

**Open International Olympiad Exam Guidelines
for foreign students in bachelor's degree programmes
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 as legible copies in Russian or translated into Russian (translations into Russian have to be notarised by either a notary or the Russian Federation embassy/consulate in the foreign country or the embassy/consulate of the foreign country in the Russian Federation unless otherwise specified in the international treaties of the Russian Federation).

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. Documents confirming Russian language proficiency	TORFL-II level certificates and higher	15
	A certificate confirming the fact that the lower-level programme's language of instruction was Russian	15
	A winner or an awardee 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	15
	A certificate confirming the fact that the lower-level degree programme included the Russian language courses (to be indicated in the transcript of academic studies/supplement to the diploma/high school diploma)	12
	TORFL-I certificate	5
	Certificates for other B1 levels testing correspondent to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages	5
	Documents confirming the fact of the Russian language mastering at language centres, preparatory departments, during internship or inclusive studies	5
2.2. Documents confirming the English language proficiency	Certificates: Language reference test in English (B2 and higher) at St Petersburg University IELTS B2(5.5 and above) TOEFL B2(iBT 69 and above) Cambridge ESOL B2 and above (FCE, CAE, GMAT) GMAT (above 500)	15
	A certificate confirming the fact that the lower-level programme's language of instruction was English	15
	Certificates for other B2 level testing correspondent to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages	10

	A document confirming the fact of being instructed in English within any programme of academic internship or inclusive studies at least during one (1) semester	5
2.3. Documents confirming the German language proficiency	Goethe Certificate (C1 and higher) TestDaF (TDN 5)	15
	A certificate confirming the fact that the lower-level programme's language of instruction was German	15
	Certificates for other C1 level testing correspondent to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages	10
	A document confirming the fact of studying German within any programme of internship or inclusive studies at least during one (1) semester	5
2.4. Documents confirming the French language proficiency	DELF (B2 and higher)	15
	A certificate confirming the fact that the lower-level programme's language of instruction was French	15
	Certificates for other C1 level testing correspondent to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages	10
	A document confirming the fact of studying French within any programme of internship or inclusive studies at least during one (1) semester	5
Maximum score of points for the section - 30		
3. Academic credentials		
3.1. Academic training at the lower level of education	Bachelor's/Specialist's /Master's degree diploma with distinction in the field of study or speciality correspondent to the Olympiad subject	15
	Bachelor's/Specialist's /Master's degree diploma in the field of study or speciality correspondent to the Olympiad subject	10
	Personalised fellowship for academic excellence (to be confirmed by a certificate or a letter from the respective university)	10
	The National fellowship from the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan	20
	Biruni, Ibn Sina, Navoi, Ulukbek and Imam al-Bukhari national personal fellowships (the Republic of Uzbekistan)	20

	A bachelor's degree/ specialist's degree/ master's degree/ diploma obtained upon completion of a degree programme implemented through the network technology (to be confirmed by an official document on the letter-head of the respective educational organisation with the seal and official's signature)	3
3 .2. Scientific publications on the topics correspondent to the subject within which the Olympiad is being conducted. <i>The University considers as many as two papers. Each paper is evaluated individually</i>	Author's scientific papers and papers with the authorship in periodicals indexes by Web of Science or Scopus scientometric databases.	15
	Author's scientific papers in periodicals included into the Russian Science Citation Index or listed by the Higher Assessment Committee	7
	Papers in other scientific periodicals, papers in journals, digests, etc.	5
	Papers published in any journal included in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), from the Chinese Science Citation Database (CSCD)	25
3 .3. Participation in scientific and research conferences on topics of the Olympiad subject. <i>Only one document is considered. Should there be two or more certificates, the points shall not be summed</i>	To be confirmed by a publication, the conference programme or a participant's certificate	5
3 .4. Participation in a research project on topics correspondent to the Olympiad subject. <i>Only one document is considered. Should there be two or more certificates, the points shall not be summed</i>	Participation in a research project on ton topics of the Olympiad subject supported by any scientific fund. To be confirmed by the research supervisor's feedback indicating the field of the research project and the scientific fund that supported the research.	10
	The status of an awardee of the All-Republic science project contest for university students of the Ministry of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Uzbekistan. To be confirmed by a diploma	15
3. 5. 1 Participation in intellectual competitions: <i>Only one document is considered. Should there be two or more certificates, the points shall not be summed</i>	An awardee of the St Petersburg University open international Olympiad <i>Petropolitan Science (Re)Search</i>	30
	A participant of the final stage of the St Petersburg University open international Olympiad <i>Petropolitan Science (Re)Search</i> in 2023/24 academic year in the field of study correspondent to the Olympiad subject	15
	A participant of the qualifying stage of the St Petersburg University open international Olympiad <i>Petropolitan Science (Re)Search</i> on the respective subject in 2024/25 academic year (to be confirmed by indicating the registration number in olXXXXXX format)	5

	The winner of the final 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 2024/25 academic year.	20
	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 2024/25 academic year.	10
3. 5. 2 Participation in national Olympiads for university students in the field of study/subject/profile correspondent to the Olympiad subject <i>Only one document is considered. Should there be two or more certificates, the points shall not be summed</i>	The winner of the final stage of the All-Ukrainian Olympiad for university students, International Olympiad for university students held under the aegis of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus; All-Republic subject-based Olympiad of the Republic of Uzbekistan, All-Republic subject-based Olympiad for university students held under the aegis of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan	30
3 .6. An applicant's <u>foreign language</u> level proficiency certificate of the other than the Olympiad working language. <i>Only one document is considered. Should there be two or more certificates, the points 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), DELF (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)	10
3 .7. Online course certificates from open educational platforms Coursera, Open Education, XuetangX <i>Only one document is considered. Should there be two or more certificates, the points shall not be summed</i>	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. Additional documents confirming the qualification	Documents confirming that the applicant has been instructed in a foreign language for at least one semester at an educational organisation rated among the world's top 300 universities in the QS, THE, ARWU, Moscow international ranking of universities 'The Three Missions of the University')	10

3.9. A diploma/certificate of the professional training, professional retraining, another degree diploma. <i>Only one document is considered. Should there be two or more certificates, the points shall not be summed</i>	Upon provision of confirming documents	5
3.10. Profession-associated practical working experience	Documents confirming respective working experience addressing competences correlated with the competency correspondent to the Olympiad subject	5
3.11. Volunteer activities	Documents confirming one's participating in any of volunteer activities (a diploma, a volunteer's record-book, a letter of appreciation, etc.)	5
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. Applicants 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.