



**Concept note of the  
International Summer School of the Russian  
Geographical Society  
«Geography for everyone»**

**We invite**

Young specialists, undergraduate and graduate students involved in social activities, promoting geography and related sciences.

**Where**

Saint-Petersburg.

**When**

August 19 – August 26, 2018.

**Try yourself in the competition and become one of the participants of the International School RGO-2018 "Geography for everyone"**

Participants of the Summer School RGO-2018, young specialists from different countries, can exchange the experience and practical knowledge in the organization of events, aimed to attract attention of the general public to the issues of geography, to increase interest of mass media and youth of various countries to the geography and related sciences.

20 participants will be divided into 5 groups of 4 people. Each one in 5 working days should prepare a small project connected with the promotion of geographical knowledge and social activities. The work will be held under the guidance of a tutor.

Besides having a group project, the participants will be involved in various activities as creative meetings with public figures, journalists, photographers, travelers, broadcasters; classes held by famous scientists; training courses, workshops, geographical quests, team games, excursions.

The last day of school work will be devoted to the projects presentation. The professional jury will select the winner. The winning team will receive a targeted reward that would help the participants to implement their project with the assistance and under the aegis of RGS!

**Participants of Summer School 2018**

- will receive knowledge in the specifics of the organization of geographically focused activities;
- will receive knowledge in the sphere of geography, ecology (and related sciences) promotion;
- will receive experience in organizational work from the outstanding researchers, practitioners, organizers of science and education;
- will receive knowledge in current trends and technologies in sphere of geography, ecology and environmental preserving;
- will have the experience of communication with like-minded people, who are involved in the same kind of activity, professional geographers, specialists in science promotion and young colleagues;
- will develop professional skills and excel in the area of expertise;
- will expand personal, professional and business relations and get the ability to participate in joint projects;
- will develop relations between Russian Geographical Society and foreign professional society.

### **Working languages of Summer School 2018: Russian, English.**

#### **Requirements**

Age: 18-35 years old

Education background: geography and related sciences

Languages: knowledge of Russian and English is required

Preferred: experience of organization and participation in public-interest projects.

#### **Terms**

All costs connected with transport, accommodation and food are covered by organizers (**on the territory of Russia**). Participants will be provided with necessary handouts and literature. Participants from foreign countries will be provided with the visa support.

#### **Project presentation**

Is held in form of project presentation and report submission (duration should be not more than 10 minutes).

Invited experts from Russia and other countries get acquainted with the materials; consider participant's reports; ask questions and select the best work.

#### **Competition for participation and selection criteria**

Applicants willing to participate in competition to the Summer School RGS-2018 should send a package of documents to the organizers, specified below.

**The deadline for applications attached with the compulsory documents - June 05, 2018 (inclusive) can be sent by e-mail [rgoschool@rgo.ru](mailto:rgoschool@rgo.ru) with the mark «Surname\_Name\_summer\_school».**

Organizers register an application and confirm its receiving.

Applications sent after the deadline will not be considered.

### **Compulsory documents**

(Are necessary to prepare for all the applicants. The application will not be considered without documents specified below.)

#### **1. Application in English or in Russian**

Application form can be downloaded here: <http://mk.rgo.ru/> , («International Summer School» section).

File should be signed in the following way: «Surname\_Name\_application». Incorrectly signed motivation letters will not be considered.

#### **2. Motivation letter in English or in Russian**

Motivation letter made in a free form describing reasoned applicant's motivation to participate in Summer School. Applicant's motivation is one of the main selection criteria.

File should be signed in the following way: «Surname \_Name\_motivation». Incorrectly signed motivation letters will not be considered.

#### **3. Description of the experience in project activities in Russian or in English (not more than 2 pages)**

The description should reflect the main applicant's experience in social activities and activities connected with promotion of geographical knowledge.

File should be signed in the following way: «Surname\_Name\_description». Incorrectly signed project descriptions will not be considered.

#### **4. A photograph (800\*600) in electronic form to be published on the website of Russian Geographical Society in case of successful passing the selection to the Summer School RGO-2018. File should be signed in the following way: «Surname \_Name\_photo».**

#### **5. Consent to processing of the personal data**

### **Non-compulsory documents**

(Can positively influence the consideration of an application, but their absence is not critical)

1. **A letter of recommendation (reference) by chief of the organization/chair/dean or research advisor (in Russian or in English)** describing specific achievements. File should be scanned and signed in the following way: «Surname \_Name\_recommendation\_1». Incorrectly signed references will not be considered.
2. **A letter of recommendation (reference)** by the Regional office of the Russian Geographical Society signed by head of the Regional office of the Society (is not compulsory for the international applicants). Contacts of regional offices of the Society can be found on the official website <https://www.rgo.ru/ru/regiony>. File should be scanned and signed in the following way: «Surname \_Name\_recommendation\_2». Incorrectly signed references will not be considered.
3. In case of participation in activities of Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society applicant for participation in Summer School RGS-2018 can attach **a letter of recommendation (reference) by the head of Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society**. The availability of this recommendation will be taken into consideration during the selection of applicants. File should be scanned and signed in the following way: «Surname\_Name\_recommendation\_YC».
4. Certificates confirming level of proficiency in Russian and English.

In case of any questions connected with the organization of work Summer School RGS-2018 please contact **Evgeniya Tretiakova** (for foreign applicants) and **Andrey Katorgin** (for applicants from Russia) by telephone number: 8-800-700-18-45 (calls at the territory of Russia) +7-495-225-2760 (calls from other countries) or by e-mail [rgoschool@rgo.ru](mailto:rgoschool@rgo.ru).