

Regulation on the St Petersburg University Open Olympiad for International Students in the Bachelor's Programmes in the 2024/2025 Academic Year

1. General Provisions

1.1. This Regulation for the St Petersburg University Open Olympiad for international Students in the Bachelor's Programmes in the 2024/2025 Academic Year (hereinafter referred to as the Regulation, and the Olympiad) has been developed in accordance with Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No 2150 dated 18 December 2020 'On Establishing a Quota for Education of Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons in the Russian Federation' (hereinafter referred to as Resolution No 2150), the Selection Procedure for foreign citizens and stateless persons to study at the expense of federal budget allocations within the quota for education of foreign citizens and stateless persons in the Russian Federation established by the Government of the Russian Federation, approved by Order of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation No 1378 dated 03 November 2020.

1.2. The main purpose of the Olympiad is to identify and support talented international students in bachelor's programmes in their admission to St Petersburg University in 2025 to study in the master's programmes at St Petersburg University at the expense of federal budget allocations within the quota established by Resolution No 2150 (hereinafter referred to as the Quota).

1.3. The Olympiad is held in the following subjects:

- 1.3.1. advanced mathematics (in English);
- 1.3.2. mathematics and mechanics (in Russian);
- 1.3.3. mathematics and mechanics (in English);
- 1.3.4. applied mathematics and control processes (in Russian);
- 1.3.4. applied mathematics and control processes (in English);
- 1.3.6. physics (in Russian);
- 1.3.7. chemistry (in Russian);
- 1.3.8. Earth sciences (in Russian);
- 1.3.9. biology (in Russian);
- 1.3.10. psychology (in Russian);
- 1.3.11. economics (in Russian);
- 1.3.12. economics (in English);
- 1.3.13. management (in English);
- 1.3.14. public administration (in Russian);
- 1.3.15. sociology (in Russian);
- 1.3.16. law (in Russian);
- 1.3.17. law (in English);
- 1.3.18. antimonopoly regulation (in Russian);
- 1.3.19. political science (in Russian);
- 1.3.20. international relations (in Russian);
- 1.3.21. international relations (in English);
- 1.3.22. journalism and mass communication (in Russian);
- 1.3.23. linguistics and literary studies (in Russian);
- 1.3.24. linguistics and literary studies (in English/German);
- 1.3.25. linguistics and literary studies (in Russian and English/French/Spanish/Italian);
- 1.3.26. history (in Russian);
- 1.3.27. philosophy (in Russian);
- 1.3.28. cognitive studies (in Russian);
- 1.3.29. theology (in Russian);
- 1.3.30. physical culture (in Russian);
- 1.3.31. arts and humanities (in Russian);

- 1.3.32. cultural studies (in Russian);
- 1.3.33. cultural studies (in English);
- 1.3.34. graphic design (in Russian);
- 1.3.35. environmental design (in Russian);
- 1.3.36. historical performance on keyboard musical instruments (in Russian);
- 1.3.37. restoration (in Russian);
- 1.3.38. pedagogy (in Russian);
- 1.3.39. engineering (in Russian);
- 1.3.40. Asian and African studies (in Russian);
- 1.3.41. foreign languages (in Russian).

1.4. In order to hold the Olympiad, subject committees are formed, members of which are approved by an authorised official of St Petersburg University.

1.5. In the course of the Olympiad, participants perform Olympiad tasks developed by the Subject Committees. Descriptions of the Olympiad tasks is brought to the attention of the participants prior to the start of the Olympiad registration by posting on the official website of St Petersburg University on the page of the Admissions Committee of St Petersburg University (<http://www.abiturient.spbu.ru>).

1.6. No fee is charged for the participation in the Olympiad.

1.7. Foreign citizens and stateless persons, including compatriots living abroad, take part in the Olympiad on a voluntary basis among:

1.7.1. **those who master higher education programmes in the Russian Federation or abroad that correspond to the bachelor's degree and complete their studies in these programmes in 2025;**

1.7.2. **those who have previously completed higher education programmes in the Russian Federation or abroad that correspond to the bachelor's degree, and at the same time do not have master's degree, specialist's degree (with the qualification 'specialist'), who do not complete their studies in master's or specialist's programmes in 2025.**

2. Registration for the Olympiad

2.1. A prerequisite for participation in the Olympiad is to complete the registration procedure in accordance with this Regulation.

2.2. Registration for participation in the Olympiad is carried out **from 21 November 2024 to 19 February 2025.**

2.3. When registering to participate in the Olympiad, the following documents must be submitted:

2.3.1. A participant's personal application to the Rector of St Petersburg University (to be filled out in the Personal Account on the official website of St Petersburg University on the page of the Admissions Committee of St Petersburg University – abiturient.spbu.ru). A participant can apply for no more than 3 (three) subjects;

2.3.2. An application in the prescribed form, filled out in block letters, with an attached colour photo;

2.3.3. A copy of the participant's identity document recognised by the Russian Federation in this capacity;

2.3.4. A document from the medical institution of the participant's country of residence confirming the absence of medical contraindications for studying in the Russian Federation, including confirming the absence of all types of hepatitis and tuberculosis;

2.3.5. A document of the medical institution of the participant's country of residence confirming the absence of the disease caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV);

2.3.6. An educational credential document and its appendices (if the latter are provided for by the legislation of the country in which the relevant educational documents were issued)

indicating the subjects studied and the grades (credits) obtained¹; one of the following documents must be provided:

2.3.6.1. Bachelor's or specialist's diploma confirming that the participant has received the specialist qualification established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.;

2.3.6.2. A document of foreign education and (or) foreign qualifications recognised in the Russian Federation as corresponding to education received in the Russian Federation in the bachelor's programme or specialist's programme;

2.3.6.3. A certificate from an educational organisation implementing bachelor's programmes or their equivalent, in which the participant is studying at the time of submitting the application for participation in the competition, containing information about the level of the programme mastered by the participant, the expected date of graduation, the presence or absence of final certification and its form, academic performance based on the results of the interim assessment with grades in subjects (disciplines) for all completed study periods;

2.3.7. A participant's consent to the processing, transfer and storage of personal data, issued in the form of a separate document in the prescribed form in Russian and (or) English and signed by the participant;

2.3.8. A participant's photo, which must be taken in the current calendar year and must have a size of at least 800 pixels vertically and 600 pixels horizontally.

2.4. Documents specified in clause 2.3 of this Regulation are provided digitally in the form of clearly legible digital images (copies) in Russian or with translations into Russian (the texts of translations into Russian must be notarised or certified by authorised institutions in accordance with the legislation and international treaties of the Russian Federation). Digital images (copies) of documents are provided by the participant in scanned form by attaching the corresponding files to the registration form in the Personal Account. These documents must be scanned in colour or grayscale format with a resolution of 200 or 300 dpi. It is not allowed to provide unreadable scanned images of documents, as well as images containing the loss of significant parts of the document (text areas, signatures, seals, etc.).

The participant's identity and citizenship document scan must include pages containing the participant's photo, last name, first name, patronymic, gender, date and place of birth, citizenship, series and number of the relevant document, information about the public authority that issued the relevant document, as well as information about the participant's place of registration. Similarly, by attaching a file to the registration form in the Personal Account, a photo of the participant is sent. Each document must be uploaded as a single multipage file with the correct title reflecting its content. It is not allowed to attach a single document in separate files without a correct name.

2.5. The grounds for refusal to participate in the Olympiad are:

2.5.1. Non-compliance with the requirements for Olympiad participants specified in clause 1.7 of these Regulations;

2.5.2. Provision of an incomplete set of documents specified in clause 2.3 of these Regulations;

2.5.3. Provision of false information, including regarding the participant's citizenship of the Russian Federation and/or registration at the place of residence (stay) on the territory of the Russian Federation.

3. Summing up the Results of the Olympiad

3.1. The winners of the Olympiad are determined by the Subject Committees based on the participants' results in the Olympiad. The decision to establish the status of the winner of the Olympiad or the absence of such status is made for each participant.

¹ Persons arriving to study according to the results of the Olympiad must have an original educational credential document and its appendices (if the latter are provided for by the legislation of the country in which the relevant educational documents were issued), legalised in accordance with the established procedure.

3.2. By the decision of the Admissions Committee of St Petersburg University, the winners of the Olympiad are provided with recommendations for studying in the master's programmes that correspond to the subjects of the Olympiad, at the expense of federal budget allocations within the Quota.

3.3. The correspondence between the master's programmes and the subjects of the Olympiad is established by the Admissions Committee of St Petersburg University and is brought to the attention of the participants of the Olympiad by posting on the official website of St Petersburg University on the page of the Admissions Committee of St Petersburg University (<http://www.abiturient.spbu.ru>) **no later than 05 February 2025**.

3.4. Information about the results of the Olympiad is provided by posting **no later than 14 March 2025** on the official website of St Petersburg University on the page of the Admissions Committee of St Petersburg University (<http://www.abiturient.spbu.ru>) the list of participants of the Olympiad with the selection of the list of winners of the Olympiad.

3.5. Winners of the Olympiad in a specific subject shall:

3.5.1. choose the master's programme according to the correspondence between the subjects of the Olympiad and the master's programme, determined on the basis of clause 3.3 of this Regulation;

3.5.2. submit an application in the Personal Account for the selected programme;

3.5.3. send a letter confirming interest in studying at St Petersburg University (Appendix 1) or a letter of refusal to study at St Petersburg University (Appendix 2) to the email address admission@spbu.ru **until 21 March 2025**.

3.6. Based on the recommendation of the Admissions Committee of St Petersburg University specified in clause 3.2 of this Regulation, the Olympiad winner's personal file is sent by St Petersburg University to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation for its decision on the further referral of the Olympiad winner to study at St Petersburg University.

3.7. The deadlines for reviewing the personal files of the winners of the Olympiad and making a decision on applying for a study are determined by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation.

3.8. The winners of the Olympiad are enrolled at St Petersburg University in the degree programmes that are drawn up by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation within the time limits set by it, in accordance with the conditions contained in these areas, and in compliance with the requirements provided for by the legislation of the Russian Federation, including those concerning the need to legalise a foreign educational credential document in accordance with the established procedure.

3.9. Persons nominated by the Beijing International Studies University in accordance with Agreement with St Petersburg University No 01/1-70-51 dated 21 March 2023 and additional agreements to it for training in the St Petersburg University master's programme 'Professional Speech Activity in Mass Media' are recognised as winners of the Olympiad in the subject 'Journalism and Mass Communications'.

3.10. The enrolment of persons with a master's degree or a specialist's degree with the qualification 'specialist' is not allowed, regardless of the country in which the relevant diploma was received.

Appendix 2 to the Regulation for the St Petersburg University
Open Olympiad for international students in
bachelor's programmes
in the 2024/2025 academic year
Order No _____ from _____

To the Rector of St Petersburg University
Nikolay Kropachev
from _____
full name

Application

I, _____, am
recommended for enrolment at St Petersburg University on government-funded places based on
the results of the St Petersburg University Open Olympiad for international students in the
bachelor's programmes in the 2024/2025 academic year.
I refuse to study at St Petersburg University.

date signature full name