

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

1. General Provisions

1.1. This Regulation on the St Petersburg University Open International Olympiad for international students in specialist's and master's programmes (hereinafter referred to as Regulation, 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 - Resolution No 2150), the Procedure for Selection of Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons for Education within the Quota of Education of Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons in the Russian Federation established by the Government of the Russian Federation, approved by the Order of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation No 1378 dated 3 November 2020.

1.2. The main purpose of the Olympiad is to identify and support talented international students of master's and specialist's programmes for their admission to St Petersburg University in 2025 on postgraduate programmes for training research and academic personnel on government- funded places at St Petersburg University 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. mathematics and mechanics (in Russian);
- 1.3.2. mathematics and mechanics (in English);
- 1.3.3. computer science and informatics (in Russian);
- 1.3.4. physical sciences (in Russian);
- 1.3.5. chemical sciences (in Russian);
- 1.3.6. biological sciences (in Russian);
- 1.3.7. soil science (in Russian);
- 1.3.8. Earth and environmental sciences (in Russian);
- 1.3.9. atmospheric and climate sciences (in Russian);
- 1.3.10. information technology and telecommunications (in Russian);
- 1.3.11. transport systems (in Russian);
- 1.3.12. clinical medicine (in Russian);
- 1.3.13. dental medicine (in Russian);
- 1.3.14. law (in Russian);
- 1.3.13. economics (in Russian);
- 1.3.14. management (in English);
- 1.3.15. sociology (in Russian);
- 1.3.16. psychology (in Russian);
- 1.3.17. political sciences (in Russian);
- 1.3.18. international relations (in Russian);
- 1.3.19. historical sciences (in Russian);
- 1.3.20. history of international relations (in Russian);
- 1.3.21. philosophy (in Russian);
- 1.3.22. pedagogy (in Russian);
- 1.3.23. media communication and journalism (in Russian);
- 1.3.24. language and literature studies (in Russian);
- 1.3.25. cognitive studies (in Russian);
- 1.3.26. theology (in Russian);
- 1.3.27. art and cultural studies (in Russian);
- 1.3.28. Asian and African studies (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. As part of the Olympiad, the participants take the Olympiad tests developed by the Subject Committees. The description of the Olympiad tests is notified to the candidates no later than the start date of the registration for participation in the Olympiad by posting it 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. The collection of fees for participation in the Olympiad is not allowed.

1.7. Voluntary participation in the Olympiad is open to foreign citizens, stateless persons, including compatriots living abroad:

1.7.1. **those mastering higher education programmes in the Russian Federation or abroad at the specialist's or master's level and who will complete their studies in the specified programmes in 2025;**

1.7.2. **those who have previously completed higher education programmes in the Russian Federation or abroad at the specialist's or master's level and at the same time do not have a postgraduate diploma, a postgraduate certificate, a candidate of sciences diploma, and who will not complete their studies in postgraduate programmes in 2025.**

2. Registration for the Olympiad

2.1. A mandatory condition for participation in the Olympiad is the completion of the registration procedure in the manner established by this Regulation.

2.2. Registration for the Olympiad is open **from 21 November 2024 to 19 February 2025.**

2.3. The following documents must be submitted when registering for the Olympiad:

2.3.1. a personal application from the candidate to the Rector of St Petersburg University (filled in the personal account on the official website of St Petersburg University on the page of the Admission Committee of St Petersburg University - abiturient.spbu.ru); a candidate can apply for no more than 3 (three) subjects;

2.3.2. an application form of the standard form, completed in block letters and accompanied by a colour photograph;

2.3.3. a copy of a document confirming the participant's identity and recognised as such by the Russian Federation;

2.3.4. a document from a medical institution in the applicant's country of residence confirming the absence of medical contraindications to studying in the Russian Federation, including confirmation of the absence of all types of hepatitis and tuberculosis;

2.3.5. a document from a medical institution in the applicant's country of residence confirming the absence of a disease caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV infection);

2.3.6. an educational document and its appendices (if provided for by the legislation of the country in which the document was issued), indicating the subjects studied and the marks (credits)¹; one of the following documents is provided:

2.3.6.1. specialist's diploma or master's diploma of the form established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation;

2.3.6.2. a document on foreign education and (or) foreign qualifications recognised in the Russian Federation as equivalent to the education received in the Russian Federation at the specialist's or master's level;

¹ Persons arriving for training on the basis of the results of the Olympiad must have with them the original training document and its appendices (if the latter is provided for by the legislation of the country in which the relevant training documents were issued), legalised in the established manner.

2.3.6.3. a certificate issued by an educational institution that runs specialist's or master's degree programmes, or equivalent, in which the candidate is studying at the time of applying for the competition, stating the level of the candidate's studies, the expected date of completion of studies, the existence or not of a final certificate and its form, academic performance based on the results of the interim assessment with grades in subjects (disciplines) for all completed periods of studies;

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

2.3.8. a photograph of the participant taken in the current calendar year and measuring at least 800 pixels vertically and 600 pixels horizontally.

2.4. The documents specified in clause 2.3 of this Regulation shall be provided in electronic digital form as clearly legible digital images (copies) in the Russian language or with translations into the Russian language (the texts of translations into the Russian language shall be certified by a notary or by authorised institutions in accordance with the legislation and international treaties of the Russian Federation). Digital images (copies) of documents shall be provided by the candidate in scanned form by attaching the relevant files to the registration form in the personal account. The specified documents must be scanned in colour or halftone format (with shades of grey) with a resolution of 200 or 300 dpi. It is not permitted to submit unreadable scanned images of documents or images with loss of important parts of the document (text areas, signatures, seal impressions, etc.).

In the document certifying the participant's identity and citizenship, the pages containing the participant's photograph, surname, first name, middle name, gender, date and place of birth, citizenship, series and number of the relevant document, information on the government agency that issued the relevant document, and information on the participant's place of registration are scanned and provided. Similarly, a photograph of the participant is sent by attaching a file to the registration form in the personal account. Each document must be uploaded as a single multi-page file with a correct name that reflects its content. Attaching a document in separate files without a correct name is not permitted.

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

2.5.1. failure to comply with the requirements for participants in the Olympiad as set out in clause 1.7 of this Regulation;

2.5.2. failure to submit the incomplete documents as set out in clause 2.3 of this Regulation;

2.5.3. provision of false information, including information about 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. Based on the results of the examination of the Olympiad tests by the Subject Committees, the winners of the Olympiad are determined. The decision on the status of the Olympiad winner is made individually for each participant.

3.2. By the decision of the Admissions Committee of St Petersburg University, the winners of the Olympiad receive recommendations for training in the main postgraduate educational programmes corresponding to the subjects of the Olympiad locally, on government-funded places within the Quota.

3.3. The correspondence of the postgraduate programmes for research and academic personnel with the subjects of the Olympiad is determined by the Admissions Committee of St Petersburg University and is announced to the participants of the Olympiad by publishing it on the official website of St Petersburg University on the page of the Admissions Committee of St Petersburg University (<http://www.abiturient.spbu.ru>) **not later than 5 February 2025**.

3.4. The information about the results of the Olympiad is posted on the official website of St Petersburg University on the page of the Admissions Committee of St Petersburg University (<http://www.abiturient.spbu.ru>) **not later than 14 March 2025**, with the list of the Olympiad participants and winners.

3.5. The winners of the Olympiad in a particular subject must:

3.5.1. choose the main postgraduate programmes in accordance with the correspondence between the subjects of the Olympiad and the main postgraduate programmes, determined on the basis of clause 3.3 of this Regulation;

3.5.2. submit an application in the personal account for the chosen programme;

3.5.3. address a letter with information confirming interest in studying at St Petersburg University (Appendix 1) or a letter of refusal to study at St Petersburg University (Appendix 2) to admission@spbu.ru **not later than 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 personal file of the Olympiad winner is sent by St Petersburg University to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation for a decision on the further study of the Olympiad winner at St Petersburg University.

3.7. The timeframe for reviewing the personal files of Olympiad winners and making a decision on issuing a recommendation for training is determined by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation.

3.8. Admission of Olympiad winners to St Petersburg University is carried out in accordance with the study instructions issued by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, within the terms established by it, in accordance with the conditions contained in the specified instructions and in compliance with the requirements established by the legislation of the Russian Federation, including those concerning the need for legalisation of a foreign educational document in the established manner.

3.9. Persons holding a postgraduate diploma, a certificate of completion of postgraduate studies or a candidate of science diploma are not permitted to enrol, regardless of the country in which the relevant diploma was obtained.

Appendix 1 to the Regulation on the St Petersburg
University Open International Olympiad
for international students in specialist's and
master's programmes in the 2024/2025 academic year,
approved by Order No _____

To Rector of St Petersburg University
Nikolay Kropachev
from _____
Full name

Application form

I, _____,
agree to study at St Petersburg University on government-funded places based on the results of
the St Petersburg University Open International Olympiad for international students in
specialist's and master's programmes in the 2024/2025 academic year.

Field of study/specialisation: _____

(code and name of the field of study/specialisation)

Programme: _____

(name of the programme)

date signature full name

FORM

Appendix 2 to the Regulation on the St Petersburg University Open International Olympiad for international students in specialist's and master's programmes in the 2024/2025 academic year, approved by Order No _____

To Rector of St Petersburg University

Nikolay Kropachev

from _____

Full name

Application form

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

Field of study/specialisation: _____

(code and name of the field of study/specialisation)

Programme: _____

(name of the programme)

date signature full name

FORM