

**REGULATIONS  
FOR  
the Open International Olympiad of St Petersburg University  
among university students and young professionals  
'Petropolitan Science (Re) Search'**

**I. General Provisions**

1.1. These Regulations for the Open International Olympiad of St Petersburg University among university students and young professionals 'Petropolitan Science (Re)Search' (hereinafter referred to as the Olympiad) set out the regular procedure for organising, methodological support and holding the Olympiad, as well as the procedure for participating in the Olympiad, determining its winners and awardees.

1.2. The ultimate purpose and objectives of the Olympiad are:

1.2.1. To identify, support and encourage the most talented, professionally trained and active students of higher education institutions and young professionals from Russia and foreign countries to continue their education in master's degree programmes and aspirantura programmes for training research and teaching staff, implemented at St Petersburg University;

1.2.2. To encourage students of St Petersburg University and from other higher education institutions, young professionals that always demonstrate outstanding abilities in learning, research and creative activities;

1.2.3. To increase the interest of students from St Petersburg University, other higher education institutions, young professionals in master's degree programmes, aspirantura programmes for training research and teaching staff, in their participating in research, teaching, and creative activities;

1.2.4. To Increase the academic mobility of students and graduates from higher education institutions;

1.2.5. To disseminate scientific knowledge among students and young professionals;

1.2.6. To create conditions for intellectual and creative communication between students of higher education institutions, and young professionals from the Russian Federation and foreign countries;

1.2.7. To internationalise the teaching and learning process.

1.3. The Olympiad is held in the form of intellectual competitions in the specialised or interdisciplinary fields of study and/or specialities or enlarged groups of the fields of study and/or specialities (hereinafter - within some fields/groups of the fields) within the respected degree programmes that are implemented at St Petersburg University.

1.4. The Olympiad shall be organised upon the decision of the Organising Committee of the Olympiad. The co-organisers of the Olympiad may be federal government authorities, government authorities of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation, higher education institutions under the cooperation agreements in the framework of the Olympiad. State-owned (municipal) research institutes may be involved as co-organisers of the Olympiad; institutions of the Russian Academy of Sciences and other state-owned academies; non-governmental organisations; public-private partnerships; mass media; educational and methodological associations for higher education and other legal entities (hereinafter referred to as third-party organisations) based on the relevant agreements.

1.5. The Olympiads shall be held in St Petersburg. In accordance with the decision of

the Organising Committee of the Olympiad, it can be held in other constituent entities of the Russian Federation or foreign states under the agreements with the state authorities that act as regulatory bodies in the field of education and science in the Russian Federation and foreign states. The possibility of holding the Olympiad in foreign states shall be determined by the legislation of these states and international treaties.

1.6. The Olympiad tasks shall be developed according to the educational standards of St Petersburg University in the fields of studies and/or specialities or enlarged groups of fields of study and/or specialities of higher education. The tasks shall contain questions of competitive nature, complex and problematic teaching and research assignments, and cases. The Olympiad within the enlarged groups of fields of study and/or specialities shall be based on such assignments of the Olympiad that conform with the general structure, logic and interdisciplinary issues. Olympiad assignments within the enlarged groups of fields of study and/or specialities must not be based on individual assignments in particular fields of study and specialities.

1.7. The working language of the Olympiad is the official language of the Russian Federation - Russian.

1.8. According to the decision of the St Petersburg University Admissions Committee, the results of the Olympiad may be taken into account for admission to study in master's degree programmes and aspirantura programmes for training research and teaching staff.

1.9. The comprehensive financial support for the entire Olympiad activities shall be provided solely or on the principles of co-financing by St Petersburg University and other legal entities-partners of the Olympiad limited to the budget approved in the prescribed by St Petersburg University manner.

1.10. To charge fees for the participation in the Olympiad shall be unacceptable.

## **II. Organisational and methodological support of the Olympiad**

2.1. To conduct the Olympiad, St Petersburg University shall establish the following structural units:

2.1.1. The Organising Committee of the Olympiad (hereinafter referred to as the Organising Committee);

2.1.2. **Methodological Committees of the Olympiad within the fields/groups of the fields;**

2.1.3. **The Jury of the Olympiad** within the fields /groups of the fields;

2.1.4. The Appeal Panel of the Olympiad.

2.2. The Chair of the Organising Committee, the Chair of the Methodological Committee, the Chair of the Jury, and the Chair of the Appeal Panel of the Olympiad shall be appointed by the First Vice-Rector for Academic, Extracurricular and Methodological Work of St Petersburg University.

2.3. The research and teaching staff of St Petersburg University, implementing master's degree programmes and aspiratura programmes for training the research and teaching staff shall participate in organising and conducting the Olympiad activities.

2.4. The Organising Committee shall be responsible for the organisational and methodological support of the Olympiad. The First Vice-Rector for Academic, Extracurricular and Methodological Work of St Petersburg University shall approve the structure and composition of the Organising Committee, which shall include St Petersburg University staff and other persons, including representatives of public administration bodies of the Russian Federation, constituent entities of the Russian Federation, representatives of St Petersburg University partner universities, representatives of organisations-employers, and St Petersburg University students, who are the winners and awardees of the international Olympiads for students.

2.5. The Organising Committee shall bear the following functions and powers to:

2.5.1. Consider proposals relevant to the course of the Olympiad within particular fields/groups of the fields;

2.5.2. Determine the list of academic programmes for the Olympiad within particular fields/groups of the fields;

2.5.3. Decide on the procedures for annual Olympiads and approves amendments and their revisions;

2.5.4. Set forth the formats, periods, and time limits for all Olympiad activities;

2.5.5. **Approves the Regulations for the Olympiad within particular fields/groups of the fields;**

2.5.6. Approves the composition of the Methodological Committees and the Jury of the Olympiads within particular fields/groups of the fields;

2.5.7. Approves the criteria for determining the winners and awardees of the Olympiad within particular fields/groups of the fields;

2.5.8. **Approves** the results of the Olympiad within particular fields/groups of the fields;

2.5.9. Determines the procedure for appealing against the results of the Olympiad;

2.5.10. Ensures implementation of all the events of the Olympiad;

2.5.11. Provides informational, organisational and methodological support to the Olympiad;

2.5.12. Performs other functions in compliance with these Regulations.

2.6. The Methodological Committees of the Olympiad within particular fields/groups of the fields shall include leading scholars, teachers involved in the implementation of academic programmes, researchers of St Petersburg University, teachers from leading universities and research organisations from the Russian Federation, as well as other leading experts in the areas of knowledge related particular fields/groups of the fields of the Olympiad.

2.7. The Methodological Committee of the Olympiad within the framework of particular fields/groups of the fields shall bear the following functions and powers to:

2.7.1. **Develop assignments** for the Olympiad within particular fields/groups of the fields;

2.7.2. Develop criteria and the Olympiad task assessment methods within particular fields/groups of the fields;

2.7.3. Make the solutions to Olympiad assignments and other types of tests available for publishing;

2.7.4. Forward proposals on issues related to improving the organisation of the Olympiad to the Organising Committee;

2.7.5. Perform other functions in compliance with these Regulations.

2.8. The Jury of the Olympiad within particular fields/groups of the fields shall include leading scholars, teachers involved in the implementation of academic programmes, researchers of St Petersburg University, teachers from leading universities and research organisations of the Russian Federation, and other leading experts in the areas of knowledge related to particular fields/groups of the fields of the Olympiad.

2.9. The Jury of the Olympiad, within the framework of particular fields/groups of the fields shall bear the following functions and powers to:

2.9.1. Check the Olympiad assignments and evaluate other types of tests of the Olympiad participants within particular fields/groups of the fields;

2.9.2. Forward lists of the Olympiad winners and awardees in particular fields/groups of the fields to have them approved by the Organising Committee;

2.9.3. Forward proposals on issues related to improving the organisation of the Olympiad to the Organising Committee;

2.9.4. Submits reports to the Organising Committee of the Olympiad;

2.9.5. Performs other functions in compliance with these Regulations.

2.10. The Appeal Panel of the Olympiad shall includes at least 3 (three) persons from the research and teaching staff of St Petersburg University and (or) other educational and research organisations, as well as other leading experts in the fields of knowledge related to particular specialised or interdisciplinary fields/groups of the fields of the Olympiad. Those persons who are members of the Jury in the respective area of knowledge must not constitute the Appeal Panel.

2.11. The Appeal Panel shall bear the following functions:

2.11.1. to accept and consider the appeals of the participants of the Olympiad;

2.11.2. to draw a draft decision based on the results of consideration of the Olympiad participants' appeals to have it approved by the Organising Committee;

2.11.3. to inform the Olympiad participants that have filed their appeals about the decision made on the appeal after the Organising Committee has approved the said decision.

### **III. General procedure for the Olympiad**

3.1. The schedule and procedures for the Olympiad, the list of particular fields of study and/or specialities or enlarged groups of fields of study and/or specialities within which the Olympiad is held, shall be approved by the Chair of the Organising Committee based on the decision of the Organising Committee at least before the date of the Olympiad starts, and shall be made available on the official website of St Petersburg University ([www.spbu.ru](http://www.spbu.ru)) in the section dedicated to the Olympiads.

3.2. Information about the place, form and the dates of the Olympiad shall be communicated to the state regulatory authorities in the field of education and science of the Russian Federation, constituent entities of the Russian Federation, foreign states, higher education institutions, and research organisations, foreign partner universities of St Petersburg University, as well as other interested legal entities and individuals.

3.3. Persons studying in the state-owned (municipal) and non-state higher education institutions in bachelor's, specialist's or master's degree programmes, and persons with higher education, who have mastered these academic programmes, participate in the Olympiad voluntarily.

3.4. Prior to the start of the Olympiad, the preliminary registration of participants in the Olympiad shall be organised in the manner prescribed by the Regulations.

3.5. The Olympiad within particular fields /groups of the fields shall be held in two stages: a qualifying stage and a final stage unless otherwise has been provided for by the Regulations of the Olympiad.

3.6. The Regulations for the Olympiad determine the form and method of performing the Olympiad tasks in accordance with the decision of the Organising Committee.

3.7. Appeals against the results of the Olympiad shall be filed and considered in the manner prescribed by these Regulations developed and approved by the Organising Committee.

### **IV. The procedure for determining the winners and awardees**

4.1. Consolidation of the results of each Olympiad stage shall be carried out at the same time in the regions of the Russian Federation and foreign countries after the corresponding stage of the Olympiad has ended in accordance with the schedule of the Olympiad. Result consolidation and winners and awardees determination shall be carried out at the same time based on the obtained results for the works from all locations of the Olympiad, both in offline and online (if applicable) formats, and be considered within particular fields/groups of the fields.

4.2. The Olympiad result consolidation shall be carried out in the manner prescribed by the Regulations.

4.3. The winners of the Olympiad shall be the participants of the Olympiad, awarded the First degree diploma. The awardees of the Olympiad shall be the participants of the Olympiad, awarded the Second and the Third degree diplomas.

4.4. The participants of the Olympiad may be awarded the participant certificated and memorable gifts by decision of the Organising Committee of the Olympiad.

4.5. The Organising Committee shall approve standards of the certificates for winners and awardees of the Olympiad. The Chair of the Organising Committee shall acknowledge the winners' and awardees' certificates by their signature.

**V. Amendments and supplements to the Regulation**

5.1. All amendments and supplements to these Regulations shall be developed by the Organising Committee and approved by the First Vice-Rector for Academic, Extracurricular and Methodological Work of St Petersburg University.