specialist degree diploma confirming that a diploma specialist qualification has been conferred to the given person;

2.2.6.2.3. a statement from an educational organisation implementing bachelor programmes or their equivalents, where the applicant is studying at the moment of his/her submission of the application for competition. This statement shall contain information of the level of the educational programme he/she is studying, the (expected) date of the end of training, presence or absence of final assessment and its form, academic performance according to the results of the previous interim assessment with grades for subjects (disciplines) obtained during all semesters of study;

2.2.6.3. when admitting to aspirantura programmes:

2.2.6.3.1. a standard (in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation) master or specialist degree diploma;

¹ Applicants arriving to study shall present their original educational credentials and supplements thereto (if the latter is provided for by the laws of the country having issued the said educational credentials) legalised in accordance with the established procedure

2.2.6.3.2. a non-Russian educational credential recognised in the Russian Federation as a master or a specialist degree diploma;

2.2.6.3.3. a statement from an educational organisation implementing master or specialist degree programmes, or their equivalents, where the applicant is studying at the moment of his/her submission of the application for competition. This statement shall contain information of the level of the educational programme he/she is studying, the (expected) date of the end of training, presence or absence of final assessment and its form, academic performance according to the results of the previous interim assessment with grades for subjects (disciplines) obtained during all semesters of study;

2.2.7. a motivation letter written in Russian (or in the language in which the programme is taught) containing a well-reasoned description of why the applicant got interested in the chosen educational programme and is willing to study it. For applicants to master and aspirantura programmes, it has also to contain information on their professional training and professional experience;

2.2.8. documents confirming proficiency in the language, in which the educational programme is taught and documents containing information on the applicant's academic training;

2.2.9. 4 (four) photographs 3x4 cm (the photographs must be taken no earlier than 2021).

2.3. Applicants to aspirantura programmes must also submit the following, in addition to documents specified in Clause 2.2 hereof:

2.3.1. a description of their prospective research;

2.3.2. copies of their scientific publications in sources corresponding to their chosen field of study (speciality of research workers) or copies of works prepared to publication in sources corresponding to their chosen field of study (speciality of research workers) — if any.

2.3.3. their CV containing information on their academic (professional) training, their research and achievements, their professional experience, etc.

2.4. Requirements to the content and structure of the motivation letter and its assessment criteria, the assessment requirements for documents of academic training and documents confirming the applicant's proficiency in the language, in which the educational programme is taught, and the assessment criteria for other documents considered within the framework of the competition of documents (portfolios) shall be set forth by the SPbU Admissions Committee and shall be made known to the applicants not later than the date when acceptance of the documents for competition starts by means of publication at the official website of St Petersburg University at the SPbU Admissions Committee web page (<http://www.abiturient.spbu.ru>).

2.5. An applicant who has not submitted one of the documents specified in Sub-clauses 2.2.1 – 2.2.6 hereof shall not be allowed to take part in the competition.

2.6. The documents specified in Clauses 2.2 and 2.3 hereof must be submitted in legible copies only, in Russian or translated into Russian (translations into Russian must be either notarised or certified at authorised institutions in accordance with the laws and international treaties of the Russian Federation).

2.7. Documents for participation in the competitive selection shall be submitted in electronically through the SPbU official website using the applicants' Personal Account.

2.8. If the applicant chooses to submit the documents specified in Clauses 2.2 and 2.3 hereof electronically, the documents must be scanned and attached to the registration

form through the applicant's Personal Account. The documents must be submitted as colour or grey-scale scans with definition of 200 or 300 points to an inch. Illegible scans or scans omitting significant parts of the documents (text, signatures, official seals, etc.) shall not be accepted. The applicant must submit scans of the pages in their identity documents carrying the applicant's photograph, surname, given name, patronymic, gender, date and place of birth, nationality, document series and number, information about the issuing governmental agency and the applicant's place of registration. The applicant's photograph (taken in the current calendar year, with vertical resolution of at least 800 pixels and horizontal resolution of at least 600 pixels) must be submitted in the same manner, i.e. by attaching the file with the photograph to the registration form through the applicant's Personal Account. Each document must be uploaded as a single file with a correct title reflecting the document's content. The uploading of a single document in separate incorrectly titled files is not permitted.

2.9. Upon his/her arrival at SPbU, the applicant with a reference from the Russian Federation Ministry of Science and Higher Education shall submit an original educational credential.

3. Procedures for Competitive Selection of Applicants and Their Enrollment

3.1. The competitive selection of applicants shall proceed in accordance with the requirements set forth hereby.

3.2. The decision on whether or not to recommend an applicant to study shall be made by the SPbU Admissions Committee.

3.3. Each applicant taking part in the competition is considered by the SPbU Admissions Committee and a decision is made on whether or not to recommend him/her to be accepted for study.

3.4. Based on a recommendation of the SPbU Admissions Committee, the applicant's personal record is sent by St Petersburg University to the Russian Ministry of Science and Higher Education for a decision to be made concerning acceptance for study.

3.5. The terms of consideration of the applicant's personal records as well as the terms of decision-making concerning the forming of a reference for the applicant's enrollment are established by the Russian Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

3.6. The SPbU Admissions Committee shall inform the applicants on the results of the competitive selection by means of publication at the official web site of St Petersburg University at the SPbU Admissions Committee web page of a list of applicants, sorted by name, having been admitted to the competition. The list of applicants recommended for enrollment shall be marked out.

3.7. Lists of applicants admitted to the competition and sorted by name, who have been approved by the SPbU Admissions Committee for the recommendation to study, shall be published at the Admissions Committee page of the official SPbU website <http://www.abiturient.spbu.ru> on or prior to **June 7, 2021**.

3.8. Applicants recommended for enrollment should, **until June 12, 2021**, send an e-mail to admission@spbu.ru, informing the staff either on their interest in being SPbU students (Appendix 1) or on their refusal to be enrolled (Appendix 2).

3.9. The enrollment of applicants approved by the SPbU Admissions Committee is based on the references issued by the Russian Ministry of Science and Higher Education

within the terms established by the said governmental body and subject to the conditions contained in these references.

4. Admissions to the Master Programme "Company Economics and Economics of Innovative Activities" in the Main Field of Study 38.04.01 "Economics"

The particulars of admissions to the double-degree master programme "Company Economics and Economics of Innovative Activities" are specified by Contract No 2015-046 between St Petersburg University and the Ilmenau University of Technology as of April 30, 2015, as well as by additional agreements to it.

International applicants to SPbU master programme "Company Economics and Economics of Innovative Activities" shall be obliged to submit a recommendation letter from the Ilmenau University of Technology confirming that these candidates have been nominated for enrollment in this programme.

International applicants to SPbU master programme "Company Economics and Economics of Innovative Activities" shall submit their thesis abstract that will be evaluated by the examination board as an essay.

5. Admissions to the Master Programme "Business Information Analysis" in the Main Field of Study 38.04.05 "Business Informatics"

The particulars of admissions to the double-degree master programme "Business Information Analysis" are specified by Contract No 2015-046 between St Petersburg University and the Ilmenau University of Technology as of April 30, 2015, as well as by additional agreements to it.

International applicants to SPbU master programme "Business Information Analysis" shall be obliged to submit a recommendation letter from the Ilmenau University of Technology confirming that these candidates have been nominated for enrollment in this programme.

International applicants to SPbU master programme "Business Information Analysis" shall submit their thesis abstract that will be evaluated by the examination board as an essay.

6. Admissions to the Master Programme "Master in Management – MiM" in the Main Field of Study 38.04.02 "Management"

The particulars of admissions to the double-degree master programme "Master in Management – MiM" are specified by the Contract No 28-15-212 between St Petersburg University and the Lappeenranta University of Technology as of October 30, 2020, Contract No 08/2-04-040-016-014 between St Petersburg University and Vienna University of Economics and Business as of June 09, 2016, and Contract No 08/2-04-040-09-003 between St Petersburg University and HEC-Paris, France, as of July 03, 2009, as well as by additional agreements to them.

International applicants to this SPbU programme shall submit a recommendation letter from the partner university confirming that these candidates have been nominated for

enrollment in this programme, if that is specified by the terms and conditions of the relevant Contract.

7. Admissions to the Master Programme "Professional Verbal Communication in Mass Media" in the Main Field of Study 42.04.02 "Journalism"

The particulars of admissions to the double-degree master programme "Professional Verbal Communication in Mass Media" are specified by the Contract No 28-15-862 between St Petersburg University and the Beijing Second Foreign Language University as of October 06, 2017 as well as by additional agreements to it.

International applicants to this SPbU programme shall submit a recommendation letter from the partner university confirming that these candidates have been nominated for enrollment in this programme, if that is specified by the terms and conditions of the relevant Contract.

8. Admissions to the Master Programme "Language and Communication (in German)" in the Main Field of Study 45.04.02 "Linguistics"

The particulars of admissions to the double-degree master programme "Language and Communication (in German)" are specified by Contract No 2023-12031 between St Petersburg University and the University of Greifswald dated January 30, 2019, as well as by additional agreements to it.

International applicants to this SPbU programme shall submit a recommendation letter from the partner university confirming that these candidates have been nominated for enrollment in this programme, if that is specified by the terms and conditions of the relevant Contract.

9. Admissions to the Master Programme "Germany and Eastern Europe in the Context of Interlingual and Intercultural Communication" in the Main Field of Study 45.04.02 "Linguistics"

The particulars of admissions to the double-degree master programme "Germany and Eastern Europe in the Context of Interlingual and Intercultural Communication" are specified by Contract No 25-15-298 between St Petersburg University and the Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel (Christian-Albrechts-Universität, CAU) as of May 25, 2018, as well as by additional agreements to it.

International applicants to this SPbU programme shall additionally submit a recommendation letter from the partner university confirming that these candidates have been nominated for enrollment in this programme, if that is specified by the terms and conditions of the relevant Contract.

10. Admissions to the Master Programme "Advanced Mathematics" in the Main Field of Study 01.04.01 "Mathematics"

International applicants to the "Advanced Mathematics" master programme must submit an application for admission and other documents (including those required for

participation in the competitive selection of documents (portfolios²) from February 8 to April 30, 2021. As the examination groups are formed from February 8 to April 30, 2021, the candidates who have scored at least 35 points in the competition of documents (portfolios) shall pass an interview in the audio- and videoconference mode. The candidates who have not scored 35 points for the competitive selection of documents (portfolios) shall not be admitted to the interview and shall be excluded from the competition. The results shall be announced by the SPbU Admissions Committee on June 7, 2021.

Lists of applicants admitted to the competition and sorted by name, who have been approved by the SPbU Admissions Committee for the recommendation to study, shall be published at the Admissions Committee page of the official SPbU website on or prior to June 7, 2021.

11. Admissions to the Aspirantura Programme "Advanced Mathematics" in the Main Field of Study 01.06.01 "Mathematics and Mechanics"

International applicants to the "Advanced Mathematics" aspirantura programme must submit an application for admission and other documents (including those required for participation in the competitive selection of documents (portfolios)) from February 8 to April 30, 2021. As the examination groups are formed, the candidates shall pass an interview in the audio- and videoconference mode. The results shall be announced by the SPbU Admissions Committee on June 7, 2021.³

Lists of applicants admitted to the competition and sorted by name, who have been approved by the SPbU Admissions Committee for the recommendation to study, shall be published at the Admissions Committee page of the official SPbU website on or prior to June 7, 2021.

12. Admissions to the Master Programme "The Literature of Russia and France: An Alternate Glance / Littératures russe et française: regards croisés" in the Main Field of Study 45.04.01 "Philology"

The particulars of admissions to the double-degree master programme "The Literature of Russia and France: An Alternate Glance / Littératures russe et française: regards croisés" are specified by Contract No 2021-05-24 between St Petersburg University and Sorbonne University as of May 24, 2018, as well as by additional agreements to it.

International applicants to this SPbU programme shall submit a recommendation letter from the partner university confirming that these candidates have been nominated for enrollment in this programme, if that is specified by the terms and conditions of the relevant Contract.

² The SPbU Admissions Committee develops and approves a separate admissions test syllabus for applicants to the master programme "Advanced Mathematics".

³ The SPbU Admissions Committee develops and approves a separate admissions test syllabus for applicants to the aspirantura programme "Advanced Mathematics".

13. Admissions to the Master Programme "Russia and France in Historical and Cultural Space / La Russie et la France dans l'espace de l'histoire et de la culture" in the Main Field of Study 46.04.01 "History"

The particulars of admissions to the double-degree master programme "Russia and France in Historical and Cultural Space / La Russie et la France dans l'espace de l'histoire et de la culture" are specified by Contract No 2021-05-24 between St Petersburg University and Sorbonne University as of May 24, 2018, as well as by additional agreements to it.

International applicants to this SPbU programme shall submit a recommendation letter from the partner university confirming that these candidates have been nominated for enrollment in this programme, if that is specified by the terms and conditions of the relevant Contract.

14. Admissions to the Master Programme "Philosophical Dialogue of Russia and France / Dialogue philosophique entre Russia et France" in the Main Field of Study "Philosophy"

The particulars of admissions to the double-degree master programme "The Literature of Russia and France: An Alternate Glance / Littératures russe et française: regards croisés" are specified by Contract No 2021-05-24 between St Petersburg University and Sorbonne University as of May 24, 2018, as well as by additional agreements to it.

International applicants to this SPbU programme shall submit a recommendation letter from the partner university confirming that these candidates have been nominated for enrollment in this programme, if that is specified by the terms and conditions of the relevant Contract.