

MASTER'S PROGRAMS IN RUSSIA OPEN DOORS TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

On November 1, the [Global Universities Association](#) in collaboration with [Rossotrudnichestvo Federal Agency](#) and the [Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation](#) launched the [Open Doors Olympiad: Russian Scholarship Project](#).

The project is aimed at attracting talented students from all over the world to the best universities in Russia, running Master's programs in a variety of fields of science.

The Open Doors Olympiad enables talented students from many countries to study across multiple locations in Russia. The winners and awardees of the Olympiad can choose from more than 500 universities in 80 cities of Russia, including universities from the prestigious international rankings - the Times Higher Education World University Rankings ([THE](#)), [QS](#) World University Rankings and the Academic Ranking of World Universities ([ARWU](#)). The winners and awardees of the Olympiad enjoy early admission to the university of their choice.

A national of any country, except the Russian Federation, as well as any compatriot permanently residing abroad, who has a Bachelor's degree or is completing a Bachelor's degree program in 2019, can take part in the competition.

All rounds of the Olympiad are held online.

The selection criteria of the competition are transparent and clear. In 2017-2018, more than 8.5 thousand students from 160 countries took part in the Olympiad, and 94 students from 31 countries became the winners and awardees in four subject areas - Mathematics, Physics, Informatics, and Economics.

In 2018-2019, the Olympiad is held in 10 subject areas. It is organized by 16 universities, and more than 300 scholarships for Master's programs, run by the best Russian universities, are offered to the winners and awardees.

The winners and awardees of the Olympiad can choose any field of study from one of the subject areas of the Olympiad. They can choose one or several universities in Russia, running the Master's program of their choice.

Russia's leading universities coordinate the work of the subject areas of the Olympiad:

Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology ([MIPT](#)) – mathematics;

Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics University ([ITMO](#)) - computer science;

National Research Nuclear University ([MEPhI](#)) – physics;

[Higher School of Economics \(University\)](#) – economics and political science;

Tomsk State University ([TSU](#)) - biology, psychology, philology and linguistics;

Novosibirsk State University ([NSU](#)) - business and management, and chemistry;

The organizers of the Olympiad are the Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University ([IKBFU](#)), the Far Eastern Federal University ([FEFU](#)), the National University of Science and Technology ([MISiS](#)), Tomsk Polytechnic University ([TPU](#)), [the I.M.Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University](#), Peoples' Friendship University of Russia ([RUDN](#)), Saint Petersburg Electrotechnical University ([LETI](#)), Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University ([SPbPU](#)), University of Tyumen ([UTMN](#)) and the Ural Federal University ([UrFU](#)).

The Olympiad is held in two rounds.

To take part in the Olympiad, participants should register on the Project website: <https://od.globaluni.ru/en/>.

The first qualifying round is a portfolio competition.

Participants are asked to upload their portfolios to the electronic system (platform) of the Olympiad **no later than January 31, 2019**.

After the evaluation of the portfolios, all selected participants are invited to take part in the final round of the Olympiad, which will be held **from February 18 to March 7, 2019**.

The list of winners and awardees will be made public on the Project website **on March 25, 2019**. All Olympiad assignments, as well as Master's programs are offered in two official languages of the Olympiad - in Russian and English.

More detailed information on the rules for participation in the Open Doors International Olympiad is available on the Project website: <https://od.globaluni.ru/en/>.