



Don State Technical University

Mastersium

International Academic competition for Master's degree applicants

Why to take part in the competition?



Winners and runners-up have the opportunity to be enrolled at DSTU within **the quota (scholarship) of the Government of the Russian Federation** for programs implemented in Russian and English.

Who can participate?

Graduates of higher education programs, as well as senior students of higher education institutions, **planning to follow a Master's degree program at DSTU for the first time in Russia.**

Students who are currently following a Master's degree program or graduates who have already received a Master's degree **from a Russian university are not eligible** to apply for the quota.

If you are a Master's student or graduate of a Russian university, then the Ministry of Science and Higher Education **will not approve** the quota to follow a Master's program again (even in a different field of studies). It doesn't matter if you studied under a quota or on a commercial basis.

Students and graduates of Master's degree programs **from foreign universities have the right** to apply for a quota. If you have completed a Master's degree at any university outside Russia, then you can apply for the quota.

Languages of the Academic competition

- Russian
- English
- French
- Spanish



For applicants who do not speak Russian and are planning to follow a Master's programme in Russian, the quota includes 1 year of intensive study of Russian and the basics of general education disciplines at the International Faculty.

Available programs and medium of instruction

Code	Degree programme	Medium of instruction	
07.04.01	Architecture of buildings and structures. Creative concepts.	Russian	
08.04.01	Civil Engineering		English
08.04.01	Motorways	Russian	
09.04.02	Artificial intelligence technologies in information systems	Russian	
15.04.04	Intelligent systems of big data acquisition and processing		English
15.04.06	Design and intelligent control of robots and mechatronic systems	Russian	
15.04.06	Design and intelligent control of robots and mechatronic systems		English
23.04.01	Intelligent transport systems	Russian	
23.04.01	Intelligent transport systems		English
25.04.01	Aircraft Engineering		English
35.04.06	Agricultural machinery maintenance	Russian	
38.04.01	International Business		English

Registration

Till 30 November 2025

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Qualification stage

Online

1 December 2025 - 15 January 2026

<https://talant.donstu.ru/ya-magistr>

You can choose 1, 2 or 3 programs to participate in the competition.

Don't choose the same program, but in different languages!

In the **qualification stage**, you are to score **a minimum of 50 points** to qualify for the final stage, i.e. answer at least half of the questions correctly.

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Documents submission

Till 15 March 2026

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Publication of results

March 2026

Final stage

Online

16 January – 20 February 2026

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The winners and runners-up submit their documents for verification: requests@donstu.ru

A **minimum of 80 points** are to be achieved in the **final stage** to qualify for the scholarship.

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP FOR VERIFICATION

TO BE SCANNED AND SENT TO REQUESTS@DONSTU.RU BY MARCH 15, 2026:

1. **APPLICATION FORM and CONSENT TO THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA** completed
2. **PASSPORT:** scan OF ALL pages. If you have a second citizenship: a scan of all pages of the second passport. The passport must be translated into Russian. The translation must be notarized.
3. **THE DOCUMENT OF EDUCATION**
 - Final year students: it is necessary to obtain a study card from the dean's office of your faculty
 - Graduates: it is necessary to provide a diploma + an application with disciplines and grades

If the documents were issued by a university outside Russia, they must be translated into Russian. The translation must be notarized.

4. **VALID MEDICAL CERTIFICATES**

For candidates located outside the Russian Federation:

- certificates of absence of hepatitis B and C, tuberculosis, HIV infection
- a certificate that contains a comprehensive assessment of the state of health, including information on the availability of medical indications or contraindications for studying in the Russian Federation

The references must be translated into Russian. The translation must be notarized.

For candidates located in the Russian Federation: medical certificate + absence of HIV infection (2 blue-colored certificates)

Frequently asked questions: before the competition

Question: What language should I use to fill out the registration form?

Answer: The form can be filled out in any official language of the competition: English, French, Spanish or Russian.

Question: How many programs can I choose when registering?

Answer: When registering, you can choose 1, 2 or 3 programs.

Question: Is it possible to register for the same program in different languages?

Answer: No, you can register for each program only once.

Question: I have registered to take part in English. Does this mean that I will follow the Master's program in English too?

Answer: You will complete the tasks in the language that you specify while registering. You will follow the Master's program in the language that you specify in the application form in February 2026: English or Russian.

Question: What is the difference between the "language of the competition" and the "medium of instruction"?

Answer: The language of the competition is the language in which you will take the tests. The medium of instruction is the language in which the degree program is delivered. You can undergo the examinations, for example, in French, get your scholarship, study at the preparatory faculty for 1 year and then follow the Master's program in Russian.

Frequently asked questions: before the competition

Question: I made a mistake when registering. Can I change the program I have chosen?

Answer: It is necessary to send an e-mail to donstu.talant@gmail.com and specify which program you want to replace or delete. The program can be changed between November 1 and 30, 2025.

Question: What documents do I need to provide to take part in the competition?

Answer: No documents are required for registration and participation in the competition. Only the winners and prize-winners are to submit their documents upon receiving the notification from DSTU.

Question: How much does it cost to take part in the competition?

Answer: Participation in the competition is free of charge.

Question: If I already have a residence permit of the Russian Federation, can I participate?

Answer: Yes, you can.

Question: I have already registered on the website education-in-Russia.com. Can I take part in the competition organised by the DSTU?

Answer: Yes, you can. These are separate and unrelated competitions.

Frequently asked questions: during the competition

Question: How many points do you need to score at each stage to become a winner or a prize-winner?

*Answer: At the **Qualification stage**, it is necessary to score **at least 50 points** in order to qualify for the final stage, that is, to answer at least half of the questions correctly.*

*At the **Final stage**, you must gain **at least 80 points** in order to qualify for the scholarship. The score is not cumulative for the Qualification and Final stages.*

Q: How will the Qualification stage be held? Where and when to take part in it?

Answer: The links to testing will be available in your personal account at <https://talant.donstu.ru/ya-magistr>

The qualifying stage is testing. At any time convenient for you, from December 1, 2025 to January 15, 2026, log into your personal account, follow the links and answer questions. You will have 60 minutes to complete the test. You cannot retake the test.



Question: What is the Final stage? Where and when will it be held?

Answer: The second stage will be held from January 16 to February 20, 2026 at <https://skif.donstu.ru>. The schedule will be at the website of the competition, as well as sent by e-mail to participants who scored 50 points or more in the qualification stage. All the participants qualified for the final stage will take their exams online.

Applicants will need to solve 2-3 problems for each chosen program.



Frequently asked questions: after the competition

Question: What are the costs covered by the scholarship?

Answer: The scholarship covers the tuition fees only.

All other expenses are to be paid by the student: accommodation in a student residence hall, health insurance, medical examination, visa extension, etc.

Question: If I get the scholarship, will I be given a monthly DSTU scholarship?

Answer: Yes, you will.

Question: When will the results of the competition be announced?

Answer: The results will be published at <https://talant.donstu.ru/ya-magistr/> in March 2026. The winners and prize-winners will receive an email notification from DSTU.

Question: When and from whom will I receive an invitation letter to apply for my visa to Russia?

Answer: Invitations for candidates, who have been awarded with the scholarship, are prepared by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation and sent to the Embassy of the Russian Federation in your country. This is called “visa support for foreign citizens”. When contacting the Russian Embassy, you will need to provide the date and number of the visa support. The date and number will be available in your personal account on the website of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation in summer 2026.

Question: I have sent the documents to DSTU. Does this mean that my scholarship is approved and I will be enrolled?

Answer: Not yet. Your documents will be sent for reviewing to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, which decides whether to award the scholarship or not.

Frequently asked questions: after the competition

Question: What is the difference between a winner and a runner-up?

Answer: A winner is the person whose work scored 100 points. A runner-up is someone whose work was awarded scored between 80 and 100 points. Both winners and runners-up have the same right to be awarded the scholarship.

Question: I am the competition winner/runner-up. Does this mean that I am awarded a scholarship?

Answer: The fact that you've become a winner or runner-up of the competition does not mean that a scholarship is approved by the Ministry and you will be enrolled at the DSTU. The University composes a list of the winners and runners-up of the competition and sends the list to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation. The decision on the scholarship award is made by the Ministry only. You will receive information about the Ministry's decision by e-mail.

Question: I am the competition winner/runner-up. What should I do next?

Answer: Within 1 week after receiving the notification from DSTU that you have become a winner or a runner-up, you should submit the documents in electronic form according to the list emailed to you. The received documents will be submitted to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation. If you submit an incomplete set of documents or later than the announced deadline - the university will not be able to submit the incomplete set of the documents and you will miss your right to get your scholarship.



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