Open Doors: Russian Scholarship Project - Registration Extended!

Registration deadline for the Intellectual competition "<u>Open Doors: Russian</u> <u>Scholarship Project</u>" has been extended: now applications for the first round of selection can be submitted until February 16, 2018. The competition is opened to citizens of all countries other than Russia, stateless citizens, and Russian citizens who are permanent residents of other countries. They are required to have a Bachelor's degree or at least be receiving it in 2018. Contestants will compete for an opportunity to get free tuition at one of Russia's leading universities.



Open Doors: Russian Scholarship Project is Russia's first international competition for prospective Master's students. The competition is held with the support of <u>the</u> <u>Russian Ministry of Education and Science</u> and the <u>Rossotrudnichestvo</u> Federal Agency; the Association <u>"Global Universities"</u> acts as the organizer. The project is the first to give students from all over the world a unique opportunity to enroll in a Master's program in Russia without entrance exams and using a singlewindow system: entrants can choose any one of more than 500 universities in 80 Russian cities, from Kaliningrad to Siberia and the Far East. Contestants can choose from four subject areas: Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science and Economics, which each area including several fields of study. Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University is the co-organizer for Mathematics and Physics in 2018. Please, note that it is allowed to apply for more than one field of study. Winners will have an opportunity to choose from a range of programs taught either in Russian or in English. If your Russian needs improvement you may apply for a preparatory year. A place in the Master's program will still be reserved for an applicant, so the winner will have two years of free tuition in the program of the choice.

To win a position at a coveted university, prospective students must sign up on the project's website: <u>od.globaluni.ru/en</u> and pass two rounds of selection.

The first, qualifying, round is a portfolio contest. Entrants should upload their portfolios online via the project's website by **February 16, 2018.**

Those who have successfully passed the portfolio contest are invited to the final round, an online test that will be available from **March 5 to 15, 2018.**

The results of the competition will be announced at the end of March: a list of winners will be published on the project's website. The competition's tasks are available in Russian and English. Winners can also choose to study at their university of choice in either language.

Participants who've successfully passed the two rounds and whose overall score gets them into the top 5% of the ranked list of participants are considered **Winners.** Participants who've successfully passed the two rounds and whose overall score gets them into the top 25% of the ranked list of participants are considered **Award winners.**

The list of winners will be published at <u>www.globaluni.ru</u>

The organizing committee

The competition is supported by the leaders in Russian high education and the Russian Ministry of Education and Science. The organizing committee includes ITMO University, the National Research Nuclear University (MEPhi), Higher School of Economics. Among the co-organizers alongside SPBPU are the National University of Science and Technology (MISIS), Tomsk State University, N. I. Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod (UNN), the Siberian Federal University, Novosibirsk State University, Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University and Ural Federal University.

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