

Reference Guide · Study in Russia

The Complete Reference Guide to Russian Olympiads for International Students

B A C H E L O R ' S

2026 — 2027

Opportunities and pathways that may support international students in
admission or nomination to study in Russia, subject to the official rules

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About This Guide

A reference guide presenting clear, officially sourced information about Russian academic olympiads that may offer international students opportunities to be nominated to study at Russian universities.

The guide covers **42 olympiads and academic competitions** organised by Russian universities and institutions, focusing on their relevance to international students seeking a Bachelor's degree. The research relies on official sources only (university websites and admissions pages); no information has been fabricated, and where an official detail is unavailable, this is stated explicitly as «not clearly stated in the official source».

Disclaimer: this guide does not guarantee admission or a scholarship at any university or programme. The information reflects the most recent official data up to June 2026, and dates and conditions may change — always check the official link before applying.

Important note

Many olympiads have not yet announced dates for the 2026–2027 cycle, and the data relies on the most recent officially documented cycle. Start with the qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the format available from the official source before making any travel arrangements.

How to Use This Guide

Bachelor's relevance

Direct: may offer an admission route or advantage under the official rules.
Indirect: no direct route, but strengthens the profile.
Unclear: the relation to the Bachelor's level needs review.

International students

Yes: open to foreigners per the source.
Unclear: needs confirmation.
Restricted: participation may be limited for non-Russians.

University & city

The likely place of study if the opportunity works out — not the exam or final venue.

Stars (★)

An indicator of **how complete the official information is** — **not a quality rating or admission guarantee**. ★★★★★ = fully documented; ★★ = limited official information needing direct confirmation.

The Russian Government Scholarship

The Russian Government Scholarship is the official route that lets international students apply for funded study places at Russian universities, under the government quota allocated each year.

How does it work?

Applications usually open via the **Education in Russia** platform: the student creates an account, fills in their details, selects the level of study, programmes and universities, and uploads the required documents. However, selection is **not handled through the website alone**.

In most countries, the first selection stage is handled by the responsible Russian body in the student's country — such as the **Russian House / Rossotrudnichestvo** or the **Russian Embassy** — and may include file review, an interview, a test or a competitive ranking depending on each country's rules. After passing this stage, candidates' files are sent to the Russian side and the universities for review in the next stage. Registering on the website or uploading documents alone **does not mean obtaining the scholarship**.

What does it usually cover?

The scholarship usually covers tuition fees, and may include a preparatory year of Russian language if required by the programme. Accommodation, a monthly stipend, insurance, travel and other details vary by university, year and official rules.

And its relation to olympiads?

The olympiads in this guide may help some students with admission, nomination or strengthening their profile under each opportunity's conditions, but on their own they do not mean obtaining the Russian Government Scholarship.

Important note

The Russian Government Scholarship is a competitive route, and admission is not guaranteed. Always follow the announcements of the Russian House or Russian Embassy in your country, check your Education in Russia account, and meet the required dates and documents.

Official link

education-in-russia.com — official application platform

Documents You May Need Before Applying

Not all olympiads require the same documents, but preparing these files from the start helps you move quickly when registration opens.

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| ☐ Valid passport | ☐ Secondary-school certificate or proof of enrolment |
| ☐ Recent transcript if requested | ☐ Russian or English translation of documents where needed |
| ☐ Official photo if requested | ☐ An active email you check regularly |
| ☐ A phone number that works on international accounts if requested | ☐ A simple student CV if requested |
| ☐ A motivation letter if requested | ☐ A portfolio for art, design or architecture fields |
| ☐ Certificates of past achievements or competitions if any | ☐ Proof of Russian or English language level if requested |
| ☐ Clear PDF files with orderly names | ☐ Parental consent for minors if requested |
| ☐ Personal-data processing consent if requested | ☐ An account on the olympiad or university website |

Important note

This is a general preparation list, not a uniform requirement for every olympiad. Review the official registration page for each opportunity before uploading any document.

Start Here — Recommendations by Field

If you are not sure where to begin, pick your field below and see the best-suited opportunities with a quick tip. The numbers refer to the olympiad number within the guide, not the page number.

Medicine · Pharmacy · Life sciences

18 Sechenov · 33 Pavlov Chemistry · 16 Future Researchers

If your goal is medicine, focus on chemistry and biology; start with Sechenov and Pavlov (medical admission advantages), and note that medical places are competitive and seats are limited.

Engineering · Physics · Energy

21 Phystech · 38 Rosatom · 14 Zvezda · 8 Future of Siberia · 12 Gazprom

If you are strong in physics and mathematics, Phystech and Rosatom are among the strongest; start with the online qualifying stage, and check the Russian-passport requirement for the final on some platforms.

IT · Programming · Data

17 Innopolis · 32 Open Programming · 36 Technocup

If you have a programming foundation, Innopolis has an international track and English; the qualifying stage is online, so start there and practise problem-solving.

Economics · Finance · Business

02 Financial University · 20 Plekhanov · 06 RANEPA

The Financial University has an international track for foreigners and possibly English; review the quota relation cautiously, as it is unclear for the international version.

Law · International relations

23 Kutafin · 34 Legal Peaks · 39 MGIMO

These need strong Russian; start with the online qualifying stage, and if you are interested in MGIMO, review the international version and the conditions for foreigners.

Humanities · History · Language

04 HSE · 22 RSUH · 28 Herzen · 30 Tolstoy · 41 Umnitsy i Umniki

Humanities profiles help if your Russian is good; HSE and RSUH are among the clearest, and note that HSE's benefits are within HSE itself.

Architecture · Design · Arts

35 SPbGASU · 26 Tatlin · 29 Art of Graphics · 37 Siberian Creativity · 40 Architecture & Art

Prepare a portfolio early; SPbGASU explicitly states that foreigners may take part, and the qualifying stage is usually by uploading works online.

Russian language · routes for foreigners

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These are the clearest routes for foreigners; Open Doors and RUDN are fully online, and the Language Championship is of linguistic/cultural value rather than direct admission.

Note

These recommendations are for quick guidance only; review each olympiad's page for eligibility, dates and benefits, and confirm the conditions for foreigners from the official source.

Olympiad Field Map

Pick your field and see the numbers of the suitable olympiads; one opportunity may appear in more than one field. The numbers refer to the olympiad number within the guide.

Multidisciplinary 1 · 3 · 4 · 5 · 10 · 13 · 15 · 16 · 19 · 25 · 28 · 31 · 42	Medicine · Biology · Chemistry 5 · 8 · 10 · 15 · 16 · 18 · 19 · 25 · 30 · 33 · 42	Engineering · Physics · Energy 8 · 10 · 12 · 13 · 14 · 15 · 16 · 17 · 19 · 21 · 24 · 25 · 27 · 31 · 38 · 42
IT · Programming · Data · AI 1 · 4 · 10 · 12 · 13 · 15 · 17 · 25 · 31 · 32 · 36 · 42	Economics · Finance · Business 1 · 2 · 3 · 4 · 6 · 12 · 14 · 20	Law · International relations 1 · 4 · 6 · 23 · 34 · 39
Architecture · Design · Arts 1 · 7 · 10 · 26 · 29 · 35 · 37 · 40	Russian language & languages 2 · 3 · 4 · 6 · 10 · 11 · 13 · 14 · 15 · 16 · 19 · 20 · 21 · 22 · 27 · 28 · 30 · 31 · 39 · 41 · 42	Humanities · History · Society 2 · 3 · 4 · 6 · 13 · 14 · 15 · 16 · 19 · 20 · 22 · 27 · 30 · 39 · 41 · 42
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Follow the details when applications open

This guide gives you a general, organised map of the most relevant Russian olympiads for international students. When any important opportunity opens, a detailed explanation will be posted on the Telegram channel, including:

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| Official dates | • Application conditions | • |
| Registration steps | • Required documents | • |
| Exam format | • Key warnings | • |
| Whether the opportunity suits foreigners | • How to use it for admission or nomination under the official rules | • |



Scan the code to follow the channel

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All 42 olympiads, ordered by number, with the official Russian name and the organising university and city.

01	International Olympiad «Global Universities» (Open Doors)	Международная олимпиада Ассоциации «Глобальные университеты» «Open Doors» Several cities (online)
02	Financial University International Youth Olympiad	Международная олимпиада Финансового университета для молодёжи Moscow and its branches
03	SPbU Open Olympiad for Foreign Students	Олимпиада школьников СПбГУ (раздел «иностранцам») Saint Petersburg
04	HSE International Youth Olympiad	Международная олимпиада молодёжи (МОМ) НИУ ВШЭ Moscow and its branches
05	RUDN Open Olympiad for Foreign Citizens	Открытая олимпиада РУДН для иностранных граждан Moscow
06	RANEPA Open Intellectual Contest for Foreigners	Открытый интеллектуальный конкурс РАНХиГС для иностранных граждан Moscow / St. Petersburg (varies by branch)
07	«Culture and Art» Olympiad	Олимпиада школьников по комплексу предметов «Культура и искусство» Saint Petersburg
08	«The Future of Siberia» Olympiad	Открытая межвузовская олимпиада школьников СФО «Будущее Сибири» Novosibirsk
09	Russian National Contest «Big Change» (Bolshaya Peremena)	Всероссийский конкурс «Большая перемена» Several Russian universities
10	Kazan Federal University Interregional Olympiads	Межрегиональные предметные олимпиады КФУ Kazan
11	World Russian Language Championship for Foreigners	Чемпионат мира по русскому языку среди иностранцев Online, then an in-person final in Russia
12	«Gazprom» Industry Olympiad	Отраслевая олимпиада школьников «Газпром» Multiple organising universities
13	Open Regional Interuniversity School Olympiad (ORMO) with international participation	Открытая региональная межвузовская олимпиада школьников (ОРМО) с международным участием Tomsk State University — Tomsk / partner universities
14	«Zvezda» Multidisciplinary Engineering Olympiad	Многопрофильная инженерная олимпиада школьников «Звезда» Several Russian universities (final in person)
15	UrFU International Olympiad «Izumrud»	Международная олимпиада школьников УрФУ «Изумруд» Ural Federal University (UrFU) — Yekaterinburg
16	«Future Researchers — Future of Science» Olympiad	Межрегиональная олимпиада школьников «Будущие исследователи — будущее науки» Lobachevsky University — Nizhny Novgorod
17	International Olympiad «Innopolis Open»	Международная олимпиада «Innopolis Open» Innopolis University — Innopolis (Tatarstan)
18	All-Russian Sechenov Olympiad (Medicine)	Всероссийская Сеченовская олимпиада школьников Sechenov University — Moscow
19	North-Eastern Olympiad for School Students (SVOSH)	Северо-Восточная олимпиада школьников North-Eastern Federal University (NEFU) — Yakutsk
20	Plekhanov School Olympiad	Плехановская олимпиада школьников Plekhanov Russian University of Economics — Moscow
21	«Phystech» Olympiad	Олимпиада школьников «Физтех» MIPT — Dolgoprudny / Moscow

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22	RSUH Olympiad for School Students	Олимпиада РГГУ для школьников Russian State University for the Humanities (RSUH) — Moscow
23	Kutafin School Olympiad in Law	Кутафинская олимпиада школьников по праву Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL) — Moscow and branches
24	Open Olympiad «Your Path to Real Science» (Physics)	Открытая олимпиада школьников «Твой путь в настоящую науку» Novosibirsk State University (NSU) — Novosibirsk
25	All-Siberian Open Olympiad for School Students	Всесибирская открытая олимпиада школьников Novosibirsk State University (NSU) — Novosibirsk
26	Tatlin Interregional Olympiad in Architecture and Art	Межрегиональная олимпиада школьников им. В.Е. Татлина Penza State University of Architecture (PGUAS) — Penza
27	SUSU School Olympiads (South Ural)	Олимпиады школьников ЮУрГУ South Ural State University (SUSU) — Chelyabinsk
28	Herzen Olympiad for School Students	Герценовская олимпиада школьников Herzen State Pedagogical University — Saint Petersburg
29	International Olympiad «The Art of Graphics»	Международная олимпиада школьников «Искусство графики» Moscow Polytechnic University — Moscow
30	All-Russian Tolstoy Olympiad (Literature and Humanities)	Всероссийская Толстовская олимпиада школьников Tula State Pedagogical University — Tula
31	NCFU Open Olympiad «45th Parallel»	Открытая олимпиада СКФУ «45 параллель» North-Caucasus Federal University (NCFU) — Stavropol
32	Open School Olympiad in Programming	Открытая олимпиада школьников по программированию In-person final in Moscow
33	Pavlov Medical University School Chemistry Olympiad	Олимпиада школьников по химии ПСПбГМУ им. И.П. Павлова Pavlov First St. Petersburg State Medical University — Saint Petersburg
34	All-Russian Olympiad «Legal Peaks!»	Всероссийская олимпиада школьников «Юридические высоты!» Ural State Law University (USLA) — Yekaterinburg
35	SPbGASU School Olympiad in Architecture	Олимпиада школьников по архитектуре СПбГАСУ SPbGASU — Saint Petersburg
36	«Technocup» Programming Olympiad	Олимпиада по программированию «Технокубок» Several Russian universities (final in Moscow)
37	Siberian Interregional Olympiad «Architectural and Design Creativity»	Сибирская межрегиональная олимпиада школьников «Архитектурно-дизайнерское творчество» Novosibirsk State University of Architecture, Design and Arts (NGUADI) — Novosibirsk
38	«Rosatom» Industry Physics and Mathematics Olympiad	Отраслевая физико-математическая олимпиада школьников «Росатом» NRNU MEPhI — Moscow
39	MGIMO School Olympiad	Олимпиада МГИМОМИД России для школьников MGIMO — Moscow
40	Interregional Olympiad «Architecture and Art»	Межрегиональная олимпиада школьников «Архитектура и искусство» Tyumen Industrial University (TIU) — Tyumen
41	Televised Humanities Olympiad «Clever Girls and Clever Boys» (Umnitsy i Umniki)	Телевизионная гуманитарная олимпиада школьников «Умницы и умники» MGIMO · Channel One — Moscow
42	«Ocean of Knowledge» Olympiad	Олимпиада школьников «Океан знаний» Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) — Vladivostok

01 International Olympiad «Global Universities» (Open Doors)



Международная олимпиада Ассоциации «Глобальные университеты» «Open Doors»

University & city Several cities (online)	Foreigners Yes	Bachelor's Direct
Govt. quota May apply	Category The Bachelor's track is for students aged 16 to 23...	Format Online

Who it is for

The Bachelor's track is for students aged 16 to 23 who have completed, or are about to complete, education qualifying them for university, and who do not already hold a Bachelor's, specialist or Master's degree. The competition also has tracks for Master's, PhD and postdoctoral candidates.

Can foreigners apply?

Yes — the olympiad is designed primarily for foreign nationals, stateless persons and applicants residing abroad.

Subjects / fields

Multiple academic fields (research directions in economics, engineering, humanities, IT and others); the exact list should be checked on the website for each cycle.

Confirmed dates

In the most recent cycle, registration ran from 1 September to 16 November, and interviews from 12 January to 26 February. For the new cycle, check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: September – mid-November (registration), then late November – December (stages)

System & stages

Fully online and free. In the Bachelor's track, the first stage is based on portfolio/file assessment, and the second stage is a proctored online test (not an interview). Other tracks (Master's/PhD/postdoctoral) may have different stages under the official rules, so review the details of each track on the official website before applying. The language is Russian or English at your choice, and identity is verified by camera with an original ID document before any test.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level through the official Bachelor's track. It also includes Master's, PhD and postdoctoral tracks.

Documents

All documents must be in Russian or English, or accompanied by a translation into one of them.

Benefits & advantages

Winners in the Bachelor's, Master's and PhD tracks gain the right to free study in Russia within the Russian government quota for foreign and stateless applicants, subject to the official rules and after completing the required procedures. Selecting a programme alone is not enough; the final decision rests with the Ministry of Science and the confirming university.

Important note

The Bachelor's track in Open Doors differs from some other tracks; there is no interview for the Bachelor's track, but there is a proctored online test after the file assessment. Final enrolment is linked to the government quota under the official rules and completion of procedures.

Key advice

Prepare your academic file and portfolio early, review the proctored-test format for the Bachelor's track on the official website before the second stage begins, and choose the test language (Russian/English) you are most comfortable with from the start.

Official sources & links

od.globaluni.ru — official website

od.globaluni.ru/ru/rules — rules of participation

admissions.hse.ru/globaluni — partner page

Open official link · od.globaluni.ru

Official source · verify before applying

02 Financial University International Youth Olympiad

Международная олимпиада Финансового университета для молодёжи

★★★★☆
official info completeness

University & city
Moscow and its branches

Foreigners
Yes

Bachelor's
Direct

Govt. quota
May apply

Category
School students, vocational-education students, and...

Format
Online

Who it is for

School students, vocational-education students, and graduates of foreign educational institutions up to age 35.

Can foreigners apply?

Yes, explicitly — foreign nationals, stateless persons, applicants residing abroad and graduates of foreign institutions.

Subjects / fields

Economics, finance, financial law, mathematics, IT, sociology, political science.

Confirmed dates

Not clearly specified for the new cycle in the official source — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: October – February (registration); tests December – February (last confirmed cycle)

System & stages

Online, with free participation in its eleventh edition. The format of each stage (qualifying/final) and the test language are not clearly confirmed on the official site for the current edition, so the procedural details should be checked on the official link before applying.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level (and broader, since it accepts graduates up to age 35).

Documents

Passport, education document, motivation letter. Details to be checked on the official website.

Benefits & advantages

Possible admission to the Financial University and its branches and study on a state-funded (budget) basis under the official rules. Its relation to the government quota is not clearly stated for the international edition — to be reviewed.

Important note

Do not confuse it with the school olympiad «Mission Possible» (a separate olympiad); the stage structure and language still need direct official confirmation.

Key advice

Since the stage format and language are not settled, open the official site early, read the registration instructions and the format of each stage before building your plan, and prepare for a possible portfolio stage.

Official sources & links

inter-olymp.fa.ru — official website

fa.ru/for-applicants/olympiads/inter-olymp/rules — rules

Open official link · inter-olymp.fa.ru

Official source · verify before applying

03 SPbU Open Olympiad for Foreign Students

Олимпиада школьников СПбГУ (раздел «иностранцам»)



official info completeness

University & city
Saint Petersburg

Govt. quota

May apply

Foreigners

Yes

Category

School students (subjects are tied to specific grad...

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

School students (subjects are tied to specific grades — some for senior secondary students, some for secondary students).

Can foreigners apply?

Yes — there is a dedicated section and official page for foreign applicants.

Subjects / fields

Several subject clusters (foreign languages, mathematics, social studies, philosophy/ethics/religious studies and others).

Confirmed dates

In the foreign-applicant quota track, document submission ran from 21 November to 19 February, with lists published by 21 March at the latest. For the new cycle, check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: November – early February, with results around March

System & stages

The qualifying stage is online with camera proctoring (a computer, camera, microphone and stable internet are required), and the final follows the olympiad schedule. The test language in both stages is Russian. The final may be in person or on platforms depending on the cycle; check the format when you qualify.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level, since it grants foreign applicants extra admission points, and there is an open track linked to the quota.

Documents

Passport, secondary-school certificate or proof of enrolment, application and consent forms (with certified translation where needed).

Benefits & advantages

Foreign applicants receive 15 to 25 extra points at admission. There is also an «Open International Olympiad» track linked to the government quota under Government Decree No. 2150 of 2020, for specialist/Master's programmes.

Important note

There are two distinct official tracks: the school olympiad for foreigners (extra points) and the Open International Olympiad (quota track) — check which track you are in.

Key advice

Study Russian well, since the whole test is in Russian; choose your subject early since it is tied to specific grades; and if your goal is a Bachelor's, focus on the foreign-applicant extra-points track.

Official sources & links

olympiada.spbu.ru — official website

int-olympiada.spbu.ru — foreign-applicants portal

olympiada.spbu.ru/dokumenty.html — documents

Open official link · sch-olymp.spbu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

04 HSE International Youth Olympiad

Международная олимпиада молодёжи (МОМ) НИУ ВШЭ



official info completeness

University & city Moscow and its branches	Foreigners Yes	Bachelor's Direct
Govt. quota May apply	Category School students, especially senior secondary studen...	Format Online

Who it is for

School students, especially senior secondary students (diplomas for these grades are valid for two years).

Can foreigners apply?

Yes — an international youth olympiad.

Subjects / fields

Multiple tracks linked to HSE Bachelor's programmes (languages and intercultural communication, philology, history, economics, international relations and others). Some programmes, such as International Relations, require the «Foreign Language (English)» track.

Confirmed dates

Not specified for the new cycle in the source — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Registration August – October, tests in November

System & stages

Online. Register via an account on the website → olympiad stages → results. You may choose up to 5 tracks. The exact test language for each track is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level, with nomination for a full government scholarship (quota) for winning final-year students.

Documents

Passport, proof of education, application and consent forms.

Benefits & advantages

First- and second-degree diploma holders among final-year students may apply for a full government scholarship (quota) for Bachelor's/specialist programmes at all HSE campuses; holders of diplomas 1–3 may apply for grants reducing the cost of fee-paying places. Linked to the government quota under the official source, subject to completing the required procedures.

Important note

«Higher League» on the same website is a different olympiad for university/Master's students — do not confuse them.

Key advice

If you are still in school and HSE is your goal, register early and review the table mapping tracks to programmes, and note the mandatory English-language requirement for fields such as International Relations.

Official sources & links

olymp.hse.ru/inter — official website

olymp.hse.ru/mmo/foreign — foreign-applicants section

Open official link · olymp.hse.ru

Official source · verify before applying

05 RUDN Open Olympiad for Foreign Citizens

Открытая олимпиада РУДН для иностранных граждан

★★★★☆
official info completeness

University & city Moscow	Foreigners Yes	Bachelor's Direct
Govt. quota May apply	Category Foreign senior secondary students, Bachelor's stude...	Format Online

Who it is for

Foreign senior secondary students, Bachelor's students, or Bachelor's/Master's graduates; you can take part even if you study in Russia while holding another country's nationality.

Can foreigners apply?

Yes — the olympiad is explicitly designed for foreigners.

Subjects / fields

Multiple fields at RUDN (medicine, engineering, economics, humanities and others); the exact list should be checked on the official website.

Confirmed dates

The final was roughly in February in a previous cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Registration and test January – March, interviews April

System & stages

Fully online. The first stage is solving problems at any convenient time on the olympiad portal, and the second stage is an online interview with a professor at a set time. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed (the university teaches in Russian and English).

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level (specifically for foreigners).

Documents

Passport, secondary-school certificate or proof of enrolment, application and consent forms.

Benefits & advantages

Winners study their chosen field at the expense of the Russian budget (linked to the government quota under the official source, subject to completing the required procedures), and place-winners receive a discount on contract tuition fees.

Important note

Do not confuse the «Open Olympiad for Foreigners» (this one), the «RUDN School Olympiad», and «Global Universities via RUDN» (different tracks).

Key advice

This is one of the clearest opportunities for foreigners — prepare well for the online oral interview (second stage), and confirm the language of your target programme on the website before registering.

Official sources & links

olymp.rudn.ru/ru/main — official website

olymp.rudn.ru/ru/bachelor — Bachelor's track

Open official link · rudn.ru

Official source · verify before applying

06 RANEPa Open Intellectual Contest for Foreigners

Открытый интеллектуальный конкурс РАНХиГС для иностранных граждан

☆☆☆☆
official-info-completeness

University & city Moscow / St. Petersburg (varies by branch)	Foreigners Yes	Bachelor's Direct
Govt. quota May apply	Category Foreign applicants to the academy's programmes (Bac...	Format Remote

Who it is for

Foreign applicants to the academy's programmes (Bachelor's/specialist, and Master's in some tracks).

Can foreigners apply?

Yes — explicitly for foreigners.

Subjects / fields

The academy's directions (management, economics, law, political science and others); the list should be checked on the admissions page.

Confirmed dates

At the North-West branch, document intake for Bachelor's/Master's ran from 15 December to 10 March, with the competition starting on 2 February. Dates vary by branch and cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Late in the year – early next year, interviews around February – March

System & stages

Fully remote. The first stage is a written test (in Russian, or in English for applicants to English-taught programmes), and the second stage is a remote oral test. The result is communicated to the applicant by email as a nomination for admission or a rejection.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level (for foreigners), since it is itself the admission mechanism within the quota.

Documents

Submitted within the foreign-applicant admission file — exact details to be checked on the official admissions page.

Benefits & advantages

Nomination for admission within the free government quota under the official rules; the recommended-admission lists are sent to the Ministry of Science to issue study referrals. Directly linked to the government quota.

Important note

Conditions and dates differ by branch (Moscow/St. Petersburg) and cycle, so confirm with your target branch.

Key advice

Study Russian well since the first stage is a language test, and decide early whether you are applying to a Russian- or English-taught programme, since the test language depends on it.

Official sources & links

ranepa.ru — official website (intellectual contest for foreigners)

Open official link · ranepa.ru

Official source · verify before applying

07 «Culture and Art» Olympiad

Олимпиада школьников по комплексу предметов «Культура и искусство»



official info completeness

University & city
Saint Petersburg

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

School students interested in art and design.

Bachelor's

Unclear

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

School students interested in art and design.

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — foreign participation may depend on the cycle's conditions and the organiser. Check the official link before applying.

Subjects / fields

Two clusters — academic drawing, painting, composition, history of art and culture; and technical drawing and decorative composition.

Confirmed dates

The source lists future dates, so they are presented as «the dates stated in the source» and should be checked on the official link before applying.

Approx. season: First stage October – January, final around March

System & stages

The qualifying stage is remote, by uploading artworks. There may be a requirement to submit works or attend a creative final, but the submission method and platforms may differ by cycle; check the website before submitting works or arranging travel. The final format itself is not settled in the official source (a contradiction between in-person and online).

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

May help toward the Bachelor's level, but conditions are unclear, because the status of foreign participation is not officially settled despite a clear admission advantage.

Documents

Artworks and abstracts/presentation depending on the cluster — details to be checked on the website.

Benefits & advantages

Diplomas in three degrees + admission without entrance tests for art majors at SPbSUITD, with the diploma valid for 4 years.

Important note

The status of foreigners itself needs confirmation, and the final format is unsettled; start with the qualifying stage, and if you reach the final, review the available format then.

Key advice

Prepare a strong art portfolio early and review the required format of works on the official website, and confirm the final's format and the status of foreigners before any travel planning.

Official sources & links

olymp.prouniver.ru — official website (SPbSUITD)

Open official link · olimp.prouniver.ru

Official source · verify before applying

08 «The Future of Siberia» Olympiad

Открытая межвузовская олимпиада школьников СФО «Будущее Сибири»

★★★★☆
official info completeness

University & city
Novosibirsk

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Lower- and upper-secondary students
and secondary-s...

Bachelor's

Indirect

Format

Online

Who it is for

Lower- and upper-secondary students and secondary-school graduates.

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — foreign participation may depend on the cycle's conditions and the organiser. To be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Physics, chemistry, mathematics.

Confirmed dates

The final was roughly in March in a previous cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: First stage online, then the final around March

System & stages

A first online stage, and a final that may be in person or on platforms depending on the cycle; check the format when you qualify. Participation in the final is open only to those who became winners or place-winners in the first stage. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Indirectly relevant for pre-Bachelor's students, since the benefits are tied to the EGE system and admission to Novosibirsk universities.

Documents

Not clearly stated in the official source.

Benefits & advantages

5 to 10 extra points at admission to Novosibirsk universities; and for physics specifically, admission without entrance tests or 100 points counted instead of the EGE. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

If you are a foreigner who does not sit the EGE, the benefit becomes limited — review this carefully before relying on it.

Key advice

If your goal is Novosibirsk universities specifically and you are considering an EGE route, it may help you; otherwise, confirm the status of foreigners and the value of the benefit on the official website first.

Official sources & links

ciu.nstu.ru — foreign version (The Future of Siberia)

olymp-sibir.nstu.ru — general version

Open official link · olympiada-sfo.nstu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

09 Russian National Contest «Big Change» (Bolshaya Peremena)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
official-info-completeness

Всероссийский конкурс «Большая перемена»

University & city Several Russian universities	Foreigners Yes	Bachelor's Indirect
Govt. quota May apply	Category School students, including a dedicated international...	Format Remote

Who it is for

School students, including a dedicated international track for Russian-speaking foreigners.

Can foreigners apply?

Yes — there is an explicit international track for Russian-speaking foreigners.

Subjects / fields

Not academic subjects — this is a competition of skills, projects and personality across several directions/challenges.

Confirmed dates

International-track registration starts on 28 March. Other dates to be checked on the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Registration around March – May, rounds/finals in summer/autumn

System & stages

Most stages are remote, with an in-person final in Russia. Registration → online stages → interviews with experts → final. Start with registration and the online stages, and if you qualify, review the final's format then.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Indirectly relevant for pre-Bachelor's students — winning foreign graduates may enter university on a budget basis under the official rules.

Documents

For a foreign winner, per university admission rules (secondary-school certificate + a certificate recognising the diploma where needed) — exact details to be checked on the official website.

Benefits & advantages

An opportunity to study on a budget basis at a Russian university for foreign winners under the official rules, subject to completing the required procedures. Quantitative details (such as the number of winners) to be checked on the official website.

Important note

It requires an adequate level of Russian, since the international track is for Russian speakers, and the final-stage format should be checked on the official website according to the cycle.

Key advice

If your Russian is good and you have a project or idea to present, this competition assesses your personality and skills rather than memorisation — prepare a clear project idea and your ability to present it in interviews.

Official sources & links

bolshayaperemena.online — official website

Open official link · bolshayaperemena.online

Official source · verify before applying

10 Kazan Federal University Interregional Olympiads

Межрегиональные предметные олимпиады КФУ



official info completeness

University & city
Kazan

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Yes

Category

In the general track, students from early middle sc...

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

In the general track, students from early middle school up to secondary; in the international foreign track, senior secondary students + final-year Bachelor's/specialist students + graduates of foreign universities.

Can foreigners apply?

Yes — there is an official track dedicated to foreigners, «International Olympiads of KFU».

Subjects / fields

Design and chemistry, Russian language, foreign languages (English/French/German/Spanish/Italian), physics, mathematics, law, biology.

Confirmed dates

In the 2025/26 cycle, the qualifying stage ran from 5 to 30 November, and the final from 12 January to 8 February.

Approx. season: First stage online December – January, final around February

System & stages

The qualifying stage is online from anywhere, and the final is in person in Kazan, with up to 45% of participants in each subject qualifying for the final. One attempt per subject. The exact test language for each subject is not clearly specified — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level through the international foreign track.

Documents

Data is entered in the personal account and transferred to the federal systems — document details to be checked on the official website.

Benefits & advantages

Possible admission to KFU without entrance tests, or 100 points in the EGE result, or extra points. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The general track's benefits are tied to EGE/admission in Russia; if you are a foreigner, the more suitable route is the international foreign track on the same website.

Key advice

Go specifically to the international foreign track page and choose your subject; the qualifying stage is online from anywhere, so it is easy to start from home.

Official sources & links

kpfu.ru — Kazan Federal University

eng.kpfu.ru — international foreign track

Open official link · malun.kpfu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

11 World Russian Language Championship for Foreigners

Чемпионат мира по русскому языку среди иностранцев

★★★☆☆
official info completeness

University & city Online, then an in-person final in Russia Govt. quota Review	Foreigners Yes Category Young people aged 16 to 22 (teams of 5 + a coach),...	Bachelor's Review Format Online
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Who it is for

Young people aged 16 to 22 (teams of 5 + a coach), with a level of Russian as a foreign language no lower than A2.

Can foreigners apply?

Yes — the championship is dedicated to foreigners regardless of country of residence.

Subjects / fields

The Russian language in an interactive format (quizzes, debates, blitz rounds), not academic subjects.

Confirmed dates

In a previous cycle, registration ran until mid-September with the final in December — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Registration until September, online rounds September – October, final around November

System & stages

It begins online (level confirmation and knockout stages), with an in-person final in Russia for the best teams (their travel covered by the organisers). It requires an adequate level of Russian, and the final-stage format should be checked on the official website according to the cycle.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Not suitable as a direct admission route to the Bachelor's level; but useful as a linguistic and cultural addition to your profile.

Documents

Registration via a team form; other details are not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

Electronic certificates for all participants, medals and commemorative prizes for qualifiers and winners, and the championship cup. Its relation to an admission benefit is not clearly stated in the official source.

Important note

It requires a team of 5, a coach and an adequate level of Russian before taking part, and it is not a university admission route.

Key advice

If your Russian is good and you have peers to form a team, this is an excellent experience to strengthen your language and confidence, but treat it as an addition to your profile and an international experience rather than an admission route.

Official sources & links

russianchampionship.com — official website

russianchampionship.com/ru/about — about the championship

Open official link · russianchampionship.com

Official source · verify before applying

12 «Gazprom» Industry Olympiad

Отраслевая олимпиада школьников «Газпром»

★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆
official info completeness

University & city

Multiple organising universities

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Lower- and upper-secondary students (some subjects...)

Bachelor's

Indirect

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

Lower- and upper-secondary students (some subjects for upper-secondary students), and first/second-year vocational-education students depending on the organising university.

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Mathematics, physics, chemistry, information and communication technology, economics, engineering.

Confirmed dates

In the 2025/26 cycle, the qualifying stage ran from 1 November to 15 January, and the final in February–March.

Approx. season: Online qualifying November – January, final February – March

System & stages

The first stage is online and remote, and the final is in person on the organising universities' platforms. Start with the online qualifying stage, and if you reach the final, review the format and available platform then. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Indirectly relevant for pre-Bachelor's students — it helps with admission to the organising universities, but the benefits are tied to the EGE.

Documents

Some platforms require entering the university with a Russian passport for the in-person final; otherwise not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

Participating in the final gives extra points, and winning/qualifying (with an EGE no lower than 75 in the subject) may grant admission without entrance tests at the organising universities. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

Some final platforms require a Russian passport for entry — an important point for foreigners; review the entry procedures when you qualify, before arranging any travel.

Key advice

If you are interested in engineering, oil and gas, identify the target organising university and check on its page whether foreigners are allowed and what the final's entry procedures are before you register.

Official sources & links

smtu.ru — official regulations (PDF)

unecon.ru/.../otraslevaya-olimpiada-gazprom — partner-university page

Open official link · olympiad.gazprom.ru

Official source · verify before applying

13 Open Regional Interuniversity School Olympiad (ORMO) with international participation

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
official info completeness

Открытая региональная межвузовская олимпиада школьников (ОРМО) с международным участием

University & city Tomsk State University — Tomsk / partner universities Govt. quota May apply	Foreigners Foreigners joined	Bachelor's Unclear
	Category School students (the exact stage is not clearly spe...	Format See details

Who it is for

School students (the exact stage is not clearly specified in the official source).

Can foreigners apply?

Its name says «with international participation», which suggests students from outside Russia may take part, but the eligibility of foreigners as a legal category is not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be checked on the official website.

Confirmed dates

Not clearly specified for the new cycle in the official source — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Qualifying November – January, final February – March

System & stages

Not clearly specified in the official source (the official notice mentions only the publication of one stage's results) — review the format and stages on the website when the cycle opens.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

May help toward the Bachelor's level, but conditions are unclear — the official source confirms only its existence, without details of benefits.

Documents

Not clearly stated in the official source.

Benefits & advantages

The official source confirms the olympiad's existence and the publication of its results through Tomsk State University's official channels, but it does not explicitly mention admission benefits, points or a quota — to be reviewed. Any admission benefit is tied to the university's rules, and its applicability to foreigners is to be reviewed.

Important note

The available official data is limited (confirming only its existence and the organiser); do not build a plan before reviewing the official regulations from Tomsk State University and confirming the conditions for foreigners and the stages.

Key advice

Use the official olympiad name to reach the organiser's page, and contact the international admissions office at Tomsk State University to ask about foreigner eligibility, the participation format and the benefits before applying.

Official sources & links

abiturient.tsu.ru/ru/node/16013 — official results notice (TSU)

Open official link · abiturient.tsu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

14 «Zvezda» Multidisciplinary Engineering Olympiad

Многопрофильная инженерная олимпиада школьников «Звезда»



official info completeness

University & city

Several Russian universities (final in person)

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

School students (including a technology subject for...

Bachelor's

Indirect

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

School students (including a technology subject for students from late middle school to secondary).

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — foreign participation may depend on the cycle's conditions and the organiser. To be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Multidisciplinary engineering (technology and materials within the olympiad list for each cycle).

Confirmed dates

The final was roughly in March in a previous cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: October/November – January, final January – March

System & stages

The qualifying stage is online or in person on partner universities' platforms, and the final is in person at the organising universities. There may be regional platforms or alternative formats depending on the cycle. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Indirectly relevant for pre-Bachelor's students — the benefits are tied to university admission and usually to the EGE.

Documents

Registration via the website and issuance of a personal ID; document details are not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

Winners and place-winners in the final receive admission advantages at universities according to each university's rules. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

Start with the online qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format and available platforms then, before any travel planning.

Key advice

If you are interested in engineering and want a broad technical olympiad, start with the qualifying stage, and first confirm the conditions for foreigners on the official website.

Official sources & links

zv.susu.ru — official website

zv.susu.ru/images/polozhenie.pdf — regulations (PDF)

Open official link · zv.susu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

15 UrFU International Olympiad «Izumrud»

Международная олимпиада школьников УрФУ «Изумруд»



official info completeness

University & city

Ural Federal University (UrFU) —
Yekaterinburg

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Yes

Category

Lower- and upper-secondary students.

Bachelor's

Indirect

Format

Remote

Who it is for

Lower- and upper-secondary students.

Can foreigners apply?

Yes, clearly — an international olympiad held in Russia and the near-abroad countries.

Subjects / fields

Data analysis, computer science, history, mathematics,
social studies, Russian language, physics, chemistry.

Confirmed dates

The final was roughly at the start of the year in a
previous cycle — check the official link before applying.Approx. season: Online/qualifying September – January, final late
January – February

System & stages

Two stages — a remote qualifying stage (registration and solving tasks on the university portal) and an in-person final with the
option of choosing a regional platform. There may be regional platforms or alternative formats depending on the cycle. The test
language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Indirectly relevant for pre-Bachelor's students — it helps with admission to UrFU's Bachelor's programmes through an admission
advantage.

Documents

Certificates and diplomas are issued electronically in the personal account; document details are not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

Winners and place-winners (in computer science, history, mathematics, social studies, Russian language, physics, chemistry) may
enter UrFU without entrance tests for matching majors, provided the EGE or UrFU's own test is no lower than 75. Benefits are
usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

Start with the remote qualifying stage, and if you reach the final, review the available platform then; and the admission
advantage is conditional on a score no lower than 75.

Key advice

This is one of the few that explicitly state they are international and include the near-abroad countries, so it is a clear option if
you target UrFU — and confirm how the 75-point condition applies to your situation.

Official sources & links

izumrud.urfu.ru — official websitedovuz.urfu.ru/olymps/izumrud/benefits — benefits pageOpen official link · izumrud.urfu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

16 «Future Researchers — Future of Science» Olympiad

Межрегиональная олимпиада школьников «Будущие исследователи – будущее науки»

★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆
official info completeness

University & city

Lobachevsky University — Nizhny Novgorod

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Students from late middle school to secondary (chem...

Bachelor's

Indirect

Format

See details

Who it is for

Students from late middle school to secondary (chemistry from middle school to upper secondary).

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Russian language, history, physics, mathematics, chemistry, biology.

Confirmed dates

Qualifying in autumn and the final at the start of the year in a previous cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Qualifying November – December, final January – March

System & stages

The first stage is mixed (in person/remote/internet at the organisers' choice), and the final is in person, held simultaneously in several Russian cities. There may be regional platforms or alternative formats depending on the cycle. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Indirectly relevant for pre-Bachelor's students — the benefits are tied to the EGE and admission to the participating universities.

Documents

A personal-data processing consent is required to publish results; other details to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

Winners and place-winners in the final (with an EGE or the university's test no lower than 75 in the subject) receive admission without entrance tests or 100 points in the subject. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

Start with the first stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format and available city then; and the status of foreigners itself needs confirmation.

Key advice

If you are interested in the fundamental sciences and target Lobachevsky University or a participating university, this is a strong option in its field — but review the conditions for foreigners and how the 75-point benefit applies to you before registering.

Official sources & links

bibn.unn.ru — official website

bibn.unn.ru/files/law/pol_2025.pdf — regulations

Open official link · unn.ru

Official source · verify before applying

17 International Olympiad «Innopolis Open»

Международная олимпиада «Innopolis Open»

★★★★☆
official info completeness

University & city Innopolis University — Innopolis (Tatarstan)	Foreigners Yes	Bachelor's Unclear
Govt. quota Admission edge	Category Students from late middle school to secondary, from...	Format Online

Who it is for

Students from late middle school to secondary, from Russia and foreign countries.

Can foreigners apply?

Yes, clearly — stated to be for students from Russia and foreign countries.

Subjects / fields

Computer science, mathematics, information security, artificial intelligence, robotics.

Confirmed dates

Registration from September, qualifying in autumn through January, and the final at the start of the year in a previous cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Qualifying September – February, final February – March

System & stages

Online qualifying stages (in information security, for example, rounds in CTF format) and a final. Start with the online rounds, and after qualifying review the final's format and available platforms. The test language is Russian and English.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

May help toward the Bachelor's level for those interested in IT, but a direct admission advantage is not clearly stated in the official source.

Documents

Not clearly stated in the official source.

Benefits & advantages

Strengthening your profile in IT, programming and AI, and certificates/diplomas or prizes if stated on the track's page. Its direct relation to a university admission advantage (BVI) is not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Important note

It has a clear international track and English available (a major advantage for foreigners), but its direct relation to university admission is unsettled.

Key advice

Suitable for students with a strong foundation in programming and algorithms — focus on problem-solving early, review the test platform for each track, and treat it as an excellent IT profile-booster.

Official sources & links

dovuz.innopolis.university/pre-olympiads/innopolis-open — official website

Open official link · dovuz.innopolis.university

Official source · verify before applying

18 All-Russian Sechenov Olympiad (Medicine)

Всероссийская Сеченовская олимпиада школьников

☆☆☆☆
official info completeness

University & city

Sechenov University — Moscow

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

The biology track from early middle school to secon...

Bachelor's

Indirect

Format

Remote

Who it is for

The biology track from early middle school to secondary, and the chemistry track for lower- and upper-secondary students.

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Chemistry, biology.

Confirmed dates

Qualifying around November and the final February–April in a previous cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Registration October, online qualifying November, final February – March

System & stages

Two stages — a remote qualifying stage on the olympiad portal, and an in-person final at Sechenov University in Moscow. Start with the remote qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format then. The test language is not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed before applying.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Indirectly relevant for pre-Bachelor's students — the benefits are tied to the EGE and university admission.

Documents

Registration by creating an account on the website; other details to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

An olympiad on the Ministry of Science's list in chemistry and biology; winners and place-winners may obtain admission without entrance tests or 100 points in the subject according to each university's rules (provided an EGE no lower than 75). Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The benefits are tied to the EGE and university rules; start with the qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format and city then.

Key advice

If you target medicine or pharmacy and enjoy chemistry and biology, review past years' sample questions on the website and focus on the subject according to your track.

Official sources & links

sechenov.ru — Sechenov University

sechenov.ru (InterOlymp.pdf) — olympiad document

Open official link · sechenov.ru

Official source · verify before applying

19 North-Eastern Olympiad for School Students (SVOSH)

Северо-Восточная олимпиада школьников

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
official info completeness

University & city

North-Eastern Federal University (NEFU)
— Yakutsk

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Foreigners joined

Category

School students (tasks are divided into different s...

Bachelor's

Indirect

Format

Remote

Who it is for

School students (tasks are divided into different stages within the language profiles).

Can foreigners apply?

According to the official source, students from Russian regions and foreign countries have taken part, but the conditions for foreigners in the current cycle should be checked on the official link before applying.

Subjects / fields

Wide-ranging — biology, geography, computer science, history, mathematics, medicine, social studies, chemistry, physics, physical education, philology (Russian/English/Yakut), and northern indigenous languages.

Confirmed dates

Launch around 11 November and the final at the start of the year in a previous cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Qualifying November – January, final February – March

System & stages

Two stages — a remote qualifying stage on the Moodle platform, and an in-person final. Start with the remote qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format then. The test language varies by profile — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Indirectly relevant for pre-Bachelor's students — the benefits are tied to university admission and usually to the EGE.

Documents

To enter data into the federal system, a personal request addressed to the head of the organising committee is required; other details to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

Up to 10 extra points at admission to NEFU for all subjects; and profiles on the Ministry of Science's list (philology/indigenous languages) give admission without entrance tests or 100 points, provided an EGE no lower than 75, with the diploma valid for 4 years. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The strongest benefits are tied to NEFU and to the EGE, and the university is in Yakutsk (far away); review your situation before relying on them.

Key advice

If you target NEFU specifically or are interested in a particular language profile, it may help you; otherwise confirm the conditions for foreigners on the website before registering.

Official sources & links

s-vfu.ru — North-Eastern Federal University (SVOSH)

olympiadsvosh.s-vfu.ru — olympiad page

Open official link · olympiadsvosh.s-vfu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

20 Plekhanov School Olympiad

Плекхановская олимпиада школьников

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
official info completeness

University & city

Plekhanov Russian University of Economics — Moscow

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Lower- and upper-secondary students.

Bachelor's

Indirect

Format

Remote

Who it is for

Lower- and upper-secondary students.

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Nine profiles (Russian language, economics, entrepreneurship, foreign languages, financial literacy, ecology, computer science, journalism, unmanned-aircraft systems), three of which are on the Ministry of Science's list: economics, Russian language and foreign language.

Confirmed dates

Check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Online qualifying November – January, final March

System & stages

Two stages — a remote qualifying stage, and an in-person final at the university, regional platforms and partner universities. There may be regional platforms or alternative formats depending on the cycle. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Indirectly relevant for pre-Bachelor's students — the benefits are tied to the EGE and university admission.

Documents

Documents brought to the in-person round per the olympiad's instructions — details to be checked on the website.

Benefits & advantages

Winners and place-winners in the listed profiles (economics/Russian/foreign language) may enter Plekhanov University without entrance tests or take 100 points in the subject, with first- and second-degree diplomas. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The benefits are for the listed profiles only and tied to the EGE — review how they apply to your situation, and start with the online qualifying stage first.

Key advice

If you are interested in economics or finance and target Plekhanov, choose a profile on the list to benefit from the admission advantage, and start the online qualifying stage early.

Official sources & links

rea.ru/pk/entrant/posh — olympiad page

rea.ru — Plekhanov University

[Open official link · rea.ru](http://rea.ru)

Official source · verify before applying

21 «Phystech» Olympiad

Олимпиада школьников «Физтех»

★★★★☆
official info completeness

University & city

MIPT — Dolgoprudny / Moscow

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Upper-secondary students (including home/self-educa...

Bachelor's

Indirect

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

Upper-secondary students (including home/self-education).

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the olympiad's own source. MIPT's admission-benefits page mentions admission groups for foreign nationals, but this is not enough to confirm the eligibility of foreigners in the olympiad itself. Check the official link before applying.

Subjects / fields

Mathematics, physics, biology (recent cycles added computer science and Russian language).

Confirmed dates

Qualifying from October through January, the final in March, and results in early April in a previous cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Qualifying October – November, final February

System & stages

The qualifying stage has several independent rounds (online/in person; you may take part in more than one round), and the final is in person on accredited platforms. Start with the qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the available platform then. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Indirectly relevant for pre-Bachelor's students — a school olympiad that helps with admission to MIPT's Bachelor's programmes through an admission advantage.

Documents

Not clearly stated in the official source.

Benefits & advantages

Winners and place-winners receive admission advantages at MIPT, including 100 points counted in the subject for specific competitive groups. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

Competition is very strong; and the eligibility of foreigners in the olympiad itself needs official confirmation before you build your plan.

Key advice

If you have a strong foundation in mathematics and physics and target MIPT, practise advanced-level problems from the website's archive, and contact the organisers to confirm the eligibility of foreigners.

Official sources & links

olymp-online.mipt.ru — official website

olymp-online.mipt.ru/page/normativnye-dokumenty — documents

Open official link · olymp.mipt.ru

Official source · verify before applying

22 RSUH Olympiad for School Students

Олимпиада РГГУ для школьников



official info completeness

University & city

Russian State University for the Humanities (RSUH) — Moscow

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Upper-secondary students.

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Remote

Who it is for

Upper-secondary students.

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Multiple humanities subjects (foreign languages, history, Russian language, literature, social studies and others).

Confirmed dates

Registration for the qualifying stage from 1 December to 13 January (2025/26 cycle).

Approx. season: Qualifying December – January, final in spring

System & stages

Two stages — a remote online qualifying stage, and an in-person final on RSUH's premises. Start with the online qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format then. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level, granting admission advantages and 3 points as an individual achievement at admission to RSUH's Bachelor's/specialist programmes.

Documents

A copy of the passport or birth certificate + a school study certificate are attached to the application, and may be sent to the olympiad's email in case of a technical problem.

Benefits & advantages

Winners and place-winners receive admission advantages, provided an EGE no lower than 75 in the matching subject; and final-year students taking part in the final who score 20 points or more receive 3 points as an individual achievement at admission. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The benefits are conditional on an EGE no lower than 75 — review how they apply to your situation, and start with the online qualifying stage first.

Key advice

If you are interested in the humanities and target RSUH, register for the online qualifying stage before 13 January and prepare copies of your documents (passport + school certificate) early.

Official sources & links

rsuh.ru/.../olimpiada-rggu-dlya-shkolnikov — official website

положение/регламент 2026-2027

Open official link · rsuh.ru

Official source · verify before applying

23 Kutafin School Olympiad in Law

Кутафинская олимпиада школьников по праву



official info completeness

University & city

Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL) — Moscow and branches

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Lower- and upper-secondary students (individually).

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Remote

Who it is for

Lower- and upper-secondary students (individually).

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Law.

Confirmed dates

Registration for the qualifying stage from October to mid-January, and the final in March in a previous cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Qualifying October – January, final March

System & stages

Two stages — a remote qualifying stage (an electronic test), and an in-person final at the university in Moscow and its branches. Registration via the university's electronic testing system. Start with the qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the available branch/platform then. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level, granting admission without entrance tests, 100 points, or extra points at MSAL.

Documents

At registration, a scan of the required documents is attached per the registration system — details to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

Admission without entrance tests, 100 points in the matching subject, or extra points per the admission rules; and winners/place-winners from non-final grades may enter the final directly the following year. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The benefits are tied to admission rules and the EGE — review how they apply to your situation, and the final has multiple branches, so choose the nearest when you qualify.

Key advice

If you are interested in law, especially international law, and target MSAL, start with the online qualifying stage, and study from the legal reading list published on the official website.

Official sources & links

msal.ru/.../kutafinskaya-olimpiada — official website

oim.sal.ru — online portal

Open official link · msal.ru

Official source · verify before applying

24 Open Olympiad «Your Path to Real Science» (Physics)

Открытая олимпиада школьников «Твой путь в настоящую науку»

★★★★☆
official-info-completeness

University & city

Novosibirsk State University (NSU) —
Novosibirsk

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Students from upper-middle school to
secondary (gra...

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

Students from upper-middle school to secondary (grades 8–11).

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — the organiser's page neither specifies nor prohibits the eligibility of foreigners; to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Physics only.

Confirmed dates

In the 2025/26 cycle: registration closed on 5 December; qualifying on 7 December (in person) and 8–21 December (online); qualifying results by the end of January; and the final on 22 March 2026. For the new cycle, check the official link.

Approx. season: Qualifying December, final around March

System & stages

Two stages — a qualifying stage in two formats (in person at NSU Novosibirsk + online/remote), and an in-person final. Start with the available online qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format then. The test language is Russian (not stated explicitly, but likely).

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — winners and place-winners gain the right to enter Novosibirsk State University (NSU) without entrance tests.

Documents

Registration via the official portal; document details are not clearly stated — to be reviewed. (Contact: olympphysics@nsu.ru)

Benefits & advantages

The olympiad is on the RSOSH list (Level II, No. 79); the officially confirmed benefit is admission to NSU without entrance tests for winners and place-winners. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The admission benefit is tied to Novosibirsk State University specifically; and the eligibility of foreigners and the quota mechanism are not confirmed in the official source, so contact NSU's international office before relying on them.

Key advice

If you are strong in physics, the online qualifying stage (8–21 December) is available, so start with it; and email olympphysics@nsu.ru to confirm whether foreigners abroad may take part before registering.

Official sources & links

olympphysics.nsu.ru — official website

nsu.ru/n/education/olympiads/3439562 — olympiad page (NSU)

Open official link · olympphysics.nsu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

25 All-Siberian Open Olympiad for School Students

Всесибирская открытая олимпиада школьников

★★★☆☆
official info completeness

University & city

Novosibirsk State University (NSU) —
Novosibirsk

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Yes

Category

Students from late middle school to
secondary, from...

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

Students from late middle school to secondary, from Russia and the near-abroad countries.

Can foreigners apply?

Yes, at the level of the near-abroad countries — stated to be for students from Russia and neighbouring countries.

Subjects / fields

Mathematics, physics, computer science, chemistry,
biology.

Confirmed dates

Qualifying around 20 October–24 November and the
final 16 February–9 March in a previous cycle — check
the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Qualifying in autumn, final at the start of the year

System & stages

Two stages — an in-person qualifying stage on accredited platforms, and an in-person final. There may be regional platforms or alternative formats depending on the cycle; check the format when you qualify. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level, granting admission advantages at NSU, including admission without entrance tests for final-year students.

Documents

Not clearly stated in the official source.

Benefits & advantages

Winners and place-winners among final-year students receive admission advantages at NSU, provided an EGE no lower than 75 in the subject (including admission without entrance tests); and winning younger students receive invitations to summer schools at NSU's specialised centre. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The admission advantage is for final-year students and conditional on an EGE no lower than 75; review how it applies to your situation.

Key advice

Since it is open to the near-abroad countries, it is an option for Russian-speaking foreigners interested in the exact sciences; if you are in a younger grade, aim for the summer-school invitation as a gateway.

Official sources & links

sesc.nsu.ru/olymp-vsesib — official website

sesc.nsu.ru (Положение/Регламент)

Open official link · sesc.nsu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

26 Tatlin Interregional Olympiad in Architecture and Art

Межрегиональная олимпиада школьников им. В.Е. Татлина

☆☆☆☆☆
official info completeness

University & city

Penza State University of Architecture (PGUAS) — Penza

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Lower- and upper-secondary students interested in t...

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

Lower- and upper-secondary students interested in the architecture-and-art direction.

Can foreigners apply?

The official source mentions historical participation by students from 50 Russian regions and foreign countries, but the conditions for foreigners in the current cycle should be checked on the official link before applying.

Subjects / fields

Drawing, graphics in architecture, graphics in design, painting, composition, design, model-making, collage, project (+ video/3D in some cycles).

Confirmed dates

The final/festival around 14–25 February in a previous cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: First stage in winter, final/festival around February

System & stages

Two stages — a qualifying stage by submitting works at intake points, and an in-person final as an exhibition/creative test. There may be a requirement to submit works or attend a creative final, but the submission method and platforms may differ by cycle; check the website before submitting works or arranging travel. The test language is not clearly stated (the works are artistic) — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level, granting admission advantages for architecture/art majors according to each university's rules.

Documents

Artworks according to the portfolio — details and submission locations on the official website.

Benefits & advantages

Admission advantages for architecture/art majors according to each organising university's rules (the university determines the admission or extra points). Benefits are usually tied to university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

Prepare your works early and review the submission format on the website before sending works or arranging any travel for the final.

Key advice

Prepare your portfolio or artworks early and review the required format of works for each profile on the official website, and confirm the conditions for foreigners and the submission method if you are outside Russia.

Official sources & links

tatlin.pguas.ru — official website

rsr-olymp.ru — RSOSH list

Open official link · pguas.ru

Official source · verify before applying

27 SUSU School Olympiads (South Ural)

Олимпиады школьников ЮУрГУ

★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆
official info completeness

University & city

South Ural State University (SUSU) — Chelyabinsk

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

School students (varies by each olympiad on the por...

Bachelor's

Unclear

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

School students (varies by each olympiad on the portal).

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source in general — foreign participation may depend on each olympiad's conditions and the organiser. To be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Various, depending on the olympiads hosted on the portal (including large projects such as «Zvezda» and «Future of Russia»).

Confirmed dates

Vary by each olympiad — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Schedule close to «Zvezda»: October/November – January, then the final

System & stages

Varies by each olympiad (online or in-person qualifying + final). Start with the qualifying stage for the olympiad you chose, and if you qualify, review the final's format then. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

May help toward the Bachelor's level, but conditions are unclear — because it is a gateway to several olympiads, each with its own conditions and benefits.

Documents

Not clearly stated in the official source.

Benefits & advantages

Admission advantages at SUSU for accredited olympiads according to the admission rules and the university's order on benefits. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

This is a gateway to several olympiads rather than a single olympiad — you must identify exactly which olympiad interests you and read its conditions separately.

Key advice

Open the portal and identify the olympiad suited to your field, then read the conditions for foreigners, the stages and the benefits for each one before registering.

Official sources & links

pre-univer.csu.ru/olymp/regcom — official website (ChelSU)

Open official link · olymp.susu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

28 Herzen Olympiad for School Students

Герценовская олимпиада школьников

★★★★☆
official info completeness

University & city

Herzen State Pedagogical University — Saint Petersburg

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Lower- and upper-secondary students (studying gener...

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Remote

Who it is for

Lower- and upper-secondary students (studying general or vocational education programmes).

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Foreign languages (English/German/French/Spanish), geography, and pedagogy/educational sciences (an off-list profile).

Confirmed dates

Check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Qualifying November – January, final March

System & stages

Two stages — a remote qualifying stage on the olympiad platform (using a Gmail address at registration is not allowed), and an in-person final and regional platforms. There may be regional platforms or alternative formats depending on the cycle. The test language is not clearly stated (the languages profile is by nature in its own language) — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — the listed profiles (geography and foreign language) grant admission without entrance tests or 100 points at the university.

Documents

Not clearly stated in the official source.

Benefits & advantages

Winners and place-winners in the final receive admission without entrance tests for matching majors, provided an EGE no lower than 75 in the subject (listed profiles: geography and foreign language). Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

Note the ban on Gmail addresses at registration (a practical point stated officially); and the benefits are conditional on an EGE no lower than 75.

Key advice

If you are strong in a foreign language or geography and interested in the pedagogical/linguistic track, use a non-Gmail address at registration, and review the 75-point condition for the admission benefit.

Official sources & links

herzen.spb.ru/.../olimpiady-shkolnikov-iz-perechnya-rsosh — official websiteherzen.spb.ru — foreign-applicants pageOpen official link · herzen.spb.ru

Official source · verify before applying

29 International Olympiad «The Art of Graphics»

Международная олимпиада школьников «Искусство графики»

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official-info-completeness

University & city Moscow Polytechnic University — Moscow Govt. quota Admission edge	Foreigners Unclear Category School students interested in drawing, graphics and...	Bachelor's Unclear Format Remote
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Who it is for

School students interested in drawing, graphics and design.

Can foreigners apply?

Unclear / possibly restricted. Although the olympiad's name is «international», an official page indicates that participation may be limited to Russian nationals or specific categories. A foreign student is therefore advised not to rely on it before formally contacting the university.

Subjects / fields

Drawing, painting, composition, illustration, graphic design.

Confirmed dates

Final results announced by 15 April at the latest (current cycle) — other dates to be checked on the official link before applying.

Approx. season: November – February, final around April

System & stages

Two stages — a remote qualifying stage by uploading works, and an in-person final at the university (the in-person test runs over several days). There may be a requirement to submit works or attend a creative final, but the submission method and platforms may differ by cycle; check the website before submitting works or arranging travel. The test language is not clearly stated (the works are artistic) — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

May help toward the Bachelor's level, but conditions are unclear due to the possible eligibility restriction on foreigners.

Documents

Artworks according to the portfolio — details on the website.

Benefits & advantages

Winners and place-winners in the «Drawing» and «Graphic Design» profiles may enter the «Graphics» major or the «Design» direction without entrance tests at Moscow Polytechnic; other profiles give extra points (up to 10 points for winners). Benefits are usually tied to university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

Most importantly, the eligibility of foreigners itself is in doubt, so confirm it by contacting the university before any planning or submission of works.

Key advice

Before anything, contact the university and confirm that foreigners are allowed in the current cycle; if allowed, prepare a strong art portfolio and review past task samples on the website.

Official sources & links

mospolytech.ru/.../olimpiada-iskusstvo-grafiki — official website

Open official link · mospolytech.ru

Official source · verify before applying

30 All-Russian Tolstoy Olympiad (Literature and Humanities)

Всероссийская Толстовская олимпиада школьников

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
official info completeness

University & city

Tula State Pedagogical University — Tula

Foreigners

Review

Bachelor's

Direct

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Category

Senior secondary students.

Format

Remote

Who it is for

Senior secondary students.

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source.

Subjects / fields

History, literature, social studies, law (listed profiles); + off-list profiles (world art culture, computer science, pedagogy) that do not grant an admission advantage.

Confirmed dates

Registration and qualifying from 1 December to 22 January (2025/26 cycle).

Approx. season: Qualifying December – January, final late January – March

System & stages

Two stages — a remote qualifying stage (electronic, on the website), and a final. Start with the online qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format then. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — the listed profiles grant admission without entrance tests or 100 points in the subject.

Documents

A consent to publish works on the university's website is completed and brought; other documents to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

The listed profiles (history/literature/social studies/law) give admission without entrance tests or 100 points in the subject, provided an EGE no lower than 75; while the world-art-culture, computer-science and pedagogy profiles do not grant admission advantages. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

Note that the world-art-culture, computer-science and pedagogy profiles do not grant an admission advantage; choose a listed profile if you want the benefit.

Key advice

If you are interested in literature, history or law, choose a profile on the list and register before 22 January, and review the 75-point condition for the admission benefit.

Official sources & links

olymp.tspu.ru — official website

olymp.tspu.ru/documents — documents

Open official link · olymp.tspu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

31 NCFU Open Olympiad «45th Parallel»

Открытая олимпиада СКФУ «45 параллель»

★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆
official info completeness

University & city

North-Caucasus Federal University (NCFU) — Stavropol

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Students from early middle school to secondary (the...

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

Students from early middle school to secondary (the minimum varies by subject).

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Multiple — biology, geography, chemistry, physics, Russian language, social studies, mathematics, computer science, foreign language, journalism, design, geology, oil and gas, electrical engineering (geography is the listed profile).

Confirmed dates

Qualifying from October to February (current cycle).

Approx. season: Qualifying October – February, final March – April

System & stages

The qualifying stage is an online computer test on the university portal, and the final is in person on the university's platforms (Stavropol/Pyatigorsk/Nevinnomyssk). Start with the online qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the available platform then. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — geography (which is on the list) grants admission advantages, and the other profiles give extra points at NCFU.

Documents

A personal-data processing consent; other documents to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

Geography grants admission advantages at Russian universities; and traditionally, winners and place-winners receive 5 extra points at admission to NCFU for the matching major. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The strongest benefit is for geography and tied to the EGE; review how it applies to your situation, and start with the online qualifying stage first.

Key advice

If you are interested in geography, this is its strongest profile (on the list); the qualifying stage is online, so start with it, and review the conditions for foreigners.

Official sources & links

parallel45.olymp.ncfu.ru — official website

Open official link · parallel45.olymp.ncfu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

32 Open School Olympiad in Programming

Открытая олимпиада школьников по программированию

★★★★☆
official info completeness

University & city
In-person final in Moscow

Govt. quota
Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category
School students interested in programming (the qual...

Bachelor's

Unclear

Format
Qualifying + final

Who it is for

School students interested in programming (the qualifying stage is open to all online).

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Programming/computer science.

Confirmed dates

The final from 5 to 7 March (current cycle).

Approx. season: Qualifying December – January, final March in Moscow

System & stages

The qualifying stage is a long internet round, and the final is in person (with remote access in certain formats) in Moscow, available to those who reach a certain points threshold in the qualifying stage. Start with the online rounds, and after qualifying review the final's format and available platforms. Participants from outside Moscow who sit the test in Moscow are provided free accommodation and meals. The test language is not clearly stated (the problems are algorithmic) — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

May help toward the Bachelor's level, but conditions are unclear — it may grant admission advantages depending on its official listing and university rules, to be reviewed from the official source.

Documents

Not clearly stated in the official source.

Benefits & advantages

It may grant admission advantages depending on its official listing and university rules, to be reviewed from the official source. Benefits are usually tied to university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

There is free board for participants from outside Moscow at the final; confirm whether you can take part from abroad and the final's format when you qualify.

Key advice

Suitable for students with a strong foundation in programming and algorithms — the long qualifying stage gives you multiple chances, so practise problem-solving and review the test platform on the official website.

Official sources & links

inf-open.ru — official website

pk.mipt.ru/bachelor/2026_olympiads — admissions list

Open official link · inf-open.ru

Official source · verify before applying

33 Pavlov Medical University School Chemistry Olympiad

Олимпиада школьников по химии ПСПбГМУ им. И.П. Павлова

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
official info completeness

University & city

Pavlov First St. Petersburg State Medical University — Saint Petersburg

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Lower- and upper-secondary students.

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

Lower- and upper-secondary students.

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Chemistry (the university also has a biology olympiad and a career-guidance olympiad).

Confirmed dates

Check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Qualifying November – January, final in spring

System & stages

Two stages — qualifying and final. Registration via the website. Start with the qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format then. The test language is not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed before applying.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — it grants extra points for the EGE chemistry result at admission (and at Pavlov, +4 for place-winners and +8 for winners).

Documents

Registration via the website; document details to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

As an olympiad on the Ministry of Science's list, the diploma may give extra points for the EGE chemistry result depending on the university; and at Pavlov University specifically, place-winners receive +4 points and winners +8 points for the EGE chemistry result. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The benefit here is extra EGE points, not full admission without entrance tests, so understand its nature before relying on it.

Key advice

If you target medicine or pharmacy and are strong in chemistry, review the sample questions and task analyses on the official website and focus on chemistry.

Official sources & links

1spbmgmu.ru/admission/olimp-shkolnikov — official website (Pavlov)

Open official link · 1spbmgmu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

34 All-Russian Olympiad «Legal Peaks!»

Всероссийская олимпиада школьников «Юридические высоты!»

☆☆☆☆
official info completeness

University & city

Ural State Law University (USLA) —
Yekaterinburg

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Upper-secondary students (grades 9–11).

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Remote

Who it is for

Upper-secondary students (grades 9–11).

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — the regulations neither include nor exclude foreigners explicitly, and the Ural State Law University has a separate department for admitting foreigners but without linking it to this olympiad. To be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Law.

Confirmed dates

In the 2025/26 cycle: registration from 1 September to 12 January, qualifying on 25 January (remote), and the final on 28 February (in person). For the new cycle, check the official link.

Approx. season: Qualifying September – January, final March

System & stages

Two stages — a remote (online) qualifying stage, and an in-person final in Yekaterinburg. Start with the online qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format then. The test language is Russian. Registration via the official Yandex Forms form.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — it grants admission without entrance tests or the equivalent of 100 points in law according to the admission rules.

Documents

Registration via the official Yandex Forms form; document details to be reviewed. (Contact: idp@usla.ru or idp.usla@yandex.ru)

Benefits & advantages

The olympiad is on the RSOSH list; and the standard benefits (admission without entrance tests or 100 points, provided an EGE no lower than 75 in law) are confirmed in the Ural State Law University's admission rules. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The final is in person in Yekaterinburg; start with the remote qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format. And the eligibility of foreigners and the quota mechanism are not confirmed in the official source — contact the university's international admissions office.

Key advice

If you are interested in law, register via the official form before 12 January and start with the online qualifying stage, and email idp@usla.ru to confirm the conditions for foreigners before relying on the benefit.

Official sources & links

usla.ru/entrance/olimp-yuridich-vysoty — official website

usla.ru/.../qualifying-stage.php — regulations

Open official link · usla.ru

Official source · verify before applying

35 SPbGASU School Olympiad in Architecture

Олимпиада школьников по архитектуре СПбГАСУ

★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆
official info completeness

University & city

SPbGASU — Saint Petersburg

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Yes

Category

Upper-secondary students, and vocational-education...

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Remote

Who it is for

Upper-secondary students, and vocational-education students in the arts field.

Can foreigners apply?

Yes, explicitly — the official source says «any student from Russia or a foreign country».

Subjects / fields

Architecture/architectural drawing (the qualifying task is to draw an architectural view of your city).

Confirmed dates

Registration from 15 October to 29 November, work submission by 2 December, and preliminary final results on 6 April (2025/26 cycle).

Approx. season: First stage (uploading works) in autumn, final (creative test) in spring

System & stages

Two stages — a remote qualifying stage by sending the work by post/courier or delivering it in person to the admissions committee, and an in-person final at the university. There may be a requirement to submit works or attend a creative final, but the submission method and platforms may differ by cycle; check the website before submitting works or arranging travel. The communication language is not clearly stated (the work is artistic) — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — winners are exempted from the creative tests at admission to the university's architecture faculty.

Documents

The qualifying artwork is sent or delivered to the admissions committee; other documents to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

Winners are exempted from the creative tests at admission to the university's architecture faculty, and the university sets the list of olympiads and their advantages according to the admission rules. Benefits are usually tied to university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The qualifying stage requires sending an artwork to the admissions committee, so calculate the shipping time from your country early, and review the submission format on the website.

Key advice

This is one of the few that explicitly state foreigners may take part — prepare your portfolio or artworks early and review the qualifying-work submission format from abroad on the official website.

Official sources & links

olymp.spbgasu.ru — official website

spbgasu.ru/.../pobeditelyam-i-prizeram-olimpiad — benefits page

Open official link · olymp.spbgasu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

36 «Technocup» Programming Olympiad

Олимпиада по программированию «Технокубок»

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
official info completeness

University & city

Several Russian universities (final in Moscow)

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Lower- and upper-secondary students.

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

Lower- and upper-secondary students.

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Programming/computer science.

Confirmed dates

Check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Online rounds November – December, final March

System & stages

The qualifying stage is online on the All Cups platform across several rounds (the best attempt counts, preceded by practice warm-up rounds), and the final is in person on the organisers' platforms + remote. Start with the online rounds, and after qualifying review the final's format and available platforms. The test language is not clearly stated (the problems are algorithmic) — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — it grants admission without entrance tests or 100 points in computer science depending on the university.

Documents

Not clearly stated in the official source.

Benefits & advantages

As an olympiad on the Ministry of Science's list, winners and place-winners receive admission advantages (admission without entrance tests or 100 points in computer science according to each university's rules), plus prizes and benefits for taking part in VK Education projects. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The final is in person or remote depending on the cycle; start with the online rounds and review the final's format when you qualify.

Key advice

Suitable for students with a strong foundation in programming and algorithms — practise the warm-up rounds first to learn the platform's format, and review the conditions for foreigners on the official website.

Official sources & links

techno-cup.ru — official website

techno-cup.ru/about — about the olympiad

[Open official link · techno-cup.ru](https://techno-cup.ru)

Official source · verify before applying

37 Siberian Interregional Olympiad «Architectural and Design Creativity»

★★★★☆
official info completeness

Сибирская межрегиональная олимпиада школьников «Архитектурно-дизайнерское творчество»

University & city Novosibirsk State University of Architecture, Design and Arts (NGUADI) — Novosibirsk	Foreigners Foreigners joined	Bachelor's Unclear
Govt. quota Admission edge	Category Upper-secondary students (and some activities from...)	Format Qualifying + final

Who it is for

Upper-secondary students (and some activities from middle to upper secondary).

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated for the current cycle in the official source; historically, students from Kazakhstan and several regions have taken part, but the current status of foreigners is to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Drawing, painting, technical drawing, computer graphics, design/project.

Confirmed dates

The final around March in a previous cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: First stage November – January, final in spring

System & stages

Two stages — a qualifying stage by submitting one work per subject, and an in-person final at the university. There may be a requirement to submit works or attend a creative final, but the submission method and platforms may differ by cycle; check the website before submitting works or arranging travel. The test language is not clearly stated (the works are artistic) — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

May help directly toward the Bachelor's level within NGUADI, but the details of admission advantages and exact figures should be checked on the official website.

Documents

Artworks by subject (portfolio); other documents to be reviewed.

Benefits & advantages

The diploma counts among individual achievements and adds points at admission to NGUADI's Bachelor's/specialist programmes. Admission advantages and exact figures to be checked on NGUADI's official website. Benefits are usually tied to university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

Prepare your works early (one work per subject) and review the submission format on the website before sending works or arranging any travel.

Key advice

If you are talented in drawing/design and interested in NGUADI, prepare your artworks early, and review the submission format from abroad and the conditions for foreigners on the official website.

Official sources & links

sibolimpiada.nsuada.ru — official website

sibolimpiada.nsuada.ru/rules — rules

Open official link · sibolimpiada.nsuada.ru

Official source · verify before applying

38 «Rosatom» Industry Physics and Mathematics Olympiad

Отраслевая физико-математическая олимпиада школьников «Росатом»

★★★★★
official info completeness

University & city
NRNU MEPhI — Moscow

Foreigners

Review

Bachelor's

Direct

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Category

School students (including grades from middle to se...

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

School students (including grades from middle to secondary in some categories).

Can foreigners apply?

It is not clearly stated in the official source that it is dedicated to foreigners, and the official source states that entering the institute's campus for the final requires a Russian passport — an important practical restriction on foreigners. To be reviewed before applying.

Subjects / fields

Physics, mathematics.

Confirmed dates

Qualifying results by 31 January, and the final on 7 February (physics) and 8 February (mathematics), with final results in April (2025/26 cycle).

Approx. season: Online qualifying in autumn/winter, final February – March

System & stages

The qualifying stage has several formats (online/in person/mixed, with the best result counting), and the final is in person at the institute, with no more than 25% of participants qualifying for it. Start with the online qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format and entry procedures then. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — it grants admission without entrance tests or 100 points in the subject depending on the university.

Documents

To enter the final at the institute, a Russian passport (or birth certificate for seventh-grade students) and a printed invitation ticket are required.

Benefits & advantages

As an olympiad on the Ministry of Science's list, winners and place-winners receive admission advantages (admission without entrance tests or 100 points in the subject) according to each university's rules. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

Entering the final at the institute requires a Russian passport — an important restriction on foreigners; contact the organisers about alternatives when you qualify, before any travel planning.

Key advice

If you are strong in physics and mathematics, the online qualifying stage is easily available; but before planning for the final, contact the organisers and ask about the entry procedures for foreigners to the institute's campus.

Official sources & links

olymp.mephi.ru/rosatom — official website

olymp.mephi.ru/rosatom/about/docs — documents

Open official link · olymp.mephi.ru

Official source · verify before applying

39 MGIMO School Olympiad

Олимпиада МГИМО МИД России для школьников

★★★★☆
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University & city
MGIMO — Moscow

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Students from late middle school to secondary (incl...)

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Qualifying + final

Who it is for

Students from late middle school to secondary (including home/self-education).

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

The humanities and social sciences profile (history, social studies).

Confirmed dates

Registration and qualifying October–November, and the final February–March in a previous cycle — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Qualifying in autumn online, final in spring

System & stages

The qualifying stage is remote, by writing an essay through the website's services, and the final is in person at the university in Moscow or remote depending on the cycle. Start with the online qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format then. The test language is not clearly stated (the task is essay-writing, usually in Russian) — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — it grants admission advantages, including 100 points in the subject at MGIMO and other universities.

Documents

Not clearly stated in the official source.

Benefits & advantages

Winners and place-winners receive admission advantages at MGIMO and other universities (including 100 points in the subject), provided an EGE no lower than 75 in the matching subject. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

Note that Level III olympiads are not accepted at MGIMO; and the benefits are conditional on an EGE no lower than 75.

Key advice

If you are strong in history and social studies and write well, focus on the skill of writing a research essay, since it is the core of the qualifying stage, and review the 75-point condition for the admission benefit. If you write «for foreigners», review the international version and the conditions for foreigners.

Official sources & links

olymp.mgimo.ru — official website

abiturient.mgimo.ru/bakalavriat/igoty — benefits

Open official link · olymp.mgimo.ru

Official source · verify before applying

40 Interregional Olympiad «Architecture and Art»

Межрегиональная олимпиада школьников «Архитектура и искусство»



official info completeness

University & city

Tyumen Industrial University (TIU) — Tyumen

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Students from upper-middle school to secondary (gra...

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Online

Who it is for

Students from upper-middle school to secondary (grades 8–11), including those studying general-education programmes abroad.

Can foreigners apply?

The official regulations (clause 2.5) explicitly allow students studying general-education programmes «abroad» (за рубежом) to take part — an important positive indicator. But the regulations refer to the place of study, not nationality, so the eligibility of a «foreign national» as a category should be confirmed with the university.

Subjects / fields

Qualifying: drawing, composition, technical drawing, colour studies (20 online tasks). Final: drawing + composition.

Confirmed dates

In the 2025/26 cycle: the final on 24–26 March 2026 in Tyumen, with results published by 15 April 2026 at the latest. For the new cycle, check the official link (the exact dates are in the regulations).

Approx. season: First stage November – December, practical final March

System & stages

Two stages — an online qualifying stage on the university's website, and an in-person final in Tyumen. Start with the online qualifying stage (available from abroad), and if you qualify, review the final's format and travel arrangements. The participation language is explicitly Russian. Participation is free at all stages.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — winners and place-winners receive admission advantages (admission without entrance tests or 100 points for the creative test) at Russian universities according to the admission rules.

Documents

Online registration on the university's website with the student's details, ID document, school and grade; participation is free. The consent forms include a nationality field.

Benefits & advantages

The winner receives a first-degree diploma and place-winners receive second- and third-degree diplomas; and the diploma grants standard admission advantages (admission without entrance tests or exemption/points for the creative test) at Russian universities according to their rules. Benefits are usually tied to university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The final is in person in Tyumen (Siberia) and requires travel; start with the online qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format. The language is entirely Russian, so it needs an adequate level, and confirm acceptance of a foreign passport at registration.

Key advice

If you are talented in drawing and composition, the qualifying stage is online and free, so start with it; the regulations allow students studying abroad, but contact the admissions office at Tyumen Industrial University to confirm acceptance of your passport and your eligibility before arranging any travel.

Official sources & links

tyuiu.ru — Tyumen Industrial University (TIU)

tyuiu.ru (Положение 2025-2026 — official PDF)

Open official link · tyuiu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

41 Televised Humanities Olympiad «Clever Girls and Clever Boys» (Umnitsy i Umniki)

★★★★★
official info completeness

Телевизионная гуманитарная олимпиада школьников «Умницы и умники»

University & city

MGIMO · Channel One — Moscow

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Upper-secondary students.

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

See details

Who it is for

Upper-secondary students.

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Humanities — world history and culture (each episode is about a period or country).

Confirmed dates

Tied to the TV programme's season — check the official link before applying.

Approx. season: Essays/application in spring, episodes/finals in autumn – winter

System & stages

A televised olympiad — a regional stage + on-air competitions (quarter/semi-finals and final) in Channel One's studio. It requires an adequate level of Russian, and the final-stage format should be checked on the official website according to the cycle. The competition language is not clearly stated (Russian by the nature of the programme) — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — winners may obtain a privileged admission route at MGIMO according to the programme's and university's rules.

Documents

Not clearly stated in the official source.

Benefits & advantages

Winners may obtain a privileged admission route at MGIMO according to the programme's and university's rules, and as an olympiad on the Ministry of Science's list it has admission advantages per the rules. Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

This is a unique televised format (not an ordinary online test), with on-air participation in Moscow; review the mechanism for foreign participation on the official website.

Key advice

This is an entirely different kind of challenge — it requires excellent Russian, broad historical and cultural knowledge, and the ability to perform on camera; review the official regulations and the mechanism for foreign participation carefully before considering it.

Official sources & links

umniki.club/info/reglament — official website

mgimo.ru/files/44522/umniki_poloj.pdf — regulations

Open official link · umniki.club

Official source · verify before applying

42 «Ocean of Knowledge» Olympiad

Олимпиада школьников «Океан знаний»



official info completeness

University & city

Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) — Vladivostok

Govt. quota

Admission edge

Foreigners

Review

Category

Lower- and upper-secondary students.

Bachelor's

Direct

Format

Remote

Who it is for

Lower- and upper-secondary students.

Can foreigners apply?

Not clearly stated in the official source — to be reviewed.

Subjects / fields

Nine profiles — Russian language, mathematics, social studies, history, physics, chemistry, biology, geography, literature.

Confirmed dates

Registration until 1 January, and task-solving until 9 January (Vladivostok time) — 2025/26 cycle.

Approx. season: Online qualifying October – January, final March at the university

System & stages

Two stages — a remote qualifying stage, and an in-person final in Vladivostok (the university campus) or on partner platforms. Start with the online qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format and available platform then. The test language is not clearly stated — to be reviewed.

Suitable for the Bachelor's level?

Yes — directly relevant to the Bachelor's level — the two listed profiles (Russian language and social studies) grant admission without entrance tests or 100 points, and the other profiles give extra points at the university.

Documents

A personal-data processing consent is completed and sent as a scan — details on the official website.

Benefits & advantages

For the two listed profiles (Russian language and social studies), admission without entrance tests or 100 points in the subject; and for the other profiles, extra points at admission to the university (10 for winners, 5 for place-winners). Benefits are usually tied to the EGE system or university rules, and foreign students must review how they apply to their situation.

Important note

The university is in Vladivostok (Russia's far east); start with the online qualifying stage, and if you qualify, review the final's format and available platforms before any travel planning.

Key advice

The qualifying stage is online, so start with it easily; but if you are interested in the strongest benefit, focus on the Russian-language or social-studies profile (the listed ones), and review the conditions for foreigners on the official website.

Official sources & links

dvfu.ru/.../school-olympiad-ocean-of-knowledge — official website

[.../documents](https://dvfu.ru/.../documents) — documents

Open official link · dvfu.ru

Official source · verify before applying

Start early... and work on your profile the right way

Olympiads are not the only path to studying in Russia, but they can be an important door to nomination, strengthening your profile, or gaining admission advantages under the official rules. Start early, review the official sources, and do not rely on a single opportunity.

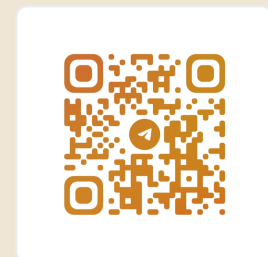
Practical steps that help any applicant

Choosing opportunities and olympiads suited to your stage	Realistically assessing your academic profile
Building a suitable application plan	Reviewing your core documents
Improving your CV	Reviewing or developing a motivation letter when needed
Organising your achievements or portfolio	Shortlisting the most suitable universities and opportunities
Following up on the application steps	

Follow the detailed explanations when applications open

This guide is a starting map that helps you learn the opportunities and choose the one best suited to your field. But when each olympiad opens, a separate, detailed explanation will be posted on the Telegram channel, including the application steps, dates, conditions, documents, exam format, and the key warnings before registering.

Official dates	• Application conditions	•
Registration steps	• Required documents	•
Exam format	• Key warnings	•
Whether the opportunity suits foreigners	• How to use it for admission or nomination under the official rules	•



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