ESTABLISHED Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation \_\_\_\_\_M.A. Borovskaya «\_\_\_»\_\_\_\_2020 г.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

of holding the all-Russian open competition to award scholarships of the President of the Russian Federation for abroad studies to undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students of educational establishments studying under higher education academic programs in the academic year 2020/21

1. The subject of the all-Russian open competition to award scholarships of the President of the Russian Federation for abroad studies to undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students of educational establishments undertaking full-time studies in higher education academic programs with education funded from the federal budget allocations in the academic year 2020/21 (hereinafter referred to as the Competition) is to compile the list of persons to be sent to study abroad in the academic year 2020/21 at the expense of the federal budget – scholarships of the President of the Russian Federation (hereinafter – Scholarship Fellows of the President of the Russian Federation).

2. The participants of the competition are undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students of educational establishments administered by the federal executive bodies of the Russian Federation, other main holders of the federal budget as well as the main holders of the federal budget (hereinafter Sending Organization), undertaking higher education programs – bachelor, specialist and master's programs, (hereinafter Students) and educational programs for academic and research staff at full-time postgraduate courses (hereinafter referred to as Postgraduate Students) at the expense of the budget allocations of the federal budget (hereinafter Participants, Applicants). All Participants shall be citizens of the Russian Federation who have proven themselves in the science, culture and

art, have achieved significant success in fundamental and applied research, with the exception of those completing their studies in 2020. All Participants shall be recommended by the Academic Board of the Organization to participate in the competition.

3. For the purposes of this competition, the following definitions are used:

- the scholarship of the President of the Russian Federation for abroad studies in the academic year 2020/21 (hereinafter referred to as the Scholarship) is the federal budget allocation provided by the federal budget for the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation (hereinafter – the MSHE of Russia) for the implementation of activities related to the abroad training of undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students in the academic year 2020/21;

- the Host Organization is a foreign educational or scientific organization located outside the Russian Federation that accepts a Scholarship Fellow of the President of the Russian Federation;

- the Sending Organization is the organization of the Russian Federation representing the participant to the competition.

4. The procedure and conditions for receiving scholarships

The scholarship includes the expenses of the Scholarship Holder of the President of the Russian Federation for tuition, visa, travelling to the place of studying and back, accommodation, medical insurance, payment for local transportation (hereinafter – Scholarship Funds).

Scholarship Funds are transferred from the MSHE of Russia directly to the bank account of the Host Organization.

The recommended tuition period is no longer than one academic year. The period of staying abroad of the Scholarship Holder of the President of the Russian Federation may be reduced but shall not be less than one semester.

Within a month after the completion of the education program, the Scholarship Holders of the President of the Russian Federation must submit to the Department of State Youth Policy and Social Projects in Higher Education of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation a report on the achieved results. The report shall be affirmed by the head of the Sending Organization. The Host Organization shall submit a report on the utilization of the funds in the language of the Host Organization as well as its translation into Russian certified by the head of the Sending Organization or a designated substitute. In the latter case, the designated substitute shall attach the local act of the Sending Organization confirming the authority to substitute the head.

The reports shall be drawn up in accordance with the requirements set forth in clause 12 of this Announcement.

A scan copy of the report shall be attached by the Organization's employee responsible for the direction "Scholarships of the President of the Russian Federation for Abroad Studies" in the informational system on the website www.ined.ru under "All-Russian open competition to award scholarships of the President of the Russian Federation for abroad studies" in the Organization's profile.

5. The Competition is organized by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation.

The competition organizer address: 125993, 11, Tverskaya str. GSP-3, Moscow.

Responsible representatives for the Competition:

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6. The Applicants for scholarships are selected at a meeting of the MSHE of Russia Selection Committee on the selection of applicants for the scholarships of the President of the Russian Federation for abroad studies (hereinafter the MSHE Selection Committee).

The MSHE Selection Committee considers and evaluates competitive applications, selects applicants for scholarships.

The composition of the MSHE Selection Committee is approved by an order of the MSHE of Russia.

7. The MSHE Selection Committee is authorized to make a ruling with no less than 50% of the members of the Committee present.

8. Rulings are made by open voting by a simple majority in the total number of members of the MSHE Selection Committee and those present at the meeting of the MSHE Selection Committee.

In case of equality of votes, the vote of the chairman of the meeting shall be decisive of the MSHE Selection Committee.

In case of disagreement with the ruling made at the meeting of the MSHE Selection Committee, a member of the MSHE Selection Committee has the right to express their opinion in writing. This written statement shall be mandatorily attached to the minutes of the meeting of the MSHE Selection Committee.

9. The ruling of the MSHE Selection Committee is drawn up in a protocol signed by the chairman, the deputy chairman, the executive secretary and all members of the MSHE Selection Committee attending the meeting.

10. Based on the minutes of the Selection Committee meeting, a list of Scholarship Holders of the President of the Russian Federation to be sent to study abroad in the academic year 2020/21 is compiled. The list shall be approved by the order of the MSHE of Russia.

11. To participate in the contest, each participant submits a tender application including the following documents:

11.1. An application letter of the Applicant to participate in the tender (Appendix No. 1 to this announcement) signed by the head of the Sending Organization or by a designated substitute. In the latter case, the local act of the Sending Organization confirming the authority to substitute the head shall be attached;

11.2. A letter of recommendation (a reference letter) from the Sending Organization containing a brief description of the Applicant's scientific or creative activity;

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11.3. A personal evaluation letter – a recommendation of the Applicant from among undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate students who have performed well in scientific activities for scholarships (Appendices 4, 5 to the present announcement);

11.4. Information on Academic progress:

for undergraduate and graduate students – an extract from the tests and examination records for the entire period of study;

for postgraduate students – a certificate of tuition issued on the basis of protocols of examination commissions' decisions and/or certificates of individual passed candidate exams;

11.5. Justification of studying abroad with an indication of the program/specialty (topic) of training, the foreign state and the name of the Host Organization (submitted by the Sending Organization);

11.6. A recommendation of the Academic Board of the Sending Organization, agreed upon by the federal state body exercising the powers of the founder;

11.7. A list of scientific publications (annex to the personal evaluation-recommendation, Appendices 4, 5 to the present announcement);

11.8. Recommendations of Russian (at least two) and foreign (if any) scientists;

11.9. A certificate from the Sending Organization's department of foreign languages on the Applicant's degree of proficiency in a foreign language;

11.10. The consent of the Host Organization to admit the Participant for tuition provided the scholarship is granted, with the indication of the expected starting date and the duration of the training provided the Host Organization's agreement with the conditions and procedure for receiving the scholarship specified in clause 4 of the present announcement, in a foreign language (French / German / English), as well as its translation into Russian (a sample is available on www.ined.ru, section "All-Russian Open Competition for the Scholarships of the President of the Russian Federation for Abroad Studies");

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11.11. A statement of estimated expenses (submitted by the Host Organization) for the stay of the Scholarship Holder of the President of the Russian Federation abroad in a foreign language as well as its translation into Russian (Appendix 3 to the present announcement);

11.12. Information on the banking details of the Host Organization for the transfer of funds in a foreign language indicating the full name and postal address of the bank of the Host Organization as well as its translation into Russian (Appendix 2 to the present announcement);

11.13. 3 cm x 4 cm portrait photos (2 pcs);

11.14. A medical certificate of the Applicant's state of health (standard form No. 082/u) confirming the possibility of studying abroad issued no earlier than two months before the start of the Competition;

11.15. The consent signed by the Applicant (Participant) for the processing, storing, and transferring personal data to third parties.

11.16. A copy of the Uniform State Register for Legal Entities (USRLE) certificate and the Charter of the Sending Organization (provided only in the digital form via the personal profile page).

12. Requirements for the documents listed in clause 4 and paragraphs10,11, 12, 13 of clause 11 of the present announcement:

documents shall be submitted on the letterhead of the Host Organization in a foreign language with a translation into Russian;

documents submitted in a foreign language shall be certified by the signature and seal of the executives of the Host Organization as well as the Sending Organization in the prescribed manner;

documents submitted in translation into Russian shall be signed by the head of the Sending Organization or by a designated substitute (with the mandatory attachment of the local act of the Sending Organization confirming the authority to substitute the head) and certified by the official seal of the Sending Organization. 13. The procedure and requirements for the content and the arrangement of the documents for participating in the competition:

13.1. All documents for the competition shall be submitted to the Selection Committee by the Sending Organization;

13.2. For the purposes of the Contest, the Sending Organization shall:

- certify all documents submitted for the Competition in the prescribed manner (documents listed in paragraphs 10, 11, 12, 13 of clause 11 of the present announcement are to be completed in accordance with clause 12 of the present announcement);

- fill in the information on each Applicant in the information system on the website <u>www.ined.ru</u> in the category "All-Russian Open Competition for the Scholarships of the President of the Russian Federation for Abroad Studies" in the Organization's profile;

- print out the forms provided in appendices 2, 3, 4, 5 to the present announcement as found in the Organization's profile (compiled by the informational system), certify them in accordance with the requirements set forth in the relevant clauses of the present announcement, and direct for the tender as part of the tender application;

- submit, for each Applicant, a separate tender application consisting of the documents listed in clause 11 of the present announcement and personal evaluation-recommendation.

13.3. The achievements and events presented by the Applicants shall be considered and evaluated in the Contest only in case they are supported by a scan copy in the online profile.

14. The deadline for the Competition and the submission of applications is from 9:00 on February 20, 2020 to 18:00 on April 6, 2020 (Moscow time, GMT+3).

The applications submitted to the Competition past the deadline, or with missing documents, or not in strict compliance with the requirements provided in

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clauses 12 and 13 of the present announcement, shall not be accepted for consideration.

The applications with the Appendices 2, 3, 4, 5 compiled not in the informational system on the website <u>www.ined.ru</u> shall not be accepted for consideration.

15. Applications shall be sent on paper to the address: 119021, 8, Bolshoy Chudov per. Moscow, build. 1, Federal State Budgetary Institution "Centre for International Educational Activities ("Interobrazovanie"), office 36 (to enter the facility, an identification document is needed).

Responsible representative for the reception of the applications – Ashenkampf, Svetlana Viktorovna, tel. +7-499-246-71-78, e-mail: <u>s.ashenkampf@ined.ru</u>.

The paper version of the tender application shall contain only the documents listed in clauses 11.1-11.15 of the present announcement.

The envelope with the application documents shall be sealed and labelled as follows: "For the All-Russian open competition for scholarships of the President of the Russian Federation for abroad studies in the academic year 2020/21"

"Sending Organization (full name)"

"Applicant (full name)" "postgraduate/graduate/undergraduate student" "Center for International Educational Activities ("Intereducation")."

16. The number of applicants is not limited.

17. All costs associated with the participation in the Competition are borne by the Applicants.

18. The list of Scholarship Holders of the President of the Russian Federation is approved by the order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia before May 30, 2020.

19. Information on the results of the Competition is published on the official website of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation on the Internet telecommunication network found at the address

<u>www.минобрнауки.pф</u> and <u>www.ined.ru</u> no later than 5 working days after the order approving the list of Scholarship Holders of the President of the Russian Federation for abroad studies for the academic year 2020/21 is issued.

20. Additional information on how to form an application can be obtained via tel.: +7-499-246-32-84, +7-499-766-43-64.