

**Regulations for an Open Competition Among International Applicants,  
Stateless Citizens, and Compatriots Residing Abroad  
Applying for Admission to St Petersburg University to Government-Funded Places in  
2023 within the Framework of the Quota Established by Decree No 2150 of the  
Government of the Russian Federation dated 18 December 2020**

**1. General Provisions**

1.1. In compliance with Decree No 2150 ‘On Establishing an Education Quota for International Applicants and Stateless Citizens in the Russian Federation’ of the Government of the Russian Federation dated 18 December 2020; the Procedures for Admission International applicants and Stateless Persons to Education within the Framework of the Quota to Educate International Applicants and Stateless Persons in the Russian Federation approved by Order No 1378 of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation dated 3 November 2020; the Procedures for Admission to Educational Programmes of Higher Education — Bachelor’s Degree Programmes, Specialist’s Degree Programmes, and Master’s Degree Programmes approved by Order No 1076 of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education dated 21 August 2020; the Procedures for Admission to Educational Programmes of Higher Education - Programmes for Training Research and Academic Staff in Aspirantura approved by Order No 721 of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation dated 6 August 2021; Letter No MN-5/4801 of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation dated 19 July 2022, St Petersburg State University accepts documents submitted by international applicants, stateless citizens, and compatriots residing abroad applying for admission to government-funded places allocated to St Petersburg University in 2023 within the framework of the quota specified by Decree No 2150 ‘On Establishing an Education Quota for International Applicants and Stateless Citizens in the Russian Federation’ of the Government of the Russian Federation dated 18 December 2020.

1.2 International applicants, stateless citizens, and compatriots residing abroad shall be admitted to St Petersburg University to government-funded places allocated to St Petersburg University in 2023 as first-year full-time students of bachelor’s degree programmes, specialist’s degree programmes, master’s degree programmes, and doctoral programmes of training research and academic staff (aspirantura).

**2. Acceptance of Documents**

2.1. Documents for the competitive selection from international applicants, stateless citizens, and compatriots residing abroad (hereinafter referred to as the applicants and the competition), shall be accepted in the period from **14 November 2022 to 24 February 2023** unless these Regulations establish other dates for particular programmes. The list of educational programmes under the competitive selection and Admission Test contents shall be made available on the St Petersburg University website at least before **1 November 2022**. The specific features of the competitive selection to educational programmes mentioned in Sections 4 - 15 hereof are outlined in corresponding sections. Admissions of international

applicants under the relevant agreements signed between St Petersburg University and governmental agencies of foreign states are organised based on statements (recommendations, references) of the respective governmental agencies of foreign states.

2.2 The applicants should submit the following documents for competitive selection:

2.2.1. a personal application addressed to the Rector of St Petersburg University (to be filled in at the applicant's Personal Account through the Admissions Committee web page of the St Petersburg University website [abiturient.spbu.ru](http://abiturient.spbu.ru)); the applicant may indicate no more than three (3) different educational programmes in their application;

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

2.2.3. a copy of the applicant's identity document, which is equally recognised in the Russian Federation;

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 as well as the absence of all types of hepatitis and tuberculosis;

2.2.5. a document issued by a medical institution in the country of the applicant's residence confirming the absence of HIV/AIDS;

2.2.6. certificates confirming medical examinations undertaken (while taking part in a competitive selection to specialist's degree programme 31.05.01 'General Medicine', 31.05.03 'Dental Medicine' or bachelor's degree program 34.03.01 'Nursing');

2.2.7. an original or a copy of the education credential and supplements thereto (if the latter is provided for by the legislation of the country having issued the said education credentials) containing the list of subjects studied and grades (points) obtained<sup>1</sup>; one of the following documents must be submitted:

2.2.7.1. when applying for the admission to bachelor's degree or specialist's degree programme:

2.2.7.1.1. a standard secondary general education or secondary vocational education credential as specified by the legislation of the Russian Federation;

2.2.7.1.2. an education credential issued in the foreign country and recognised in the Russian Federation as a state-recognised document of secondary general education or secondary vocational education;

2.2.7.1.3. 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 their submitting the application for competition. This statement shall contain information of the level of the educational programme they are 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 three (3) semesters of study.

2.2.7.2. when applying for admission to a master's degree programme:

2.2.7.2.1. a standard bachelor's degree or specialist's degree diploma confirming that a diploma specialist qualification has been conferred on the given person in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation;

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Applicants arriving to study shall present their original education credentials and supplements thereto (if the latter is provided for by the laws of the country issuing the said certificates of education) legalised in compliance with the established procedure

2.2.7.2.2. an education credential issued in the foreign country and recognised in the Russian Federation as the conformation of conferring a qualification of a bachelor or a specialist;

2.2.7.2.3. a statement from an educational organisation implementing bachelor's degree programmes or their equivalents, where the applicant is studying at the moment of their submitting the application for the competition. This statement shall contain information of the level of the educational programme the applicant is studying, expected date of the end of the 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 completed semesters of study;

2.2.7.3. when applying for admission to doctoral programmes for training research and academic staff (aspirantura):

2.2.7.3.1. a standard master's degree or specialist's degree diploma in compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation;

2.2.7.3.2. a non-Russian education or qualification credentials recognised in the Russian Federation as a master's or a specialist degree diploma;

2.2.7.3.3.a statement from an educational organisation implementing master's or specialist's degree programmes or their equivalent where the applicant is studying at the moment of their submitting the application for the competition. This level shall contain the information of the level of the educational programme the applicant is studying, expected date of the end of the 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 completed semesters of study;

2.2.8. the applicant's consent for the processing, transfer, and storage of the personal data drawn in the form of a separate document in Russian and/or English signed with their own handwritten signature;

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

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

2.2.11. a photograph of the applicant with image resolution at least 600 pixels in width and 800 pixels in height taken during the current calendar year.

2.3. Requirements to the content and structure of the motivation letter as well as to their assessment criteria and the assessment criteria for documents confirming the proficiency in the language in which the educational programme is taught, and additional documents to be considered in the framework of the competitive selection of documents (portfolio) shall be set by the St Petersburg University 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 their publication on the official web site of St Petersburg University on the Admissions Committee web page (<http://www.abiturient.spbu.ru>).

2.4. The applicant shall be excluded from the admissions competition on the following grounds if they:

2.4.1. fail to meet requirements applied to the participation in the competitive selection, including the instances when the applicant receives education in the degree programme repeatedly (the applicant possesses the final education credential of the respective level or information confirming their completion of the studies in the respective level of education in 2023);

2.4.2. fail to provide the complete set of application documents specified in sub-clauses 2.2.1. - 2.2.8. herein;

2.4.3. provide false information, including information relevant to the fact that the applicant has had the citizenship of the Russian Federation and/or registered in the territory of the Russian Federation.

2.5. The documents specified in Clauses 2.2. hereof shall be submitted in legible copies in Russian or translated into Russian (translations into Russian have to be notarised by either a notary or the authorised institutions in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation or the international treaties of the Russian Federation).

2.6. Documents for participation in the competitive selection shall be submitted in electronic format through St Petersburg University official website using the applicant's Personal Account.

2.7. Should the documents specified in clause 2.2. herein be submitted electronically, they shall be provided as scanned copies attached to the registration form through the applicant's Personal Account. The copies of the said documents must be colour or grey-scale scanned images with a pixel density of 200 or 300 pixels per inch. It is not allowed to provide illegible scanned images of the documents as well as images that lack significant sections of the document (texts, signatures, seals or stamps, etc.).

The applicant must submit scans of the pages of their identity documents carrying the applicant's photograph, family name, first name, middle name (patronymic), gender, date and place of birth, nationality (citizenship), relevant document series and number, information about the issuing governmental agency, and the applicant's place of registration. The applicant's photograph shall be submitted in the same manner by attaching the file with the image to the registration form submitted via the applicant's Personal Account. Applicants should bind pages of each document and upload them as a single document file with a correct title reflecting the content of the file. Applicants must not upload a multi-page document as several separate incorrectly titled files.

2.8. Upon their arrival at St Petersburg University, the applicants with a reference from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation shall submit the original credentials of education and qualification.

### **3. Procedures for Competitive Selection of Applicants and Their Enrolment**

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 St Petersburg University Admissions Committee.

3.3. The St Petersburg University Admissions Committee shall consider each applicant that take part in the competition and decide on whether or not recommend them for enrolment.

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

3.5. The terms for considering the applicant's personal records and decision-making concerning the issuing a reference to study are determined by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation.

3.6. The St Petersburg University Admissions Committee shall make available the results of the competitive selection by publishing the list of applicants admitted to participate in the competitive selection with the separate list of applicants recommended for the enrolment on the official website of St Petersburg University on the St Petersburg University Admissions Committee webpage.

3.7. Lists of the applicants admitted to the competitive selection, on whose candidacies the St Petersburg University Admissions Committee decided to recommend for training, shall be published on the webpage of the Admissions Committee <http://www.abiturient.spbu.ru> on the official website of St Petersburg University before **17 March 2023**.

3.8. Each applicant recommended for the enrolment should send either a letter to confirm their interest in being enrolled to study at St Petersburg University (Annex 1) or a letter to disclaim their intention of being enrolled (Annex 2) to [admission@spbu.ru](mailto:admission@spbu.ru) at least **before 24 March 2023**.

3.9. The enrolment of the applicants approved by the St Petersburg University Admissions Committee at St Petersburg University shall be carried out based on the references issued by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation within the terms determined by the said governmental body under the conditions outlined in these references.

3.10. St Petersburg University shall not consider those individuals who possess either education or qualification credentials confirming their education of the respective level for the enrolment.

#### **4. Admission for Enrolment at Master's Degree Programme 'Professional Verbal Communication in Mass Media' In the Main Field of Study 42.04.02 'Journalism'**

The particulars of the enrolment in the master's degree 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 dated 6 October 2017 as well as by additional agreements to it.

International applicants applying for the enrolment in the foregoing main field of study should provide a letter of recommendation from a partner-university confirming that the applicants have been nominated for enrolment in the degree programme if such has been provided for by the Contract.

#### **5. Admissions to the Master's Degree Programme 'Language and Communication (in German)' in the Main Field of Study 45.04.02 'Linguistics'**

The particulars of the enrolment in the master's double-degree programme 'Language and Communication (in German)' are specified by the Contract No 2023-12031 between St Petersburg University and the University of Greifswald (Germany) dated 30 January 2019 and additional agreements thereto.

International applicants applying for the enrolment in the foregoing main field of study should provide a letter of recommendation from a partner-university confirming that the applicants have been nominated for enrolment in the degree programme if such has been provided for by the Contract.

**6. Admission to the Master's Degree 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 the enrolment in the master's degree programme 'Germany and Eastern Europe in the Context of Interlingual and Intercultural Communication' are specified by the Contract No 25-15-298 between St Petersburg University and Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel (CAU), Germany, dated 25 May 2018, and by additional agreements to it.

International applicants applying for the enrolment in the foregoing main field of study should provide a letter of recommendation from a partner-university confirming that the applicants have been nominated for enrolment in the degree programme if such has been provided for by the Contract.

Annex 1  
 to the Regulations for an Open Competition  
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 Established by Decree No 2150  
 of the Government of the Russian Federation  
 dated 18 December 2020  
 Approved by Order No \_\_\_\_\_ dd. \_\_\_\_\_

To: Rector Nikolay Mr Kropachev,

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name

Subject: Confirmation of the intention to study  
at St Petersburg University

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
hereby confirm my intention to study at St Petersburg University on government-funded  
places in 2023 pursuant to the results of the competitive selection from international  
applicants, stateless persons, and compatriots residing abroad.

The main field of study/speciality

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(Code of the main field of study/speciality)

Degree programme \_\_\_\_\_

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(title)

\_\_\_\_\_ date

\_\_\_\_\_ signature

\_\_\_\_\_ full name

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Annex 2  
to the Regulations for an Open Competition  
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dated 18 December 2020  
Approved by Order No \_\_\_\_\_ dd. \_\_\_\_\_

To: Rector Nikolay Kropachev

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name

Subject: Disclaimer

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
being recommended for the admission to St Petersburg University on government-funded  
places in 2023 pursuant to the results of the competitive selection among international  
applicants, stateless persons and compatriots residing abroad to study at St Petersburg  
University, hereby disclaim my intention of being a student of St Petersburg University.

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date	signature	full name
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