

OPEN DOORS

Open Doors Practical Guide 2026–2027

From your very first registration screen to a finished **Portfolio** and a plan for stage two.

A step-by-step walkthrough of the interface as it stands today — with real screenshots from inside a participant's account this cycle.



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Version and review date

This guide walks you through a live interface that changes during the season. So it matters that you know when its information was last checked — and where to look if something has moved since.

English edition

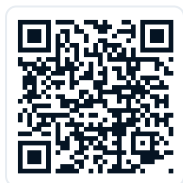
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Competition cycle

2026–2027**IMPORTANT**

This is version **1.0** of the English edition, translated from the Arabic guide's **version 1.2**. Every screenshot and every rule in it was checked against the Open Doors site itself and against a real account inside the competition, as of the date above. The site and its interface can change during the season — **the final reference is always the official Open Doors website**. This guide helps you read it; it does not replace it.

Where to find updates



The live Open Doors page on our site

Any change to dates, requirements or the interface goes up there during the season — it's the living version of this guide.

abdelrahmanyahya.com/opportunities/open-doors/

And if you'd rather have updates come to you: the Telegram channel is t.me/abdelrahman_yahya_11 — details on the last page.

Who this guide is for, and what it will do for you

Open Doors is an international olympiad that opens a route to a funded place at a Russian university. It runs four separate tracks — and this guide is written for a student applying for the first time.

The four tracks

- **Bachelor's** — you want to start a bachelor's degree in Russia.
- **Master's** — you have a bachelor's (or you're finishing one) and you want a master's.
- **Doctoral** — you have a master's and you want a doctorate.
- **Postdoctoral** — you already hold a doctorate and you want a research position. This track really is different from the other three, and it has its own page [p. 53](#).

Source: Open Doors Rules — clause 1

How the guide is organised

The main path follows a new student from the moment they open the registration page: your name and passport, registration step by step, building the whole **Portfolio**, the entry test, then getting ready for stage two.

IF YOUR SITUATION IS DIFFERENT

Took part in an earlier cycle and still have that account? Read [p. 54](#) before you do anything else.
Applying for **Postdoctoral**? Start at [p. 53](#).

And what will you have at the end?

An account registered under a name that matches your passport, a **Portfolio** ready for assessment well before the deadlines, and a clear plan for stage two — without needing a video to explain a single basic step.

How to read this guide

Not every line here carries the same weight. So that you always know who is talking — the official rule, our own experience, or something still unconfirmed — each piece of information sits in a card with a fixed shape:

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Something from the official Rules, from the interface itself, or from an official document. English source text is quoted exactly as it appears, with the explanation underneath — and where a rule has a clause number, you'll find it printed below the card.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

What we actually learned from working through this competition and its interface — advice or an observation, offered as ours, and never blended into the official wording.

⚠ WATCH OUT

A common mistake, a step with no way back, or a deadline that catches people out every year. Red in this guide means one thing: pay attention here.

UNVERIFIED

A point we could not settle against a definitive official source — we state it with its limits, exactly, and tell you where to confirm it.

Two markers you'll see a lot

- «⚠ BEFORE YOU SAVE» — a red card that appears ahead of the screens that lock once saved (your name, date of birth, citizenship, passport). If you see it, check twice before you click.
- **p. 00** — a cross-reference to another page. The full detail lives there, and we don't repeat it.

The dates that matter

Before anything else, fix these in your head. They are all Moscow time — not your local time.

20 Aug → 1 Nov 2026

Registration and building your **Portfolio** — the only window in which you can register and edit.

18 Oct 2026

Last day to revoke a **Portfolio** you have **already submitted**, if you want to edit it — the detail is on **p. 56**.

1 Nov 2026

Registration and editing close — and a completed file is sent for assessment automatically the same day.

13 Nov 2026

Stage-one results.

16 Nov 2026

Last day to register for stage two — only days after the results, so don't wait for them before you start preparing.

6 Dec 2026

Deadline for the **Postdoctoral** video — that track only **p. 53**.

21 Dec 2026

Stage-two results — and the winners announced for the **Bachelor's** and **Master's** tracks.

22 Dec 2026 → 26 Feb 2027

Stage three — for the **Doctoral** and **Postdoctoral** tracks.

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Taking part in Open Doors is **completely free** — there is no participation fee at any stage.

Source: Open Doors Rules — clause 17

⚠ WATCH OUT

Every date is Moscow time (**GMT+3**). "The last day" in your own timezone may already be over in Moscow — don't leave it to the final hour.

The application journey

Here is the whole route on one page. Each stop has a full part of the guide behind it — and the numbers here follow the same order as the parts.

1 Register — with the right name

Email, your details from your passport and the **MRZ**, choosing your subject areas — and after **Register** your identity details lock. **pp. 10–27**

2 Your account — the Portfolio table

The first screen after registration is the table of your file: documents, motivation letter, achievements, test. **pp. 28–50**

3 The Entry test

90 tasks in 60 minutes, and you get 3 attempts — the best one is the one recorded. **pp. 51–52**

4 1 November — a completed file is submitted automatically

If you haven't submitted your file yourself before then, a completed **Portfolio** is sent for assessment automatically on 1 November, and registration and editing close the same day. **p. 56**

5 Results → stage two

Stage-one results land on 13 November and stage-two registration closes on 16 November — so preparation starts now, not after the result. **pp. 58–63**

Links and dates stay updated all season on the Open Doors page on our site: abdelrahmanyahya.com/opportunities/open-doors/

The four tracks and their conditions

Find your track in this table before you register — your age is counted as at the day registration opens, 20 August 2026.

Condition	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral	Postdoctoral
Age	16–23	20–33	22–35	24–39
Qualification required	School leaving certificate (or finishing it)	A bachelor's degree (or in your graduating year)	A master's or Specialist degree (or in your graduating year)	A doctorate already held at the time the Portfolio is submitted (PhD / Candidate / Doctor of Sciences)
Number of stages	2	2	3	3
What you win	A funded study place within the Russian government Quota			A research position — not a study place

Source: Open Doors Rules — clause 3 (eligibility) and clause 16 (stages)

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

If you fall between two tracks — say you're in your final bachelor's year — the registration form itself will show you the track your details qualify you for under clause 3 **p. 23**. Don't reach for the "higher" track on the strength of a qualification you haven't finished without checking its condition first.

⚠ POSTDOCTORAL IS DIFFERENT

The **Postdoctoral** track differs in what it asks of you and in the shape of stage two itself. If that's your track, its own page **p. 53** matters more to you than the guide's main path.

Language, and how this guide quotes the platform

Open Doors runs in two languages, and you choose one of them when you register. Everything you see in the screenshots throughout this guide is the platform exactly as it is — nothing has been re-drawn, re-labelled or translated.

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The two official languages of the competition are **Russian and English**. Those are the languages of the site, the Rules, the tasks and your file — and you pick between them during registration [p. 17](#).

Source: Open Doors Rules — clauses 2 and 4

Two rules this guide follows

- **Open Doors labels are reproduced exactly as they appear on the platform** — same wording, same capitalisation, same brackets. So when the guide names a field or a button, you can look for that exact string on your screen.
- **Official terminology stays unchanged throughout the guide.** A term is never swapped for a smoother synonym, even where a smoother one exists.

On the platform

Family name · Not filled in · Get tested

In this guide

"Put your family name in the **Family name** box" — the label is fixed, the sentence around it does the work.

A few of these read a little oddly on their own — **Get tested**, **Name (names)**. They are kept as the platform writes them, because that is what you will be searching the screen for. Where a label is genuinely easy to misread, the page that covers it explains why [p. 13](#).

What to have ready before you start

Get these together before you even open the registration form — so you can fill it in once, properly, without leaving it half-done to go hunting for something.

- ☐ **Your passport** — with a clear data page and a readable **MRZ** (the two lines at the bottom). That is your working reference for how your name splits **p. 11**.
- ☐ **An email address you actually control** — it becomes your login for the whole competition, and official correspondence comes to it. Not a school or work address that may be closed.
- ☐ **A working mobile number.**
- ☐ **Your education documents** — your certificate, or a recent transcript if you haven't graduated yet **p. 33**.
- ☐ **A quiet hour.** Registration itself isn't long, but some fields become read-only once it's done, and if you find a mistake afterwards you'll need to contact support. This is not something to do on the move.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

Don't rush to register on day one before your details are ready — and don't leave it to the final week either. The identity fields lock the moment the account is created **p. 10**, so what matters more than "when" is that you go in prepared.

Why your name is the riskiest field

Four fields — **Date of birth**, **Name (names)**, **Family name** and **Citizenship** — are written once and then lock. The registration form says so itself:

All the information you provide must be accurate, otherwise, the Open Doors results may not be recognized

The 'Citizenship', 'Family name', 'Name(s)' and 'Date of Birth' fields must exactly match the details in the foreign passport you plan to use for identification within the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as the 'passport').

The notice printed inside the registration form itself.

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"The 'Citizenship', 'Family name', 'Name(s)' and 'Date of Birth' fields must exactly match the details in the foreign passport you plan to use for identification within the Russian Federation"

In other words: those four fields have to match your passport **exactly** — and the Rules go further, requiring that the name match the **MRZ** precisely.

Source: the registration form + Open Doors Rules — clause 27

And after registration?

The same four fields appear on your account's passport page — **read-only**, with no edit button anywhere:

Citizenship

Family name

Name (names)

Date of birth

The passport page after registration — the four fields, with no way to edit them. (Personal values are masked.)

⚠ BEFORE YOU SAVE

There is no going back on your own once the account exists — corrections go through support, and only through support [p. 32](#). That is why this whole part comes before the registration pages: get the name right first, then open the form.

The MRZ: what it is and where to find it

The **MRZ** — the **Machine Readable Zone** — is the two lines of spaced-out characters and < signs at the bottom of your passport's data page. The platform asks for it by name when you upload your passport:

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"Upload a scanned copy of the passport page(s) containing your personal data and the machine-readable zone"

So the scan you upload has to show the **MRZ** itself — not just the data page. The full upload instruction is on **p. 31**.

Source: the passport page in the account — upload instruction

● SAMPLE - TRAINING ONLY - NOT A REAL DOCUMENT - FICTIONAL PERSON

TEACHING EXAMPLE - MODEL 1

Document data page — full name shown as one line

Illustration only. No issuing state, nationality, emblem, seal or security feature is shown or implied.

NAME as printed on the document	ATHAR ABDELRAHMAN MASRY ARABY
DOCUMENT NO.	X0000000 · not a valid number
DATE OF BIRTH	15 MAR 2004
DATE OF EXPIRY	01 JAN 2030

MACHINE READABLE ZONE — NAME LINE (44 CHARACTERS)

P<XXXARABY<<ATHAR<ABDELRAHMAN<MASRY<<<<<<<<<

What this model shows: the data page prints the whole name on a single line, so the page itself does not tell you where the family name ends. The MRZ does: everything before << is the **primary identifier** (ARABY); everything after it is the **secondary identifiers** (ATHAR , ABDELRAHMAN , MASRY), separated by single <. XXX is a neutral placeholder standing in for the 3-character issuing-state position — no real state is referenced.

The MRZ does not label a father's name. It marks a primary identifier and secondary identifiers, nothing more. Whether ABDELRAHMAN or MASRY corresponds to a father's name is **not** encoded and must not be inferred from < or from the number of << sequences.

A teaching example — not a real passport. The area boxed in gold ① is where the **MRZ** sits: right at the bottom of the data page.

- 1** The name line of the **MRZ** — this is what you will read your name's split from on the next page. Open your own passport now and find this line before you go on.

⚠ WATCH OUT

Open Doors publishes no **MRZ** example anywhere on its site. The illustration above and the next two pages are our own teaching explanation of the international **ICAO** passport format — we say so plainly so you always know where each piece of information comes from.

The MRZ: how to read your name

The name line of the MRZ at the bottom of your passport's data page is the clearest place to see how your name is split as the document itself encodes it. The < and << signs have fixed meanings — and that is what settles where the family name ends and the personal name begins.

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A teaching example — not a real passport. Read the MRZ from your own document, and do not try to match your name to the example letter by letter.

The name line, enlarged

P<XXX ARABY << ATHAR < ABDELRAHMAN < MASRY <<<<<<<<

- 1  **ARABY** — the part **before** << = the **Primary identifier** — which in our example is the family name.
- 2  << — two signs together = the **separator** between the **Primary** and the **Secondary**.
- 3  **ATHAR · ABDELRAHMAN · MASRY** — everything **after** << = the **Secondary identifiers** — which in our example is the whole personal name.
- 4  Inside the name, a single < is used **as a separator between the parts of the name, in place of a space** — not a divider between two kinds of name.
- 5  The signs at the end are **padding**, filling the line out to 44 characters — they mean nothing.

This is our own teaching explanation of the MRZ structure under the **ICAO** standard — not an image from the Open Doors site.

⚠ WATCH OUT

The MRZ does not label a separate **Father name** part. It separates **Primary identifier(s)** from **Secondary identifier(s)**, and a single < on its own does not mean a father's name.

From the MRZ to the Open Doors fields

Open Doors gives you only two boxes for your name. The rule: whatever comes before << goes in **Family name**, and everything after it goes, exactly as it is, in **Name (names)**.

P<XXXARABY<<ATHAR<ABDELRAHMAN<MASRY<<<<<<<<<

ARABY → **Family name** you write: **Araby**

ATHAR<ABDELRAHMAN<MASRY → **Name (names)** you write: Athar Abdelrahman Masry

Family name **1** ☐ Family name is not indicated

Name (names) **2** ☐ Name is not indicated

- 1 **Family name = Araby** — and the instruction beside the box reads: **In Latin letters, in accordance with the passport details.**
- 2 **Name (names) = Athar Abdelrahman Masry** — the whole personal name **in one box**, because Open Doors has only two name boxes.

⚠ BEFORE YOU SAVE

After **Register** these boxes become **Read-only** — you cannot edit them yourself from the account, and if you spot a mistake you will need to contact support. So check them letter by letter against your document before you click. And this mapping is specific to the Open Doors interface; other forms split names differently.

Name mistakes you have to avoid

We have seen every one of these happen — and they all end the same way: a name that does not match the passport, in a field that cannot be edited.

× Spelling your name differently from the passport — "the way I am used to writing it" instead of the letters in the document.	✓ Copy the letters from the name line of the MRZ exactly as they are, letter by letter.
× Changing the order or the split — moving part of the personal name into the family-name box, or the other way round.	✓ Before << goes in Family name; everything after it goes in Name (names) p. 13
× Adding a part that is not in the document — a title, a family nickname, an extra grandfather's name.	✓ The document is the ceiling: nothing added, nothing removed.
× Dropping a part that is genuinely there — shortening a four-part name to two "to keep it simple".	✓ Every component of the name in the MRZ gets written — with spaces in place of <.
× Working from how your name looks in your own language and translating it yourself.	✓ That has nothing to do with these boxes — the only source is the Latin form printed in your passport.

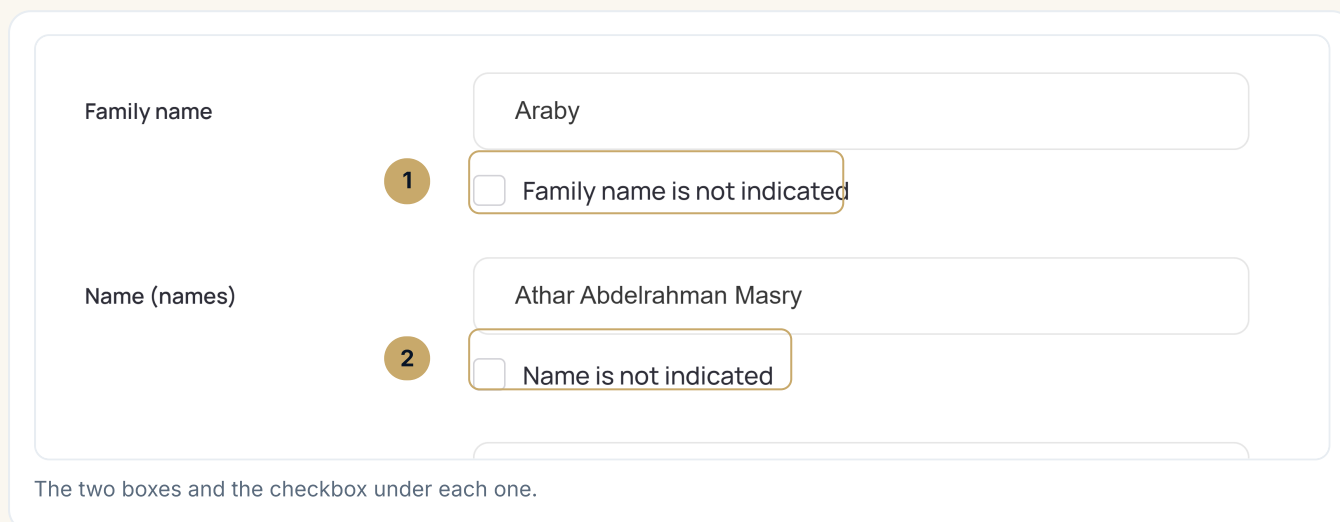
⚠ IF THE MISTAKE HAS ALREADY HAPPENED

Do not open a second account. The Rules forbid holding more than one account in the same competition cycle, and breaking that can get you excluded. The official correction route is on [p. 32](#).

Source: Open Doors Rules — clause 22

If Family name or Name genuinely is not in your document

Under each name box in the registration form there is an exceptional **Checkbox** — it exists for one specific situation, and it is probably not yours:



The two boxes and the checkbox under each one.

- 1 ☐ **Family name is not indicated** — "the family name is not stated in the document".
- 2 ☐ **Name is not indicated** — "the name is not stated in the document".

WHEN DO YOU USE THEM?

Only when that part is **genuinely absent** from your document itself. **Do not tick them if both parts are present** in your document or in its **MRZ**. And a name printed as one continuous line is **not a reason** on its own — that case is solved by reading the **MRZ** [pp. 12–13](#).

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE — THE RUSSIAN QUOTA FORM

A note in passing: on a different quota form (not Open Doors) that has a **Father name** field, it was left empty where the document gave no clear basis for one — and that decision was not based on counting < signs.

⚠ AN EXCEPTION, NOT A RULE

These checkboxes are built for exceptions — they are not designed for any particular naming tradition, and they are not a shortcut. If your name is complete in your document, leave them alone and fill in both boxes normally.

Step one: your email and the consent

The registration page starts simple: an email, one consent, and a **Continue** button. But that email is not a detail — it becomes your login for the whole competition.

The first registration screen. (The email is masked in the image.)

- 1 **Email** — and the official instruction beside it: **"A registration confirmation request will be sent to the email address you provide. This email address will be used as the login for your personal account"** — so this address becomes your **Login**.
- 2 The consent to processing your email address — **Continue** stays disabled until you have typed the email and ticked this.
- 3 **Continue** — and once you press it **the same page expands** with the remaining fields: the address does not change, and there is no email-confirmation screen at this point.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

Use an address you will still control **two years from now** — not a school address that closes after you graduate, and not a temporary one. If you win, every piece of official correspondence arrives there.

Language of participation

Here you choose the language of **the competition itself** — Russian or English. That is a completely different thing from the language you will study in at university later.

Language of participation in the Open Doors

English ▼

The field in the registration form — the options are Russian / English, and nothing else.

You will complete the Open Doors tasks in the language you select for participation. Winners and runners-up will choose their preferred language of instruction at a Russian university separately after the Open Doors results have been announced

The official text beside the field — exactly as it appears in the interface, at full size.

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"You will complete the Open Doors tasks in the language you select for participation. Winners and runners-up will choose their preferred language of instruction at a Russian university separately after the Open Doors results have been announced"

So: the language you pick here is the language of the competition's tasks. The **language of instruction** is chosen by the winner **separately, and after the results are announced**.

OFFICIAL — LANGUAGE INSIDE YOUR FILE

- **The text fields in your file:** written in one of the competition's two official languages — not necessarily the same one you compete in.
- **The documents you upload:** must be issued in Russian or English — and if the original is in any other language, you attach a translation **into the language you selected for participation**.

Source: Open Doors Rules — clause 26 (text fields) and clause 25 (documents)

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

If you intend to study in Russian later but are not strong in it right now, you can pick **English** for the competition if that suits you better — that follows from the official separation between the two, and is **not a recommendation from Open Doors** either way.

Citizenship

A dropdown with 251 options — you search it and pick your citizenship exactly as it appears in your passport. This is one of the four fields that lock after registration.

Citizenship

Egypt ▼

The **Citizenship** field in the form — with the instruction beside it: **In accordance with the passport details.**

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"According to the Rules of Participation in the Open Doors, participation is available only to citizens of foreign countries"

The competition is open **only to citizens of foreign countries** — that is, non-Russians. Your citizenship is set by the passport you are applying with, not by where you live.

Source: the registration form + Open Doors Rules

IF YOU HOLD MORE THAN ONE CITIZENSHIP

Pick the citizenship of the passport you will carry through the whole competition — the same passport whose scan you upload and which will identify you if you win. You cannot start with one passport and finish with another.

⚠ BEFORE YOU SAVE

This field locks after **Register**, exactly like the name fields — check it before you go on, and after it locks, correcting it goes through support only [p. 32](#).

Family name and Name (names)

We have arrived at the two riskiest boxes — and all of their rules were explained in part two. Here we just apply them.

Family name	Araby
	☐ Family name is not indicated
Name (names)	Athar Abdelrahman Masry
	☐ Name is not indicated

The two boxes filled in with the teaching example — before saving.

WHAT THE INTERFACE ITSELF SAYS

Inside each box (the grey placeholder text):

Latin letters (according to the passport)

And beside each box:

In Latin letters, in accordance with the passport details

Meaning: Latin letters, taken from the passport, and from no other source.

Applying it in three steps

- ☐ Open the name line of your passport's **MRZ** [p. 11](#) and find where << is.
- ☐ What comes before it → **Family name** · everything after it → **Name (names)**, with spaces in place of < [p. 13](#).
- ☐ Compare letter by letter — not "it looks right", but genuinely letter by letter.

⚠ THE MOST COMMON MISTAKE

Writing the name in the order you would say it out loud in your own language — personal name, then father's name, then family name — without looking at how the passport itself splits it. The only correct order is the one in your document, even if it looks "odd" to you. The full list of mistakes is on [p. 14](#).

Date of birth

A small field you fill in a second — but its format is American, and that is a real trap for anyone used to day/month/year.

Date of birth



The **Date of birth** field — with the instruction beside it: **In accordance with the passport details**. (The value is masked in the image.)

mm/dd/yyyy

The format the field expects: **month first**, then day, then year. So 03/05/2004 means **5 March 2004** — not 3 May 2004.

⚠ WHY THIS MISTAKE IS EXPENSIVE

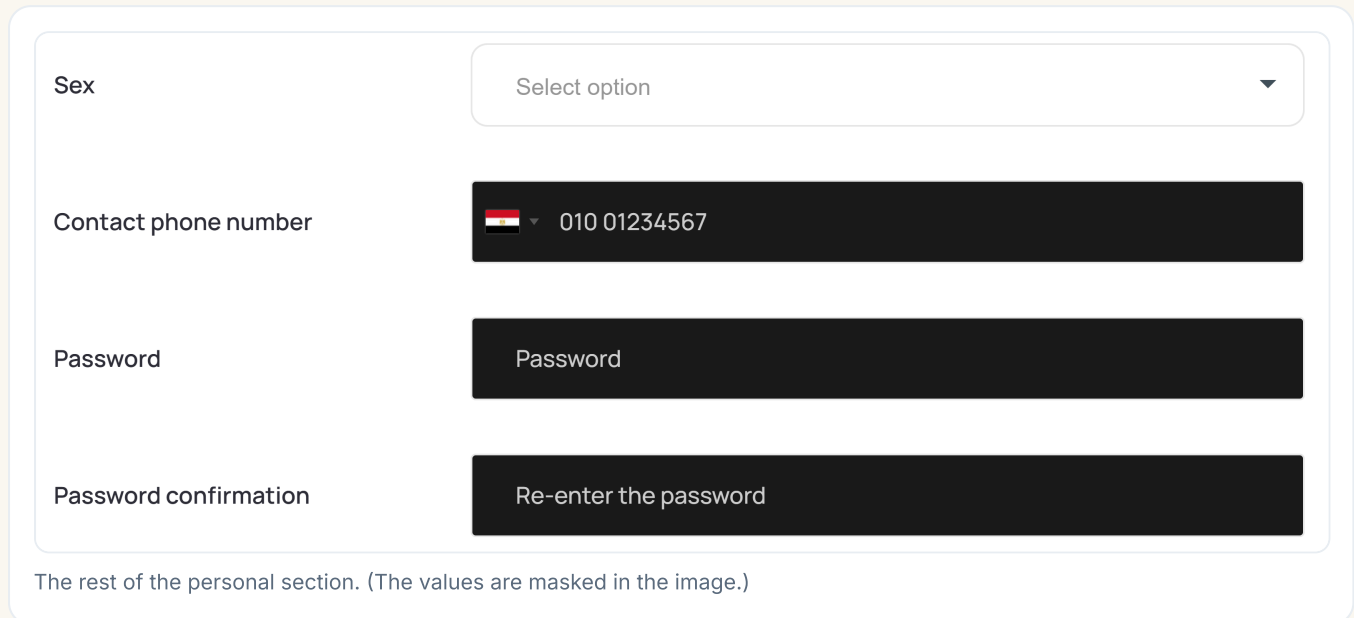
Your date of birth is what decides which tracks the form offers you [p. 23](#) — a wrong date can show you a track that isn't yours, or hide the one that is. And after registration the field locks like the rest of your identity details.

⚠ BEFORE YOU SAVE

Check the date against your passport — not from memory. And check that the month and day are not swapped: if your day of birth is lower than 13, the mistake will not look obviously wrong in front of you.

Sex · Contact phone · Password

Three straightforward fields that finish the personal section — no surprises, but two notes worth a line each.



The screenshot shows a registration form with four fields. The first field is 'Sex' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select option'. The second field is 'Contact phone number' with a dropdown menu showing the Egyptian flag and the number '010 01234567'. The third field is 'Password' with a masked input field showing 'Password'. The fourth field is 'Password confirmation' with a masked input field showing 'Re-enter the password'. Below the form, there is a note: 'The rest of the personal section. (The values are masked in the image.)'

- 1 **Sex** — a choice from a list: **Male / Female**.
- 2 **Contact phone number** — the country code is set automatically from the citizenship you chose above (for Egypt: EG +20) — check it if your number is from another country.
- 3 **Password + Password confirmation** — this and your email are the keys to your account.

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Keep the password somewhere safe (a password manager, or paper somewhere you'll actually find it) — you will be coming back to this account for months, and losing access to the email and the password together is a genuine problem right before a deadline.

When you enter your date of birth, the form grows

This is the same page twice: before you complete **Date of birth**, and after. Completing the date opens a whole new section underneath — that is intended, not something you did wrong.

BEFORE — Date of birth is empty

Registration

Email: [Redacted]

Language of participation in the Open Doors: English

Citizenship: Egypt

All the information you provide must be accurate, otherwise, the Open Doors results may not be recognized. The 'Citizenship', 'Family name', 'Name(s)' and 'Date of birth' fields must exactly match the details in the foreign passport you plan to use for identification within the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as the 'passport').

Family name: Latin letters (according to the passport) | In Latin letters, in accordance with the passport details

Name (name): Latin letters (according to the passport) | In Latin letters, in accordance with the passport details

Date of birth: 1 [Redacted] | In accordance with the passport details

Sex: Select option

Contact phone number: +7 (0)1034567

Password: [Redacted]

Password confirmation: Re-enter the password

Global Universities Association

Moscow, 11 Pokrovsky Bulvar, Building 10

Contact us: Family name, name: [Redacted] | Email: [Redacted]

Question text: [Redacted]

I agree my consent to the processing of family name, name and email address in accordance with Privacy Policy

Fill in all fields of the feedback form

Before — the form ends at the password.

AFTER — Date of birth filled in

Registration

Email: [Redacted]

Language of participation in the Open Doors: English

Citizenship: Egypt

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Family name: [Redacted] | In Latin letters, in accordance with the passport details

Name (name): [Redacted] | In Latin letters, in accordance with the passport details

Date of birth: [Redacted] | In accordance with the passport details

Sex: Female

Contact phone number: +7 [Redacted]

Password: [Redacted]

Password confirmation: [Redacted]

2 Select tracks and Subject areas of participation

Bachelor's track: Add Subject area

Applicants are eligible to participate in the Bachelor's track of the Open Doors provided, as of the registration opening date, they are between 18 and 23 years of age, do not hold a Bachelor's, Specialist, or Master's degree, and hold, or are due to obtain during the academic year in which the Open Doors is held, an educational qualification that makes them eligible for admission to a higher education institution under the national registration of the country in which they study.

Track selection is limited by [Clause 3 of Rules of Participation in the Open Doors](#)

I confirm the accuracy and correctness of the information I have provided and the authenticity of the submitted documents. I confirm that my level of education meets the requirements of [Clause 3 of Rules of Participation in the Open Doors](#)

I accept the terms of [Rules of Participation in the Open Doors](#) Russian Scholarship Project of the Global Universities Association, 2026

I have read and agree to the [Privacy Policy](#) and the [Cookie Policy](#)

I agree to the processing of personal data in accordance with the form for adult participants and form for the parent (legal representative) to process the personal data of a minor of the [Open Doors Olympiad](#)

I give my consent to receive newsletters

Register

Select tracks and Subject areas of participation

Global Universities Association

Moscow, 11 Pokrovsky Bulvar, Building 10

Contact us: Family name, name: [Redacted] | Email: [Redacted]

Question text: [Redacted]

I agree my consent to the processing of family name, name and email address in accordance with Privacy Policy

Fill in all fields of the feedback form

After — a whole new section has appeared below.

- 1 The **Date of birth** field — the moment it is completed correctly...
- 2 ...up comes **Select tracks and Subject areas of participation** + the consents + the **Register** button — and the next two pages explain them.

The two images are at the same scale on purpose — the difference in height is real: the form genuinely gets longer after the date.

The Track: your date of birth decides what you see

The new section shows the track your details qualify you for — not a list of all of them. In the account we documented, one track appeared: **Bachelor's track**.

Bachelor's track

Add Subject area

The track on offer + the **Add Subject area** field beside it.

Track selection is limited by [Clause 3 of Rules of Participation in the Open Doors](#)

The key sentence beside the track, enlarged: Track selection is limited by Clause 3 of Rules of Participation in the Open Doors.

OFFICIAL — THE ELIGIBILITY CONDITION PRINTED IN THE FORM

"Applicants are eligible to participate in the Bachelor's track of the Open Doors provided, as of the registration opening date, they are between 16 and 23 years of age; do not hold a Bachelor's, Specialist, or Master's degree; and hold, or are due to obtain during the academic year in which the Open Doors is held, an educational qualification that makes them eligible for admission to a higher education institution under the national legislation of the country in which they study."

The form prints clause 3's condition for the track it is offering, right beside it — read it, because the first consent below confirms that you meet it [p. 26](#).

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE INTERFACE

If your details (age and qualification) satisfy the conditions of more than one track at the same time, the form may show you more than one track you qualify for. And from our experience, if more than one appears and you meet every condition of each, you can take part in more than one track you qualify for in the same cycle. This is an observation from the interface and from our experience, not a published official text — go by what appears in your own account at registration.

Subject Areas are chosen during registration itself

Before you press **Register**, you have to add at least one subject area from the list of 14 — and whatever you choose carries over to your account automatically.

The list open — it has a search box inside it, and the remaining subject areas below by scrolling.

- 1 An added subject area takes a number (1. **Clinical Medicine and Public Health** in our example) with an **x** beside it to remove it before saving.
- 2 Typing in the box filters the list — quicker than scrolling through 14 options.

OFFICIAL

The number of subject areas is **not limited** according to the official **FAQ** — but each one needs **its own motivation letter** and its own entry test. And you can add more later from your account: the list then shows only **the ones remaining**, without those already added.

⚠ WATCH OUT

You cannot finish registration without at least one subject area — the **Register** button stays disabled. And choosing "lots of them just to try" has a real cost: every subject area is a complete file **p. 25**.

How to choose your subject areas

Every subject area you add needs its own motivation letter, its own entry test and its own study — while your education documents and achievements are shared across all of them [p. 45](#). So the right question is not "how many?" but "which ones feed each other?"

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Stage-two sessions for different subject areas **may fall on the same day** — the Rules do not guarantee that your subject areas will be scheduled apart.

Source: Open Doors Rules — clause 33

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

If you are taking more than one, take **subject areas that sit close together**: the same academic background serves them, part of your file works for more than one, and your studying doesn't scatter. Illustrative pairings, using the official subject-area names:

Clinical Medicine and Public Health + Biology and Biotechnology

Applied Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence + Computer and Data Science

Engineering and Technology + Urbanism and Civil Engineering

Economics and Econometrics + Business and Management

A PRACTICAL FRAMEWORK BEFORE YOU CHOOSE

- ☐ Open the official subject-area page and look at the **Program** and its topics.
- ☐ If it is available for your track, look at the **Sample Tasks** [p. 60](#).
- ☐ Compare the content with your actual academic background.
- ☐ Ask yourself: is this genuinely the field I intend to study or research?
- ☐ If you are picking more than one, look at how much they really overlap.

⚠ EXAMPLES, NOT A PRESCRIPTION

These show the idea of "closeness" — not "the best combinations". Your background decides, and one subject area prepared properly beats three left to chance.

The five consents — and the Register button

One last thing before the account is created: four mandatory consents and a fifth optional one. Read them — the first one confirms something that actually matters.

- ☐ I confirm the accuracy and correctness of the information I have provided and the authenticity of the submitted documents. I confirm that my level of education meets the requirements of [clause 3 of Rules of Participation in the Open Doors](#)
- ☐ I accept the terms of [Rules of Participation in the Open Doors Russian Scholarship Project of the Global Universities Association, 2026](#)
- ☐ I have read and agree to the [Privacy Policy and the Cookie Policy](#)
- ☐ I agree to the processing of personal data in accordance with the [form for adult participants](#) and [form for the parent \(legal representative\) to process the personal data of a minor of the Open Doors Olympiad](#)
- ☐ I give my consent to receive newsletters

The consent list as it appears in the form — the links inside it open the official texts.

- 1 Confirming that your details are accurate and your documents genuine — **and that your educational level satisfies clause 3**, which you read on **p. 23**.
- 2 Accepting the **Rules of Participation (2026)**.
- 3 The privacy and cookies policy.
- 4 Processing your personal data — with a separate form **for the legal guardian of an underage participant**: it makes sense, since the Bachelor's track starts at age 16.
- 5 The mailing list — **optional**, the only one that isn't required.

Register

Select tracks and Subject areas of participation

Register staying pale and disabled — with the reason beside it: no subject area chosen yet. It unlocks once the four mandatory consents and at least one subject area are in place.

One last review — then there's no going back

This is the last screen where you can still correct your own name. Have your passport open beside you, and go down this list line by line:

- ☐ **Citizenship** — matches the citizenship of the passport you'll continue with.
- ☐ **Family name** — matches, character for character, everything before << in the **MRZ**.
- ☐ **Name (names)** — everything after <<, spaced out, nothing added or dropped.
- ☐ **Date of birth** — in **mm/dd/yyyy** format: the month comes first.
- ☐ The email is genuinely yours and one you'll stay in control of — and the password is saved somewhere safe.
- ☐ The subject areas you added are the ones you actually intend to work on.

⚠ BEFORE YOU SAVE — THIS TIME FOR REAL

After **Register**: **Family name**, **Name (names)**, **Citizenship** and **Date of birth** become **read-only**. And there's no confirmation screen after the button — the account is created and you're taken into it **immediately**, so there's no "I'll check it at the next step".

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU CLICK IT

You're taken straight into your new account — and its first screen is the **Portfolio** table. That's the subject of the next part [p. 28](#).

The first screen: the Portfolio table

On the current interface, right after **Register** the **Portfolio** table appears directly, with no welcome screen. One row per subject area, and every cell in it is a button to your next piece of work.

Subject area, track	Education documents	Motivation letter	Entry test	score (not including testing)	Status
Clinical Medicine and Public Health Bachelor's	Not filled in Add	Not filled in Add	Not passed Get tested	Add achievement	Not ready to be sent for verification

1 2 3

The first **Portfolio** table right after registration.

- 1 One row for the subject area and track you chose **during registration itself** — they carried over to your account automatically.
- 2 **Not filled in → Add** — the education documents and motivation letter are still empty, and the button sits inside the cell itself.
- 3 **Not passed → Get tested** — the entry test hasn't been taken yet.

What the row is actually telling you

Education documents	Motivation letter	Entry test	Status
Not filled in p. 33	Not filled in p. 38	Not passed p. 51	Not ready to be sent for verification p. 56

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE — Maximum possible score

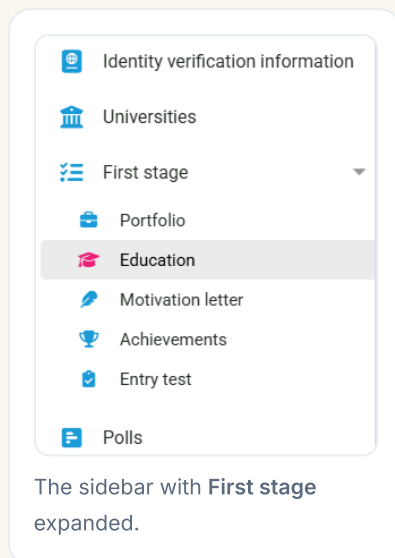
This cell shows the maximum possible score you could reach in the subject area — and it shows empty on a new account whose Portfolio is still incomplete. Using the interface directly, we noticed that adding the education documents and motivation letter raises the number, and that achievements — especially genuine variety across types — affect it too. But the highest values we saw varied with the state of the Portfolio and the track, so this guide does not print a general formula like "20+20+60".

⚠ THE DATE THAT MATTERS

The first line on this page says a **complete** Portfolio is sent for evaluation **automatically on 1 November** — and that revoking a Portfolio already submitted must happen by **18 October** at the latest. The full detail is on [p. 56](#).

The account map

The sidebar is your whole account. Most of your work will sit inside **First stage** — here's your quick guide to every item in it:



- 1 **General information** — your basic details.
- 2 **Identity verification information** — the passport: its details and the scan upload [p. 30–31](#).
- 3 **Universities** — ranking your preferences among up to six universities [p. 55](#).
- 4 **First stage** — the heart of the Portfolio, with five pages inside it: **Portfolio** (the table), **Education** [p. 33](#), **Motivation letter** [p. 38](#), **Achievements** [p. 45](#), and **Entry test** [p. 51](#).
- 5 **Polls** — optional surveys, unrelated to your evaluation.

NOTE

If you see extra items in other accounts, such as **Application Form** and **My Diplomas** — these only appear for accounts that already carry results from earlier cycles [p. 54](#). A new account starts with the list above.

The passport page: fields and rules

Under **Identity verification information** you'll find your four identity details already filled in from registration — read-only **p. 10** — and below them, two new fields and the scan upload.

Passport No

In accordance with the passport details. Only digits and uppercase Latin letters are permitted. Inappropriate characters will be removed, and lowercase letters will be replaced with uppercase ones

Passport expiry date

In accordance with the passport details (day-month-year)

The **Passport No** and **Passport expiry date** fields, with their full instructions.

OFFICIAL — Passport No

"In accordance with the passport details. Only digits and uppercase Latin letters are permitted. Inappropriate characters will be removed, and lowercase letters will be replaced with uppercase ones"

Digits and uppercase Latin letters only — the system strips anything else on its own, and lowercase letters are converted to uppercase automatically.

OFFICIAL — Passport expiry date

"In accordance with the passport details (day-month-year)"

The expiry-date instruction says **day-month-year** — the **opposite** of the date-of-birth field at registration, which reads month-first **p. 20**. Take the format from the instruction printed beside each field at the time — don't assume they match.

⚠ BEFORE YOU SAVE

Check the passport number character by character and digit by digit — this page is part of verifying your identity if you win.

Uploading the passport scan — and the MRZ is required

The last thing on the passport page: uploading a scan in **PDF** format, confirming your details are accurate, and **Save**. The instruction beside the upload is the one that matters:

Scanned copy of the passport (PDF)

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Upload a scanned copy of the passport page(s) containing your personal data and the machine-readable zone

Upload...

☐ I confirm the accuracy and correctness of the information I have provided and the authenticity of the submitted documents

The upload area — with the official instruction marked in red ①.

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"Upload a scanned copy of the passport page(s) containing your personal data and the machine-readable zone"

The scan must include **the data page and the MRZ together** — not a crop taken around the photo. If you don't remember where the **MRZ** is, go back to [p. 11](#).

A scan that gets accepted the first time

- ☐ The full data page, with both **MRZ** lines fully visible — no cropping, no finger in the way.
- ☐ Even lighting — no flash that brightens half the page and dims the rest of the text.
- ☐ A **PDF** file, as the field requires — if your image is a **JPG**, convert it [p. 37](#).
- ☐ Tick the confirmation that your details are accurate, then **Save**.

If your details were entered wrong

It's already happened? There's one official path — and before we describe it, we need to draw a careful line between what we saw in the interface and what the Rules actually say:

FROM THE CURRENT INTERFACE

The four identity fields become **Read-only** immediately after **Register** — and there is no "support" or "correct my details" section inside the account itself.

FROM THE RULES AND THE FAQ

- The **FAQ**: you can't edit your personal details yourself — use the contact form.
- Clause 18: the official support channels — the email opendoors@globaluni.ru and the support form, with an average reply time of about 24 hours.
- Clause 27 specifically governs corrections **after registration closes**: a written request plus supporting documents — and we don't quote it as if it covers every correction scenario.

THE PRACTICAL TAKEAWAY

Since the interface locks the fields the moment you register, don't try to fix the mistake by creating another account. Use the official support channels, explain the problem clearly, and attach whatever proves the correct details.

⚠ ABSOLUTELY NOT ALLOWED

Opening a second account as a "quick fix" — the Rules prohibit holding more than one account in the same competition cycle (clause 22). And we describe the official routes only: we don't promise a particular outcome or a fix within a particular time.

Education documents

From **First stage** → **Education**: you add your qualifications one at a time — up to 5 entries — and each entry has a form like this:

Information about the education received

The level of education Select option

Country Select option

Full name of the educational institution In Latin, as indicated on the website / in the documents of the educational institution

Year of graduation Select option

A copy of the education document (if not, a certificate of academic performance)

All documents must be submitted in Russian or English. Documents in other languages are not accepted. If the original of your education document is in another language, a translation is required. Format: PDF, JPEG or PNG

Upload...

< Save

The form for adding an education document.

- 1 **The level of education** — General secondary education · Secondary vocational education · Bachelor's degree · Specialist / Master's degree · Training of highly qualified personnel (the postgraduate track).
- 2 **Full name of the educational institution** — with the instruction: **In Latin, as indicated on the website / in the documents of the educational institution** — meaning your institution's name in English exactly as its own website or documents render it, not your own translation.
- 3 **A copy of the education document (if not, a certificate of academic performance)** — the certificate itself, or a transcript if you haven't graduated yet.

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Proof of your educational level and the motivation letter are core mandatory elements of the Portfolio — with more added depending on the track: identity details, the entry test, and achievements (mandatory specifically for the **Postdoctoral** track). And if your certificate hasn't been issued yet, the upload field itself accepts **"a certificate of academic performance"** in its place.

Document language and translation

Inside the upload form itself, four sentences settle the language question. Here they are exactly as written — confirmed from three independent official sources (the interface, the Rules, and the signed Rules document):

All documents must be submitted in Russian or English. Documents in other languages are not accepted. If the original of your education document is in another language, a translation is required. Format: PDF, JPEG or PNG

The instruction exactly as it appears above the upload button — the four sentences broken out in text below.

- 1 All documents must be submitted in Russian or English.
- 2 Documents in other languages are not accepted.
- 3 If the original of your education document is in another language, a translation is required. — your original, in your own language, is submitted together with a translation.
- 4 Format: PDF, JPEG or PNG — the three accepted formats.

⚠ WATCH OUT

This instruction says "a translation" — and says nothing about the translation being certified or notarized. That's a separate, unsettled question, and we walk through it honestly on the next page

p. 35 .

Certified translation and notarization — the honest current picture

"Do I need a certified translator? Do I need notarization?" — a question asked every year, and its current answer isn't clear-cut. Here's the picture as it stands:

WHAT THE FAQ SAYS

A certified translation is **not required at the first stage** — and notarization becomes required **after winning**.

WHY WE DON'T TREAT THIS AS SETTLED

The Rules, the signed Rules document, and the live interface — the strongest and most current sources — **say nothing** about any certification requirement: they neither require it nor exempt you from it. This point rests on the **FAQ** alone, which adds detail not shown with the same clarity in the stronger sources.

OUR PRACTICAL ADVICE

At the first stage: produce an accurate, complete translation — ideally professional or certified, to reduce problems with names and terminology, even where it isn't a stated requirement. If you're considering notarization before winning, **ask official support** [p. 32](#) and keep their answer before you pay any extra cost. After winning, the official notarization instructions arrive with the rest of the admission procedures.

⚠ ONE MORE THING

The word **certified** being absent from the Rules and the interface is **not proof** that certification isn't required — it just means the stronger sources are silent. That's why we name the source (the **FAQ**) and tell you to verify for yourself.

Preparing your files: naming and organizing

Before you start uploading, name your files clearly. Open Doors **has no naming rule** — this is a practice of our own that actually matters with any human reviewer, and matters for you too, two months from now.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE — BEST PRACTICE

English, short, clear, no strange characters:

- ☐ Passport.pdf
- ☐ Bachelor_Degree.pdf · Bachelor_Transcript.pdf
- ☐ Master_Degree.pdf · Master_Transcript.pdf
- ☐ Achievement_Research_01.pdf

And the opposite, which happens a lot: **scan0003-final-final2.pdf** — a file even you won't recognize a week from now.

Two organizing rules that genuinely save time

- ☐ One folder named **OpenDoors-2026** holding everything — not files scattered between your phone, your laptop and a chat app.
- ☐ Two versions side by side for every document: the original plus the translation, same name with a **_EN** added — **Bachelor_Degree_EN.pdf**.

File-preparation tools

These are the problems that actually derail an upload — and beside each one, the tool that solves it. These tools are from our own site: free, no sign-up, and they run in the browser — and per the current tools page, your files aren't uploaded to any server.

Your file is bigger than the upload limit allows

Compress PDF

You only need two pages out of a long file (the data page and the MRZ, for instance)

Extract pages

Pages uploaded in the wrong order, or one extra page

Reorder / Delete pages

The scan is upside down or sideways

Rotate pages

The certificate and the transcript need to be one single file

Merge PDFs

You photographed a document on your phone and the field needs **PDF**

Images to PDF



The PDF tools — on our site

Every tool above in one place, and they work from a phone too.

abdelrahmanyahya.com/tools/

Coming soon on the same site: a **document translation service by certified translators** — still in preparation, and we'll announce it on the Open Doors page and our Telegram channel.

⚠ FOR CLARITY

These tools are a service from our own project — not from Open Doors. Any other tool that does the same job works just as well.

The motivation letter: shape and rules

Before you write a single word, know the shape of the thing: the letter here is a **form inside the site** — not a PDF file you upload — and every subject area you chose gets its own separate letter.

You have to fill out a motivation letter for every selected Subject Area.

Detection of textual borrowings in the motivation letter will lead to a reduction in the evaluation score!

Clinical Medicine and Public Health
Bachelor's

Add

The **Motivation letter** page — one row per subject area with an **Add** button, and the plagiarism warning above them in red.

OFFICIAL — THE PLAGIARISM WARNING

"Detection of textual borrowings in the motivation letter will lead to a reduction in the evaluation score!"

Any detected textual borrowing — from the internet or from a ready-made letter — **lowers your evaluation score**. The letter has to be your own words.

What the form looks like inside

- ☐ It opens with a **Scientific interests** section — choosing your scientific interests precisely **p. 39**.
- ☐ After it, **four questions**, each with a free-text box — covered on **p. 40–44**.
- ☐ There's no maximum character count imposed by the interface — the discipline is on you.
- ☐ And at the end, **Save** — write your main draft outside the site and keep a copy of it, then paste the final version into the form.

Scientific interests: the first part of the letter

The part nobody talks about — and it comes before the four questions. You set your scientific interests here through a cascade of choices, not free writing:

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"Select 1–3 science domains. For each domain, specify the science and the field of science corresponding to the research interests."

One to three domains, and each one you define across three consecutive levels.

Select 1–3 science domains. For each domain, specify the science and the field of science corresponding to the

Science domain (e.g., Exact Sciences)

Science (e.g., Mathematics)

Select option

Select option

Add science domains

The first two levels of the cascade, plus the **Add science domains** button for adding another domain.

- 1 **Science domain** — the broad umbrella; the example printed in the interface is **Exact Sciences**.
- 2 **Science** — the science itself; the interface's example is **Mathematics**.
- 3 **Field of science** — the precise specialization; the interface's example is **Mathematical Logic**.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

Choose whatever genuinely represents your real research interest and what you'll be writing about in the questions — not "the most impressive-sounding option". The four questions that follow are meant to read as a natural extension of these choices, so if you choose one thing here and write about something else there, the story breaks from the first line.

Question one: Personal goals

Personal goals

The field exactly as it appears in the form.

What is it actually asking?

Where you're headed — and where this scholarship sits on that road. Not your life story: a clear picture of your goal, and this course of study as a deliberate step toward it.

What does a strong answer cover?

- A specific goal you can state in one sentence — near-term and further out.
- Why the subject area you chose is a core part of that goal.
- Exactly what this stage of study will add — a skill, a lab, a scientific school.
- If it's part of your plan: the impact of returning, on your work or your community.

Common mistakes

- Generic language: "I dream of developing myself and serving humanity" — a sentence that would fit anyone, meaning it says nothing about you.
- A goal unrelated to the subject area you chose at registration.
- Burning the answer to the Russia question here — Russia has its own question [p. 43](#).

How it relates to the other three

The goal is the thread running through the whole story: your achievements (Q2) prove you're genuinely working toward it, your choice of subject area (Q3) serves it, and Russia (Q4) is where you'll carry it out.

⚠ THERE ARE NO MODEL ANSWERS

This guide deliberately contains no ready-made answer: textual borrowing is detected and lowers your score [p. 38](#). What's above is a structure for thinking — the words are yours.

Question two: Professional achievements

Professional achievements

The field exactly as it appears in the form.

What is it actually asking?

What you've actually done that proves you're ready for this field — not a list of certificates, a story of ability: each achievement saying "I can actually do this."

What does a strong answer cover?

- Your two or three most important achievements **relative to the subject area** — not chronological order.
- Your specific role: what you did with your own hands inside the project, the research, or the work.
- A tangible outcome where one exists: a number, a placement, a publication, a product.
- Consistency with the **Achievements** section you upload **p. 45** — what you say here and the document there should match.

Common mistakes

- Listing everything that ever happened in your life — the reader is looking for the essential and gets lost.
- Achievements unrelated to the subject area, without explaining how they connect.
- An exaggeration not backed by any document — it weakens the credibility of everything else.

How it relates to the other three

This is the material evidence for Q1: the goal is words, the achievement is proof. And it also sets up Q3 — your achievements in the field are the strongest justification for choosing it.

⚠ THERE ARE NO MODEL ANSWERS

Same rule: a structure with no ready-made text — textual borrowing is detected and lowers your score.

Question three: The reason for choosing a subject

The reason for choosing a subject

The field exactly as it appears in the form.

What is it actually asking?

Why this subject area specifically — out of 14. The genuine answer is usually a small story: a moment or an experience that made this field "yours".

What does a strong answer cover?

- The real starting point: a course, a project, a problem you ran into that pulled you in.
- What holds your attention right now — the part you study without anyone asking you to.
- How it connects to your academic background — and how it builds on it.
- What you intend to work on inside it — consistent with the **Scientific interests** you chose **p. 39**.

Common mistakes

- "This is the field of the future and its job market is huge" — true, and worthless: it doesn't say why you.
- A choice based on someone else's advice or a "trend", with no personal connection to the field.
- An obvious mismatch with your background, with no line explaining the shift.

How it relates to the other three

This is the center of the story: the goal (Q1) runs through this subject area, the achievements (Q2) happened in it or around it, and Russia (Q4) will be evaluated specifically on its strength in this field.

⚠ THERE ARE NO MODEL ANSWERS

Your story is the answer — any borrowed story shows, and textual borrowing lowers your score.

Question four: The reason for choosing to study in Russia

The reason for choosing to study in Russia

The field exactly as it appears in the form.

What is it actually asking?

Why Russia specifically — for studying your field. A strong answer connects something that actually exists in Russian education to something you actually need.

What does a strong answer cover?

- Something specific in your field there: a known scientific school, labs, programs, names doing work relevant to you.
- Why this fits you specifically — tying it back to your goal (Q1) and your subject area (Q3).
- A sign of genuine readiness to study and live there — and language, if your participation or study will be in Russian.

Common mistakes

- Reasons that would fit any country: "strong education and reasonable cost" with no link to your field — swap the country's name and the sentence still reads fine.
- A touristy paragraph about snow and the metro, lifted from the internet — and textual borrowing is detected too.
- Ignoring seriousness entirely — not a word about genuine readiness for years of study there.

How it relates to the other three

This is what closes the story: a clear goal (Q1), backed by proven ability (Q2), in a specific field (Q3) — and Russia is the logical place to carry it out. The next page shows you this story as a single thread.

⚠ THERE ARE NO MODEL ANSWERS

The same rule, fourth and last time — the structure is ours, the words are yours.

The four answers = one story

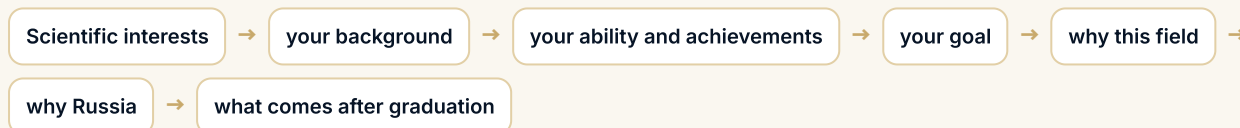
Whoever reads your letter reads all four boxes one after another on a single screen — exactly as you see them here. If each box lives on its own, it shows immediately:

The form consists of a light blue rounded rectangle containing four white input boxes stacked vertically. Each box has a label to its left:

- Personal goals
- Professional achievements
- The reason for choosing a subject
- The reason for choosing to study in Russia

The four questions exactly as they appear one after another in the form.

The single thread



FROM OUR EXPERIENCE — RULES OF THE THREAD

- ☐ **No repetition:** every piece of information gets one box. If you told your achievement in Q2, Q3 can point back to it, not retell it.
- ☐ **No contradiction:** the field in Q3 is the same one in your scientific interests, and the goal in Q1 is the same one Russia serves in Q4.
- ☐ **The connected-reading test:** once you've written all four, read them aloud back to back — if you feel a "jump" between two boxes, a connecting line is missing.

The Achievements section: the real rules

The Achievements section carries the single most widespread wrong piece of information in the whole competition — "just ten achievements". The official instruction says something else:

You must add and provide supporting documents for your achievements across all selected Subject areas. Begin with the most significant one. **A maximum of 10 achievements per type may be added.**

Achievements are a common requirement section for all selected Subject areas. Uploading them is optional when submitting a portfolio, except in the Postdoctoral track, where uploading achievements is mandatory.

Add

1

The section's instructions — with the key phrase marked in red ①.

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"A maximum of 10 achievements per type may be added." · "Achievements are a common requirement section for all selected Subject areas." · "Uploading them is optional when submitting a portfolio, except in the Postdoctoral track, where uploading achievements is mandatory."

Three facts: the limit is 10 **per type** — and there are 8 types (p. 46), so the real ceiling is far higher than 10. The section is **shared** across all your subject areas — you upload it once. And uploading is **optional** for every track except **Postdoctoral**: mandatory there.

⚠ CORRECT THE INFORMATION

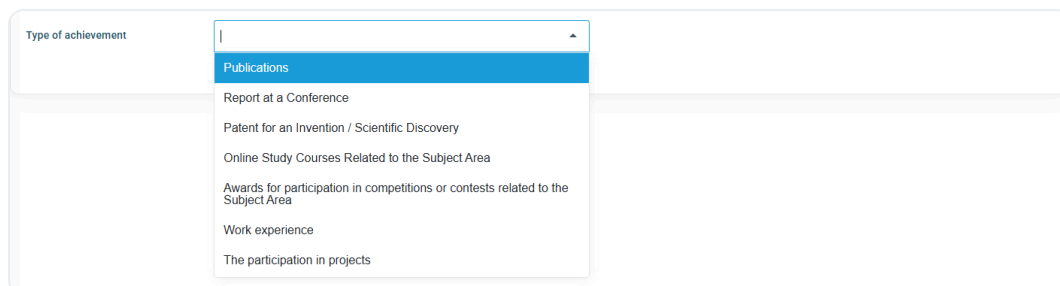
"10 achievements total" — a widespread mistake. The truth: 10 per each of the eight types. Don't drop a genuine achievement to fit an imagined number.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

Start with the most significant one, exactly as the instruction itself says (**Begin with the most significant one**) — and the quality of the attachment matters more than the count: one well-documented achievement beats five with no convincing proof.

The eight achievement types

When you press **Add**, the first field is **Type of achievement** — and this list is every type that exists. Know them before you classify anything:



The screenshot shows a form with a label 'Type of achievement' and a dropdown menu. The dropdown is open, displaying a list of achievement types. The first item, 'Publications', is highlighted in blue. Below it are 'Report at a Conference', 'Patent for an Invention / Scientific Discovery', 'Online Study Courses Related to the Subject Area', 'Awards for participation in competitions or contests related to the Subject Area', 'Work experience', and 'The participation in projects'. The list is truncated at the bottom, indicating an eighth option exists.

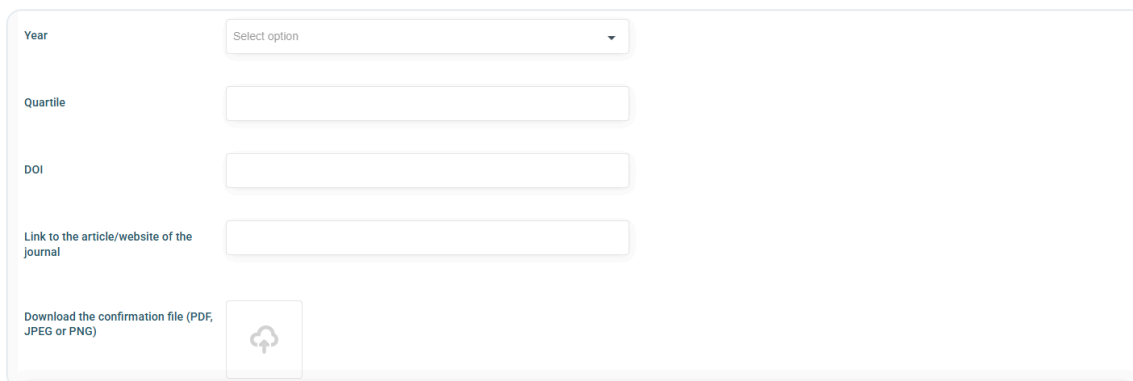
The list open — seven types visible, the eighth appears on scroll.

- 1 **Publications** — published research and articles.
- 2 **Report at a Conference** — a presentation or paper at a conference.
- 3 **Patent for an Invention / Scientific Discovery** — a patent or a scientific discovery.
- 4 **Online Study Courses Related to the Subject Area** — online courses in your field.
- 5 **Awards for participation in competitions or contests related to the Subject Area** — prizes from competitions and olympiads in your field.
- 6 **Work experience** — actual work experience or a placement.
- 7 **The participation in projects** — participation in a research or practical project with a defined role.
- 8 **Other awards and certificates, including foreign language certificates** — other awards and certificates, including language certificates.

Remember the rule? The limit is 10 **per type** among these — not 10 total **p. 45**.

Each type opens its own fields

The form changes shape depending on the type you choose — take **Publications**, the richest type in fields:



The screenshot shows a form for the 'Publications' type. It includes the following fields:

- Year:** A dropdown menu with the placeholder text 'Select option'.
- Quartile:** A text input field.
- DOI:** A text input field.
- Link to the article/website of the journal:** A text input field.
- Download the confirmation file (PDF, JPEG or PNG):** A button with a cloud upload icon.

Part of the **Publications** fields: the year, the quartile, the DOI, the journal link, and the proof upload.

Type	Examples of its fields
Publications	Heading · Authors · Journal · Year · Quartile · DOI · Link · Scopus ID · SPIN · ORCID · Researcher ID
Report at a Conference	the conference name and your participation details
Work experience	the organization, the duration, and your role
the rest of the types	fields fitted to each type — same logic

OFFICIAL — CONSTANT ACROSS EVERY TYPE

Every type ends with uploading a **proof file** in **PDF / JPEG / PNG** format. And the form is **flat**: there are no **Category**, **Level**, or **Country** fields, as some older explanations claim — the type, its fields, and the proof, that's it.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

Prepare each achievement's details before opening the form — especially for **Publications**: the DOI and the link get forgotten and end up being hunted for at the last minute.

What do you actually have? — correct-classification examples

The easiest way to classify: take what you have, one item at a time, and see where it lands.

Practical examples from real cases we see every year:

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

What you have	Where it belongs
Research published in a journal or a peer-reviewed conference	Publications
You presented at a conference — even without publishing	Report at a Conference
A Coursera or edX certificate in your field	Online Study Courses...
A placement in an olympiad or a scientific competition	Awards for participation...
A placement at a hospital / company / lab	Work experience
A research or volunteer project with a defined role for you	The participation in projects
An IELTS / TOEFL or any language certificate	Other awards and certificates...

THE GOLDEN RULE

For every achievement, ask two questions: **does it genuinely relate to my field?** and **do I have clear proof for it?** — both yes? Upload it under its correct type. Otherwise, the next page shows you why forcing it in hurts.

Correct classification — and classification that weakens your Portfolio

A reviewer sees hundreds of Portfolios — and wrong classification shows immediately, and reflects on the impression of the whole Portfolio:

× A school attendance certificate classified as Work experience — attendance is not work experience.	✓ Actual work with defined tasks is what belongs under Work experience .
× A "participation" certificate classified as an award — participation is not an Award .	✓ An award = an actual placement or recognition. A participation certificate belongs in Other awards and certificates... , if it deserves a place at all.
× An online course unrelated to your field crammed under Online Study Courses Related to the Subject Area — the name itself says Related .	✓ A course genuinely tied to your field — even just one — beats five that aren't related at all.

⚠ THE RULE

Wrong classification to make the Portfolio "look varied" is worse than fewer achievements — it suggests you don't understand what you have, and that's the last impression you want with a reviewer.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

Before you upload, show your classification to someone who understands your field — five minutes of review saves a mistake that stays in your Portfolio for good.

Variety and evaluation — what we know and what we don't

"How many points is this achievement worth?" — the most-asked question, and its honest answer: there's no published answer. What we can say honestly is this:

WHAT WE DID NOT FIND

We found no published official scoring table in the official sources and the interface we reviewed — no points per type, no formula, no weights. So this guide **prints no scoring numbers at all** — anyone who tells you "research is worth 3, a course is worth 1" is saying something with no official source.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE — AN OBSERVATION FROM THE INTERFACE

In the experience we observed, genuine variety across types had a clearer effect on the possible score than repeating achievements within the same type. This is **an observation from the interface, not an official scoring formula**.

What your Portfolio genuinely rests on

- ☐ **Quality** — a genuine achievement with clear proof.
- ☐ **Relevance** — its connection to your field is obvious without a long explanation.
- ☐ **Authenticity** — a sound, verifiable document.
- ☐ **Sensible variety** — reflecting a complete scientific personality, without padding.

⚠ AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES

Don't misclassify an achievement to "raise a number" — losing credibility costs more than any imagined point **p. 49**.

The Entry test: the official facts

From **First stage** → **Entry test**. Before you press **Get tested**, here are all the official numbers you need to know:

The entry test must be completed for each selected Subject area. It is designed to identify participants who possess the required level of knowledge for participation in the Second stage of the Open Doors and to familiarize them with the assignment interface before subsequent stages.

Each Subject area test may be attempted up to three times, with the best result recorded.

Clinical Medicine and Public Health

Bachelor's

Number of tasks: 90

Time to complete: 60 min

Get tested

1

The test page — the key number marked in red ①.

- 1 **Number of tasks: 90** — 90 is the number of **tasks**, not a score. Nobody "gets 90".
- 2 **Time to complete: 60 min** — meaning less than a minute per task on average: speed is part of the test.

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"The entry test must be completed for each selected Subject area." · "Each Subject area test may be attempted up to three times, with the best result recorded."

One test per subject area you chose. And 3 attempts per test — **the best one is recorded**, not the last one.

ON CONVERTING THE RESULT TO A SCORE

We found no published formula for converting the result into a **Rating** out of 5 in the sources and interfaces we reviewed — so this guide prints no conversion formula or table. Focus on what's in front of you: answer more correctly.

The three-attempt strategy

The most common mistake we see: burning all three attempts in two days "to get it over with". These attempts are a resource — and here's a way from our experience to use them:

1 The first attempt — after reasonable initial preparation

Experience the test itself: see what the questions look like and the pace of time, measure your real level, and pin down your weak points exactly. This is an exploratory attempt, not a final one.

+ Between attempts — this is where the real improvement happens

Go back to your field's official **Program** and **Demo** files (p. 60), your study sources, and your field's smart tutor (p. 63) — and work on the weak points the first attempt uncovered.

2 The second attempt — after you've actually fixed things

Not "let's just try again" — go in once you've genuinely addressed what came up in the first one. This is usually the one that records your real jump.

3 The third attempt — one last chance to improve

A calm attempt with no pressure: the best result is the one recorded, so there's nothing to lose — just don't let it be the first time you take the test seriously.

AND AN EXTRA BENEFIT

This test is a genuine chance to experience the competition's pace and prepare yourself mentally for the second stage — handling a time counter and official questions is a skill built through repetition.

⚠ THE LIMITS OF THIS ADVICE

This is a suggested plan, not a mandatory sequence — adapt it to your own level and time. And an attempt doesn't need a perfect score to be useful. One last thing: **we don't claim** that the Entry test matches the second stage's questions — no official source says that.

Postdoctoral: how it differs from everything else

If this is your track, this page matters more to you than any other — because this track differs in what's required, in the shape of its stages, and in the prize itself.

OFFICIAL — THE CORE DIFFERENCES

- **Eligibility:** age 24–39, and already holding a doctoral degree at the time the Portfolio is submitted (**PhD / Candidate / Doctor of Sciences**).
- **Three stages** (clause 16): the Portfolio — then a **video presentation of your research results**, not a Q&A session — then interviews with project leads.
- **Achievements are mandatory** — the only track where uploading them is required **p. 45**.
- **Special dates:** the video deadline is **6 December 2026** — and its second-stage results are not subject to appeal (clause 42).
- **The prize:** a research position (clause 10) — not a study seat.

Program

The Program defines the competencies a winner of the Open Doors Russian Scholarship Project must possess and assists participants in preparing for the Open Doors stages.

Open Doors winner's skill set ^

List of degree programs ^

Content ^

Preparation materials. Recommended reading ^

Preparation materials. Recommended online courses ^

Second-Round Sample Tasks

This sample test includes 46 tasks: 25 basic-level test tasks with one correct answer, 15 intermediate-level tasks with several correct answers or a model answer, 3 advanced-level tasks requiring a detailed answer, and 3 oral-response tasks. For tasks requiring a detailed answer and for oral-response tasks, assessment criteria and model answers are provided.

Program

download PDF

Second-Round Sample Tasks

download PDF

A subject-area page for the **Bachelor's** track: a **Program** file and a **Sample Tasks** file — two download boxes.

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Subject areas of the Open Doors



Applied Mathematics



Biology and Biotechnology



Business and Management



Chemistry and Materials



Computer and Data Science

The same subject area for the **Postdoctoral** track: **Program** only. In the current official file inventory, **Sample Tasks** files exist for the **B** and **MD** tracks, not for **Postdoctoral**.

⚠ A DOCUMENTED GAP — THE VIDEO'S REQUIREMENTS

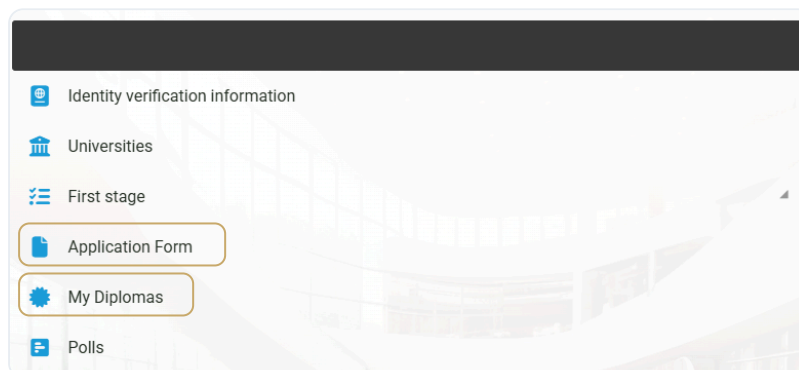
The detailed requirements for the video are not on the subject-area page (we reviewed all 14 pages), and we were not able to programmatically check the text of the official **Program** files — so a student on this track needs to check their own account and the **Program PDF** themselves.

Participated before? Read this page before any step

If you have an account from a previous cycle, note these differences before doing anything — an observation from experience, not an official rule:

IF YOU LOG IN WITH YOUR OLD ACCOUNT

- The account logs in **normally** with the same previous-cycle details, and keeps your identity details, education documents, and previous diplomas.
- Motivation letters, Entry test results, subject-area/track choices, and passport details — **are reset** for the new cycle.
- Two sections appear that don't exist in a new account: **Application Form** and **My Diplomas**.



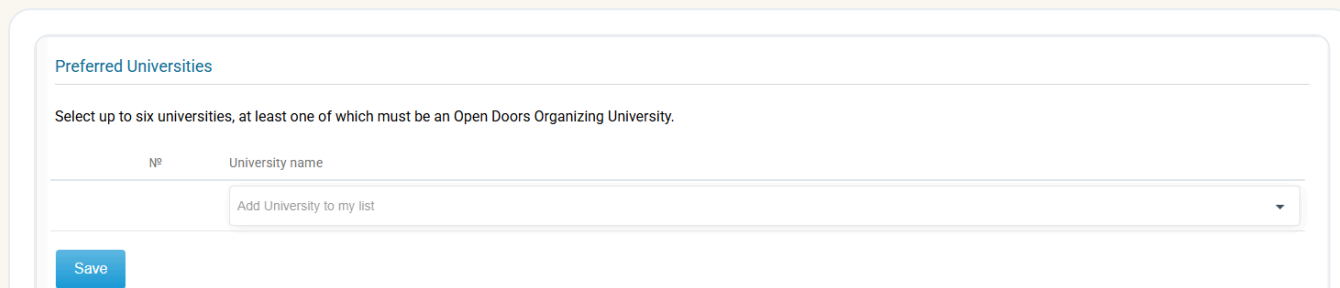
A returning account's menu — the two extra sections marked. (The account holder's details are covered.)

⚠ A GENUINE CONFLICT — AND THE SENSIBLE MOVE

If you've participated before and have an old account, there's a conflict between the current **FAQ** (which tells previous-cycle participants to create a new account) and what we observed of an actual returning account's behavior. Before creating an additional account, **contact Open Doors support** and tell them specifically that you have an account from a previous cycle — because the Rules prohibit holding more than one account in the same competition cycle (clause 22).

Choosing universities — without overthinking it

The **Universities** section asks you for one thing: ranking your preferences. It's not a final decision, and it doesn't need weeks of research right now.



Preferred Universities

Select up to six universities, at least one of which must be an Open Doors Organizing University.

№	University name
	Add University to my list

Save

The **Preferred Universities** section — with the instruction: **Select up to six universities, at least one of which must be an Open Doors Organizing University.**

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Up to 6 universities in order, at least one of them an organizing university. And at the quota stage after winning (clause 60): the winner chooses a language of instruction and a single subject area, and ranks their institutions — and if your first choice doesn't offer your programme, your application moves to the next one in your ranking, per the **FAQ**.

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Don't over-inflate this decision at this stage — rank by your current preference and get on with your Portfolio. The decision that actually matters comes later, from the options genuinely available for your field once results are out. And any ranking of the universities themselves is a personal opinion, not official information — which is why you won't find a "best university" in this guide.

⚠ A COMMON, WRONG ASSUMPTION

Not every programme exists at every university. Your actual options after results depend on which universities offer your field of study — so today's ranking isn't a binding commitment.

The two dates people mix up every year

There are two completely different dates at the end of the season — and mixing them up costs people their Portfolios. The official notice in your account mentions them together:

On 1 November, all portfolios that include your education document (for the Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral tracks), your identity verification information, your motivation letter (for all tracks), your mandatory achievements (Postdoctoral track only), and your Entry test score (for all tracks) will be automatically submitted for evaluation.

If you would like to make amendments to the submitted portfolio, please firstly revoke it. The deadline to revoke your portfolio from review is **October 18, 2026, 11:59 PM (GMT+3)**.

The results of the portfolio competition will be published **on 13 November**. Participants whose portfolios meet the required criteria will proceed to **the Second Stage of the Open Doors**.

The notice above the **Portfolio** table — both dates marked in red.

1 Nov 2026 — automatic submission

If your Portfolio **meets the requirements** and you haven't dealt with it earlier, the system sends it for evaluation **automatically** on this day — and registration and editing close the same day. In other words, if you didn't submit early yourself: you can keep editing normally up to this point, and the system takes the completed Portfolio.

18 Oct 2026 — the last day to revoke for edits

If you **submitted your Portfolio early** and then need to edit it, you must **Revoke** it before 18 October, 11:59 PM (GMT+3) — after that, a submitted Portfolio can no longer be revoked.

OFFICIAL — AND EARLY SUBMISSION GENUINELY EXISTS

"Participants may submit their portfolio at any time before registration closes"

Early submission exists as a concept in the Rules (clause 28), and the notice talks about a "submitted" Portfolio and about revoking it. The current form of the control through which submission happens once a Portfolio is ready — **did not appear to us** on an account whose Portfolio is still incomplete, and not seeing it isn't proof it doesn't exist.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

Don't rush into early submission before reviewing your Portfolio properly — because the ability to revoke it for edits has a **Deadline** earlier than 1 November.

⚠ IF YOU SEE A DIFFERENT DATE

The **FAQ** mentions other revoke dates (6 November and 15 November). If you see a date different from the ones above, go by the date shown in your account and the official Rules.

The Checklist — print it and check it off

One list that gathers the whole guide. If every box is checked, your Portfolio is ready ahead of the deadlines — and Portfolio results are **not subject to appeal** (clause 29), so this review is your chance.

Identity

- ☐ The name in the account matches the name line in the **MRZ** character for character **p. 13**
- ☐ Date of birth is correct — month first **p. 20**
- ☐ Citizenship = the passport you'll compete with **p. 18**

Registration and account

- ☐ An email you control + a saved password **p. 16**
- ☐ The subject areas you're genuinely going to work on — not more **p. 25**
- ☐ Universities ranked by your preference **p. 55**

Documents

- ☐ The passport scan has the data page + **MRZ**, in **PDF** format **p. 31**
- ☐ Proof of educational level uploaded (mandatory) **p. 33**
- ☐ Any document in another language comes with a translation — and you asked support about notarization **p. 34–35**
- ☐ Files have clear names **p. 36**

The Portfolio

- ☐ A motivation letter for each subject area — mandatory — and it's your own words **p. 38**
- ☐ The four answers read as one story, no repetition **p. 44**
- ☐ Achievements under their correct types and with proof **p. 48–49**
- ☐ Entry test for each subject area — and your attempts spent wisely **p. 52**
- ☐ **Postdoctoral**: achievements uploaded (mandatory here) **p. 53**

The final review

- ☐ You know the difference between 18 October and 1 November **p. 56**
- ☐ If you're submitting early: you reviewed everything before submitting
- ☐ The status shown in the **Portfolio** table isn't **Not ready** ahead of the deadline **p. 28**
- ☐ You've started preparing for the second stage as of now **p. 63**

⚠ BEFORE YOU READ

This shape covers **Bachelor's / Master's / Doctoral**, per the current Rules. **Postdoctoral** is entirely different — its second stage is a video, not a Q&A session. See [p. 53](#).

The shape of the second stage

One proctored online session, from 13 November to 21 December 2026 — registration for it closes 16 November. Here's how it's built, in numbers:

46

tasks total

25basic — one
correct answer**15**intermediate —
several correct
answers or a
model answer**3**advanced — a
detailed answer**3**

oral

180

minutes total

175

for the written part

5

for the oral part

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An appeal on the second-stage result is available **only for the three advanced-level written-response tasks** — not for the basic tasks, the intermediate tasks, or the oral tasks.

Source: Open Doors Rules — clause 41 · task structure from the official **Sample Tasks** description

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

The 25 basic tasks are what build your foundation — speed and accuracy. The 3 advanced ones are what separates the winner from the runner-up, and they're the only ones with model answers and published evaluation criteria in the **Demo** [p. 62](#).

Session requirements and proctoring

The session runs under an electronic proctoring system (**Proctoring**): your screen and camera are recorded throughout. Technical readiness is part of the test — not a detail.

OFFICIAL — WHAT'S TECHNICALLY REQUIRED

- ☐ A desktop or laptop + a working webcam — recording runs continuously from the start of the session to the end.
- ☐ Internet at 1 Mbit/s at least — stable matters more than fast.
- ☐ There is a **trial mode** before the appointment (clause 34) — try it on the same device and in the same place you'll be tested in.

⚠ NOT ALLOWED DURING THE SESSION

- ☐ A phone or any other device.
- ☐ Communicating with anyone by any means.
- ☐ Opening other tabs or programs.
- ☐ Photographing the screen or the questions in any form.

OFFICIAL — IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG

Each subject area gets **one backup day**. Technical faults must be reported within **24 hours**. And attending the second stage **is a condition for winning** — the Portfolio alone does not win.

Source: Open Doors Rules — clauses 34, 38–44

The official files you'll study from

For the **Bachelor's** and **Master's/Doctoral** tracks, there are two official files per subject area: **Program** and **Second-Round Sample Tasks**. **Postdoctoral** has a **Program** only — there are no **Sample Tasks** for it in the current official inventory. These are your first study source, before any course or summary:

Program



download PDF

Program — the curriculum: the required competencies, the topic list, and suggested study materials.

Second-Round Sample Tasks



download PDF

Second-Round Sample Tasks — a complete 46-task sample, with evaluation criteria and model answers for the detailed and oral tasks.

The download buttons as they appear on the subject-area page — choose your track at the top of the page first (**Bachelor's** / **Master's and doctoral** / **Postdoctoral**).

OFFICIAL — THE FULL INVENTORY

The site currently holds **57 files**: the Rules file + 28 **Program** files + 28 **Sample Tasks** files. **Program** files are marked **(B)** or **(MDP)**, and **Sample Tasks** files are marked **(B)** or **(MD)** only — meaning there is no sample-tasks file for the **Postdoctoral** track [p. 53](#).

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

Download the two files that concern you **now** and keep them in your competition folder — the page may be updated during the season, and your saved, dated copy beats "I'll download them later".

Turning the Program into a study plan

The **Program** file isn't a one-time read — it's the skeleton of your plan. The subject-area page itself shows you its five sections:

Open Doors winner's skill set ^

List of degree programs ^

Content ^

Preparation materials. Recommended reading ^

Preparation materials. Recommended online courses ^

The **Program** sections as they appear on the subject-area page — the same sections the file itself has.

- 1 Open your **Program** and pull up the list of **Content** sections (the topics, by **Field of science**) — start from it, and make it the backbone of your study plan.
- 2 Mark every topic: **strong** / **shaky** / **never studied**. Be honest — the plan is built on this assessment.
- 3 Spread the topics across the weeks ahead of you — the shaky and never-studied ones **first**, and the strong ones a quick review at the end.
- 4 Use the **Open Doors winner's skill set** section as your own definition of "I've finished this topic": if you can't do what it describes, the topic isn't finished yet.
- 5 Review the plan every month — and the **Demo** [p. 62](#) is the measure of progress, not how you feel.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

The **Preparation materials** section in the **Program** recommends specific books and courses — start with those before any other source, because the question-setters work from the same reference material.

Use the Demo Tasks as a measure — not as study material

The most common misuse of the sample file: reading it and memorizing its answers. This file is a mirror showing you where you stand — not a curriculum.

- 1 Solve the sample under real time conditions** (175 minutes for the written part) before you feel "ready" — the goal is measurement, not a nice-looking result.
- 2 Mark yourself using the published evaluation criteria** in the file — not your own feeling that an answer is "close enough".
- 3 Compare your detailed answers to the model answers** — especially the 3 advanced tasks: see exactly what the grader is looking for that you didn't write.
- 4 Trace every mistake back to your plan** **p. 61** — a topic you got wrong goes back to "shaky", however you'd classified it.
- 5 Repeat close to the date under the same conditions** — the comparison between the two attempts is your real progress report.

⚠ IMPORTANT

Memorizing the sample's answers is **of no use at all** — the session's questions are different, and what transfers is the way of thinking and the evaluation criteria, not the text itself.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

Train the 3 oral tasks out loud — record yourself on your phone and listen back: the duration is 5 minutes, and most people discover they either run long or freeze up. There's no substitute for the real experience.

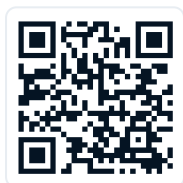
Start from the first stage — not after the result

First-stage results come out on 13 November, second-stage registration closes 16 November, and sessions begin immediately. Meaning whoever waits for the result to start has **days** — not months.

THE MATH

Preparing for the first and second stages overlaps from the start: the Entry test **p. 52** and the Program file **p. 61** are themselves the start of your second-stage study. So every hour you study from now counts twice.

A training tool from our project



The smart tutors — 28 tutors, one per subject area

14 for the **Bachelor's** track and 14 for the **Master's / Doctoral** tracks. Use your field's tutor between Entry test attempts, and while working through the Program.

abdelrahmanyahya.com/tutors/

⚠ THE TOOL'S LIMITS — AS ITS OWN PAGE SAYS

The tutor is a training tool — **not a substitute for studying, not a guarantee of admission**, and not an official Open Doors source. And so you don't search for something that isn't there: **there is currently no separate Tutor for the Postdoctoral track within this set.**

If you win (1/2): the results and the cases

These two pages are general guidance only — what comes after winning has its own complete guide, to be published in its own time. The essentials to know from now:

OFFICIAL — THE THREE CASES

- ☐ **Winner.**
- ☐ **Runner-up** — in the **Bachelor's** and **Master's** tracks.
- ☐ **High achievement** — reaching 50% or more of the highest result (clauses 55–56).

Source: Open Doors Rules — clause 6

OFFICIAL — WHERE AND HOW

Results are published **in your account** and on the subject-area pages. Winners and runners-up receive an **electronic certificate** (clause 58), and **confirming your intent to use** the result happens from inside the account (clause 11) — so watch your account and email during results days.

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

High achievement is not a "loss" — it has its own support track with its own conditions **p. 65**. Read your exact case before you judge your result.

If you win (2/2): the next steps

Winning at Open Doors opens the door to the government quota — but using it has its own procedures and its own system:

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To use the **Quota**, winners and runners-up register in the Ministry's system:

russia-edu.minobrnauki.gov.ru. The list of documents, dates, and procedures arrives **in the account and by email within ten days** of the lists being published (clause 59). And at the application stage: choosing a language of instruction and a single subject area, and ranking up to six institutions (clause 60).

A NOTE FROM A RETURNING ACCOUNT

An account that already carries a previous result shows an **Application Form** section: a form that's printed and signed **by hand** (an electronic signature isn't accepted), photographed, then uploaded. The full details are in the after-winning guide.

⚠ WHAT "FUNDED" ACTUALLY MEANS

The scholarship's funding (clauses 13–14) is **always tied to its condition**: readiness to study full-time **in Russian** — and for the **High achievement** case, also a recommendation letter from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs or **Rosstrudnichestvo**. The word "funded" should never be read as "everything is paid for".

Mistakes that repeat every year

If you skimmed this guide — this is the page to stop on. Every mistake, with where its fix lives:

p. 12 A name that doesn't match the name line in the **MRZ** — identity details become read-only after registration, and correcting them afterward needs Support.

p. 20 Date of birth entered day/month instead of month/day — and the form doesn't warn you.

p. 56 Taking the revoke dates in the **FAQ** at face value — the account and the Rules say otherwise.

p. 56 Submitting early without reviewing — then needing to edit after 18 October.

p. 45 "Ten achievements total" — the truth: ten per type.

p. 49 Misclassifying achievements to make the Portfolio look varied.

p. 52 Burning all three Entry test attempts in two days.

p. 63 Waiting for the result to start preparing for the second stage — and being left with just days.

p. 32 Opening a second account to fix a spelling mistake — grounds for disqualification.

AND A TENTH MISTAKE NOT ON THE LIST

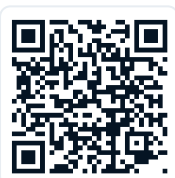
Relying on "someone told me" instead of going back to the source. Everything in this guide tells you its source — and even this guide tells you: the final reference is the Open Doors website.

Updates and follow-up

English edition — version 1.0 · 24 August 2026, translated from Arabic v1.2 (information and interface last checked 21 August 2026). The interface and dates may change during the season — and the final reference is always the Open Doors website itself. Here's where you'll find the update, in order:

A CLOSING WORD

If you've made it this far, the most important thing: don't try to finish the whole Portfolio in one day. Go step by step, review your details before you save, and build your Portfolio on things that genuinely represent you. Open Doors is a strong opportunity, and what genuinely makes the difference is going in understanding what's required and prepared early. Wishing you the best of luck, and hoping to see your name among the winners.



1 · The Open Doors page on our site — the central reference for the season

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2 · Telegram channel

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3 · File-preparation tools

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4 · The smart tutors

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