



Russian Scholarship Project

Online academic competition
for international students across a broad
range of subject areas, offering opportunities
to study at leading Russian universities



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"Global Universities" Association

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**Open Doors is implemented within
the federal project "Russia in the World"**

Open Doors

Since 2017, the competition has been organized by a consortium of leading Russian universities recognized worldwide for their academic excellence

618 000+

participants

200+

countries

16 700+

winners

Tracks and Subject Areas

4

tracks: Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral (PhD), Postdoctoral

14

subject areas spanning engineering, natural, exact and social sciences, and the humanities

Benefits for Winners

For the Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral (PhD) tracks

[tuition-free education](#)

for foreign citizens in the Russian Federation (Education Quota)

[grant support](#)

provided by the Government of the Russian Federation

For the Postdoctoral track

[research position](#)

at a Russian university



Open Doors
Website



Open Doors
Rules of
Participation

How to Participate?

[Register](#)

on the official Open Doors website

[Languages of participation](#)

Russian and English

[Participation](#)

online

[24/7 support](#)

available through the participant's Open Doors account

Participants

Talented young international students

who demonstrate strong academic potential and aspire to study or undertake research at Russian universities

Foreign citizens and stateless persons, including compatriots residing abroad, who meet the track requirements on the opening date of registration

Bachelor's track

Age: 16-23

Education: Secondary education

Master's track

Age: 20-33

Education: Bachelor's degree

Doctoral (PhD) track

Age: 22-35

Education: Specialist or Master's degree

Postdoctoral track

Age: 24-39

Qualification: PhD degree or Doctor of Sciences

Competition Stages



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Bachelor's track

Stage 1 – Portfolio competition

Stage 2 – Completion of subject-specific competition tasks

Master's track

Stage 1 – Portfolio competition

Stage 2 – Completion of subject-specific competition tasks

Doctoral (PhD) track

Stage 1 – Portfolio competition

Stage 2 – Completion of subject-specific competition tasks

Stage 3 – Interviews with prospective research supervisors

Postdoctoral track

Stage 1 – Portfolio competition

Stage 2 – Video presentations of research achievements

Stage 3 – Interviews with research project leaders



Schedule

Start of the Open Doors registration

August 20, 2026

Stage 1

August 20 – November 13, 2026

Stage 2

November 13 – December 21, 2026

Stage 3

December 22, 2026 – February 26, 2027



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Announcement of Bachelor's
and Master's tracks winners

December 21, 2026

Announcement of Doctoral (PhD)
and Postdoctoral tracks winners

February 26, 2027

Subject Areas

Subject areas cover most degree programs offered by Russian universities to foreign citizens

The Open Doors website offers comprehensive information on each subject area

For the Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral (PhD) tracks

- recommended fields of study
- subject area program
- Stage 2 sample tasks
- links to study materials and online courses to prepare for the academic competition

For the Doctoral (PhD) track

- research interests and specialization of prospective research supervisors

For the Postdoctoral track

- descriptions of research projects



Business and Management



Biology and Biotechnology



Engineering and Technology



Clinical Medicine and Public Health



Computer and Data Science



Earth and Environmental Sciences
for Sustainability



Education and Psychology



Politics and International Studies



Applied Mathematics
and Artificial Intelligence



Russian Language and Culture



Urbanism and Civil Engineering



Physical Sciences and Technology



Chemistry and Materials Science



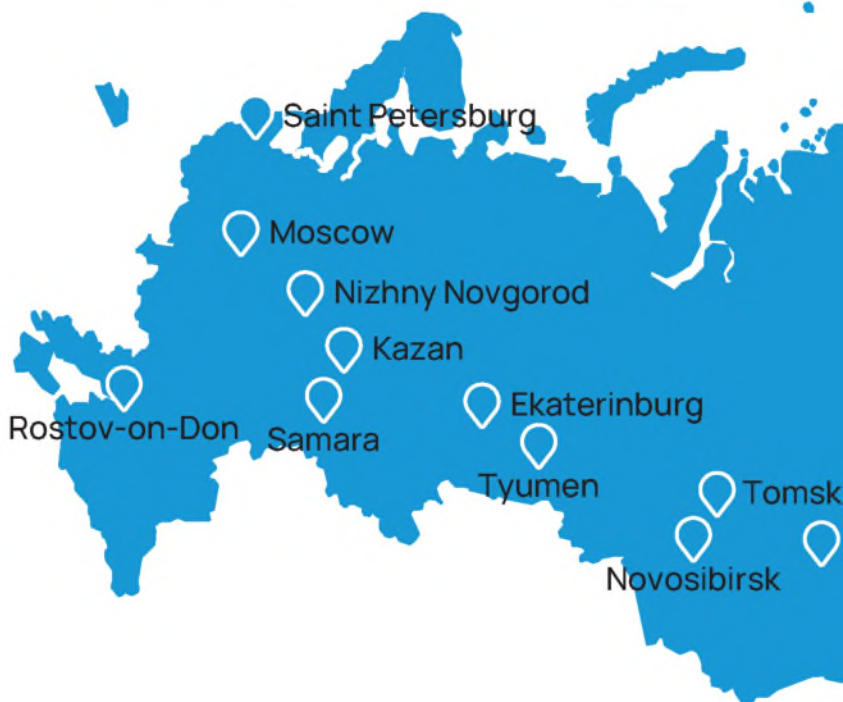
Economics and Econometrics



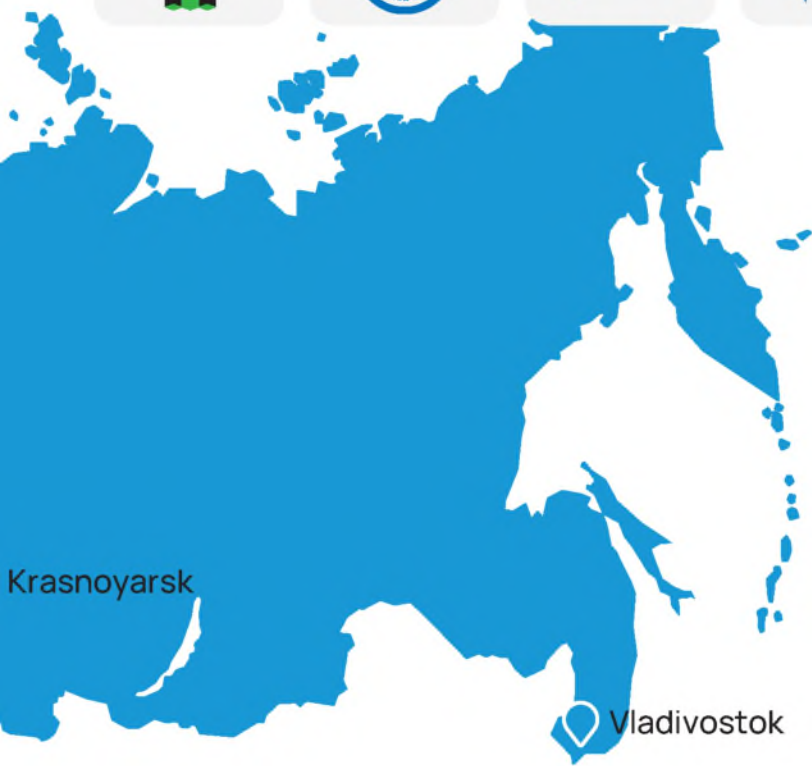
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Organizing Universities



Winners are free to choose
any Russian university for their studies



Preparation for the Competition

To prepare for Open Doors, participants should

- familiarize themselves with the Open Doors Rules of Participation
- choose the track that corresponds to their age and educational background
- select a subject area and check its program and Stage 2 sample tasks
- review the recommended study materials and online courses
- ensure that their computer equipment meets the Open Doors technical requirements
- if admitted to Stage 2, test their computer equipment before completing the competition tasks

Open Doors Winner Status

Awarded to participants who successfully complete all stages and tasks required for their selected track and subject area

Eligibility for Tuition-Free Education



Information
on the Education
Quota
for Foreign
Citizens
in the Russian
Federation

Winners should

- complete the application form for the Education Quota for foreign citizens in the Russian Federation in the Open Doors account
- submit the required documents through the Open Doors account
- monitor the Education Quota status for foreign citizens in the Russian Federation

The winner's application form includes

For the Bachelor's and Master's tracks

- language of instruction
- field of study
- up to six universities in order of preference

For the Doctoral (PhD) track

- language of instruction
- research specialization agreed upon with a prospective research supervisor

Grant Support Includes

- coverage of travel to the place of study and return travel upon completion of studies
- a monthly allowance, subject to maintaining good or excellent academic standing
- coverage of voluntary medical insurance
- reimbursement of accommodation expenses during the period of study

To Qualify for Grant Support

- become a winner in the Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral (PhD) track
- choose a Russian-taught degree program
- indicate the option of studying at the Preparatory Department for international applicants (in the absence of an education and qualification document issued in Russia)
- provide the full package of documents required for the Education Quota for foreign citizens in the Russian Federation
- obtain verification of the completeness and correctness of the submitted documents for the Education Quota for foreign citizens in the Russian Federation, as well as the official study referral

Russian as the Language of Instruction

Winners who choose Russian as their language of instruction may qualify for grant support

Foreign citizens whose proficiency in Russian is insufficient for their studies may study Russian at the Preparatory Department for foreign citizens of a Russian university:

- upon receiving a referral by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation
- free of charge
- for one academic year



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Information



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