

## Don't miss out: the qualifying round of the Open Doors International Olympiad starts on September 15

The qualifying round of the [Open Doors: Russian Scholarship project](#) project will start very soon; registration will open on September 15. Winners of the intellectual competition will have an opportunity to enter Master's degree or postgraduate programs of leading Russian universities without entrance examinations and study absolutely free (at the expense of the budget of the Russian Federation). International students who graduate from Polytechnic University in 2022 may also take part in the Olympiad. If they win the Olympiad, they will have an opportunity to study at the Master's or Postgraduate School of SPbPU at the expense of the Russian Federation budget.



The Open Doors International Olympiad: Russian Scholarship Project is supported by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation and Rossotrudnichestvo. The organizer of the project is the [Global Universities Association](#). Foreign citizens and stateless persons including compatriots living abroad, who gave their consent for personal data processing, and who have or are about to complete at least Bachelor's degree for a Master's degree track and Master's or Specialist's level for Ph.D. track can participate in the Olympiad.

According to the results of last season Polytechnic University Master's degree

programs selected more than 30 winners of the International Olympiad from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, India, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Moldova, Mozambique, Nigeria, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Sudan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Yemen and the Republic of South Africa.

The number of profiles that participants can choose from is growing every year. A detailed description of the tracks offered by SPbPU can be found in the university's official section on the Open Doors Olympiad website in [Russian](#) and [English](#). Two tracks are available for participants – [Master's degree](#) and [postgraduate](#) courses, as well as a page with a detailed description of the [university's possibilities](#) and a section with [video presentations of potential scientific supervisors](#).

*"I learned about the Open Doors International Olympiad through social media. When choosing a university to study, I was guided by the ratings, as well as by the opinions of friends who already study in Russia. In the Master's degree program at Polytechnic University, I study roads, bridges, and transport tunnels. The specialty I will get is very much in demand in my country. I hope that my research will be useful in the development of a new asphalt mix that will reduce the need for frequent road repairs. My country has a huge population growth rate, so progress is necessary. One of my favorite subjects is the computer-aided design of roads and bridges. My impressions of the instructors are excellent; they have broad scientific knowledge and explain the material clearly and understandably. I feel comfortable studying and I got on well with the other students. I advise all foreign students to take part in the Open Doors Olympiad. I plan to participate in it this year to continue my postgraduate studies,"* shared Ahmed Hamza, an SPbPU student from Yemen.

*"I learned about the Open Doors International Olympiad from a friend who won it a year before I participated. I chose Polytechnic University because it is one of the best technical universities in Russia, and it is also well known abroad. The programs taught here are of high quality. I'm studying applied mechanics, more specifically, virtual engineering technology. I really like this field, because it connects mechanics and information technology. Using the computer, we solve problems and consider the behavior of various mechanical structures. My favorite subjects are continuum mechanics and computer engineering. Teachers try to explain complex topics in an easy-to-understand manner, give interesting examples and give me lots of additional literature to read for better understanding. And they always help me to solve difficult questions! I have quickly and easily found a common language with the other students. We solve problems together and help each other. I advise international students to participate in the Open Doors Olympiad in order to study in the best universities of Russia in the desired program and to become excellent specialists!"* said Ricardo Houngue, a student from Benin, SPbPU.

The Open Doors International Olympiad is the first project in Russia to attract talented international students to study in the leading Russian universities, covering almost all countries of the world. The Olympiad is conducted online in Russian and English in two stages. In the first stage, participants need to submit

their portfolios through the special information platform developed on the Olympiad website. At the second stage, participants have to perform olympiad tasks, which will be held in the mode of participant identification and online control. Participants of the postgraduate student track on the results of two stages are interviewed by potential scientific supervisors.

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