

Open International Olympiad Exam Guidelines
for foreign school students in 2024/25 academic year
at St Petersburg University

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.	Motivation letter <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
Maximum score of points for the section - 30			
2.	Language reference certificate for Olympiad working language. <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 English <i>The points can be summed</i>	Language reference test certificate in English (B1 and higher) at St Petersburg University TOEFL (iBT 61 points and higher) IELTS (5.0 and higher) Cambridge ESOL (B1 and higher)	30
		A certificate confirming the fact that the lower-level programme language of instruction was English	30
		Results for other Level B1 testing correspondent to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages	20
		A document confirming the fact of training in English within any programme of academic exchange or inclusive studies at least during one (1) semester	20
Maximum score of points for the section - 30			
3.	Academic credentials		
3.1	The level and results mastering the educational programme	IB Diploma with at least 30 points International certificates of level A not lower than AAB Mainland China National College Entrance Exam (gaokao) (at least with 70% result of the maximum possible score of points)	40

3.2	National Testing results for any general education-based priority subject	Unified National Test (the Republic of Kazakhstan) at least 60 points for major subjects Centralised Testing/Centralised Exam (the Republic of Belarus) at least 70 points External Independent Evaluation (Ukraine) at least points	20
3.3	The level of proficiency in the selected field of study	Evaluation of final grades for a general education-based subject (according to the general education-based priority subject)	A least 90% of the maximum possible - 15
3.4	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 St Petersburg University Olympiad's for School Students final stage, whose result for a general education-based priority subject is at least 60% from the maximum score of points conferred on an awardee of the St Petersburg University Olympiad in 2022/23, 2023/24 academic year.	25
		A winner or an awardee of the qualifying stage of the St Petersburg University Olympiad for School Students in a general education-based priority subject in 2024/25 academic year	15
		A winner or awardee of the St Petersburg University Olympiad for school students and other Olympiad included in the list of the Ministry of Science and Higher education of the Russian Federation in 2022/23, 2023/24 academic year in subjects other than general education-based priority subjects	20
		Winners and awardees of the final stage of the 'Bolshaya Peremena' all-Russian contest	30
		Winners of the final stage of the international contest 'Literary Destinies of Belarus and Russia: from Dialogue to Understanding' in 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 academic years	30
		Winners of the qualifying stage of the international contest 'Literary Destinies of Belarus and Russia: from Dialogue to Understanding' in 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 academic years	15
		Winner of the International contest of research projects in the world's politics and international relations 'The Republic of Uzbekistan and the Russian Federation in the context of the international relations system transformation' in 2023/24, 2024/25 academic years	30
		Winners of the qualifying stage of the international contest of research projects in the world's politics and international relations 'The Republic of Uzbekistan and the Russian Federation in the context of the international relations system transformation' in 2023/24, 2024/25 academic years	15
3.5	The participation in national intellectual competitions for school students <u>in general</u>	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

	<u>education-based priority subjects.</u> <i>To be confirmed by a diploma for 2023/24, 2024/25 academic years.</i>	Awardees of the ‘Daryn’ centre (Republic of Kazakhstan) competition of scientific projects	30
		Winners and awardee of the final stage of the All-Ukrainian Olympiad	30
		Awardee 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 .6	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. Should there be two or more certificates, the points shall not be summed</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) DELFI (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 .7	Certificates from the St Petersburg Online School; online courses of the open educational platforms Coursera, open education, XuetangX <i>Accepted can be only one document. Should there be two or more certificates, the points shall not be summed</i>	a Certificate from the St Petersburg University Online School with distinction.	20
		A certificate from the St Petersburg University Online School	15
		Studying at the St Petersburg University Online School in 2024/25 academic year (to be confirmed by a record of passing interim assessment)	10
		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

3.8	Individual achievements. <i>Accepted can be only one document. Should there be two or more certificates, the points shall not be summed</i>	1. Personal publications in journals, digests, and other editions 2. Personal exhibition of creative works (to be confirmed by a letter from the exhibition organiser) 3. Delivering reports at conferences / readings (to be confirmed by a diploma, programme of the event, abstracts) 4. A winner or awardee of research, development or creative project contests (to be confirmed by a diploma) 5. Participation in volunteer activities (to be confirmed by a diploma, a volunteer’s ID, a letter of appreciation)	10
3.9	Personalised fellowship for academic excellence <i>Accepted can be only one document. Should there be two or more certificates, the points shall not be summed</i>	Possession of ‘Алтын белгі’, ‘Elbasy Medal’	20
		The ‘Mard Uglon’ Award named after Zulfia,(The Republic of Uzbekistan)	20
		Laureates of the President's Special Fund to support talented youth (the Republic of Belarus)	20
Maximum score of points for the section - 40			
TOTAL			100

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.