

**Open International Olympiad Exam Guidelines  
for foreign school students in 2024/25 academic year  
in ‘General Medicine (in Russian)’, ‘Dental Medicine (in Russian)’,  
‘Nursery (in Russian)’, and ‘Pharmacy (in Russian)’ at St Petersburg University**

General education-based priority subjects: Biology, Chemistry

Applicants should submit their admission documents in digital format via their Personal Account indicating the file type correspondent to the respective document. A motivation letter should be in **\*.doc(x)** format.

Applicants should provide their official documents and credentials in legible copies in Russian or translated into Russian (translations into Russian have to be notarised by either a Russian notary or the Russian Federation embassy/consulate in the foreign country or the embassy/consulate of the foreign country in Federation unless otherwise specified in the international treaties of the Russian Federation).

No	Documents / documented facts to be evaluated	Evaluation criteria	Score of points
1.	<b>Motivation letter</b> <i>Should be uploaded to the applicant's Personal Account with the indication of the file type 'Motivation letter'</i>	The assessment criteria are specified in section 1 'Motivation Letter' <i>Should applicants fail to provide the letter, they will score 0 points.</i>	0 -30
<b>Maximum score of points for the section - 30</b>			
2.	<b>Language reference certificate for Olympiad working language.</b> <i>Should applicants fail to provide their language reference certificate for the Olympiad working language, they will score 0 points.</i>		
2.1	For Olympiads implemented in Russian <i>The points can be summed</i>	TORFL-II certificates or higher	30
		A certificate confirming the fact of completed training in Russian at the previous levels of education (a certificate from an educational organisation confirming the fact of implementing a respective programme in Russian)	30
		A winner's or awardee's diploma of the St Petersburg University International Olympiad of Russian as a Foreign Language (held in 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 academic years), the Olympiad of Russian as a Foreign Language under the auspice of the Ministry of education of the Russian Federation / a winner's or awardee's diploma of the St Petersburg University Olympiad for School Students within the set of subjects 'Philology (Russian, Literature, Foreign Language)	25
		Results for other Level B2 testing correspondent to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages	20
		A certificate confirming the fact that the lower-level degree programme included Russian language courses (disciplines aimed at studying Russian in the supplement to the secondary education certificate/degree diploma)	20
		TORFL-I certificate	20

		Results for other B1 level testing correspondent to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages	10
		Documents confirming the fact of studying Russian at language courses, preparatory departments, during internship / inclusive studies (provided that there is a final grade)	10
<b>Maximum score of points for the section - 30</b>			
<b>3.</b>	<b>Academic credentials</b>		
3.1	The level of academic proficiency. <i>Accepted can be only one document. Should there be two or more certificates, the points shall not be summed</i>	IB Diploma with at least 30 points A-Level certificates at least with A reference in general education-based priority subjects	30
		At least 92 % of the maximum possible score of points for general education-based priority subjects	10
3.2	Participation in intellectual competitions: <i>Points within one section are conferred for as much as for two diplomas in different Olympiad subjects</i>	A participant of the final stage of the St Petersburg Olympiad for school students in the profile correspondent to the main fields of study 31.05.01 'General Medicine' and 31.05.03 'Dental Medicine' that obtained at least 60% of the maximum score of points conferred on an awardee of the St Petersburg University Olympiad in 2022/23, 2023/24 academic year.	15
		The winner or an awardee of the qualifying stage of the St Petersburg University Olympiad for school students in 2024/25 academic year in the profile correspondent to the main field of study 31.05.01 'General Medicine' and 31.05.03 'Dental Medicine'.	10
3.3	The participation in national intellectual in national intellectual competitions for school students <u>in general education-based priority subjects</u> . <i>To be confirmed by a diploma for 2023/24, 2024/25 academic years.</i>	Winners and awardees of the final stage of the Presidential Olympiad (to be confirmed by a diploma issued by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan)	30
		Awardees of the 'Daryn' centre (Republic of Kazakhstan) competition of scientific projects	30
		Winners and awardees of the final stage of the All-Ukrainian Olympiad	30
		Awardees of the national Olympiad under the aegis of the specialised scientific societies (the People's Republic of China)	30
		Winners of the third (regional, Minsk, municipal) stage of the All-Republican Olympiad (the Republic of Belarus)	30
		Winners of the second stage of the All-Republican Olympiad (the Republic of Belarus)	15

3.4	An applicant's <u>foreign language</u> level proficiency certificate of the other than the Olympiad working language. <i>Accepted can be only one document.</i> <i>Points for studies in a foreign language and a certificate shall not be summed</i>	Language reference test certificate in English (B1 and higher) at St Petersburg University TOEFL (iBT 61 and higher) IELTS (5.0 and higher) Cambridge ESOL (B1 and higher) GMAT (500 and above) Goethe-Zertifikat (B1 and higher), TestDaF, DSD II DELE (B1 and higher) DELTA (B1 and higher) CILS (level 2 and higher) HSK (Level 3 and higher) TOPIK 2 (Level 3 and higher) TÖMER (B1 and higher) TORFL (Level 1 and higher)	5
		An applicants' training in a foreign for them language within the lower level of education (high school/college) other than the language of Olympiad working language	5
3.5	Certificates from the St Petersburg Online School; online courses of the open educational platforms Coursera, open education, XuetangX in general education-based priority subjects. <i>(only one document is considered)</i>	a Certificate from the St Petersburg University Online School with distinction.	15
		A certificate from the St Petersburg University Online School	10
		Studying at the St Petersburg University Online School in 2024/25 academic year (to be confirmed by a record of passing interim assessment)	5
		A certificate for an online course taken at St Petersburg University	10
		Online course certificates from other universities included in international rankings (QS, THE, ARWU, Moscow international ranking of universities 'The Three Missions of the University')	5
3.6	Additional documents confirming the qualification <i>(only one document is considered)</i>	A document confirming the fact of training in the lower level in the field of study or speciality correspondent to the Enlarged Group of Specialities or Fields of Study 31.00.00 Clinical Medicine	15
		A document confirming the fact of training in the lower-level degree programme with the advanced studying general education-based priority subjects	10
		A document confirming the fact of training at preparatory departments within medical and biological profile (provided that there is a final grade)	5
		Documents confirming the practice-associated labour experience in healthcare	5
3.7	Personalised fellowship for academic excellence <i>(only one document is considered)</i>	Possession of 'Алтын белгі', 'Elbasy Medal'	5
		The 'Mard Uglon' Award named after Zulfia, (The Republic of Uzbekistan)	5
		Laureates of the President's Special Fund to support talented youth (the Republic of Belarus)	5
<b>Maximum score of points for the section - 40</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>100</b>

## **Section 1. MOTIVATION LETTER**

The motivation letter is an obligatory constituent element of the Olympiad. The motivation letter must be presented depersonalised: it must not bear the applicant's family name and other information that may disclose the authorship of the work. Should the motivation letter contain information disclosing its authorship (family name, first name, middle name, etc.), it should be graded with the lowest point (zero points).

### **Requirements**

1. The motivation letter must be written independently in the Olympiad working language.
2. It must be at least 2 pages long and must not exceed 4 pages, the font must be straight Times New Roman with the size 12 and one and a half line spacing.
3. The motivation letter should contain reasons for the applicant's interest in the subject of the Olympiad, as well as the justification of the ability to master the subject of the Olympiad. Participants must:
  - point out the area of their interests and its relation to the subject of the Olympiad. provide reasons for studying the subject of the Olympiad;
  - describe their academic, creative, and professional experience that the participant has in the field of the Olympiad subject;
  - provide individual achievements in the chosen area of knowledge: creative projects, participation in contests, festivals, work-shops, publications, etc.
  - describe their theoretical and practical skills that they expect to develop in the future, as well as describe their planned further professional/academic development or the field of application of the acquired skills and knowledge.

### **Evaluation criteria**

0-30 points

1. Confirmed level of proficiency in the Olympiad working language – from 0 to 5 points;
2. Meeting the requirements to the formatting and content – from 0 to 3 points;
3. Presence of academic and profession-associated experience in the field of the Olympiad subject – from 0 to 6 points;
4. Interest (explanation of goals) in mastering the field of the Olympiad subject – from 0 to 10 points;
5. Prospects of implementing developed skills and acquired knowledge in their future professional career– from 0 to 6 points.