

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH
SUMMER SCHOOL OF RUSSIAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
“GEOGRAPHY FOR ALL”
Moscow, Kaluga region, August 17th – 25th, 2019

CONCEPT
of the International Youth Summer School
organized by the Russian Geographical Society
“Geography for all”

The Russian Geographical Society - with the participation of the Federal Agency for Commonwealth of Independent States, compatriots living abroad and for international humanitarian cooperation - holds the International Youth Summer School "Geography for all" (hereinafter - the Summer School of the Russian Geographical Society) from August 17th to 25th, 2019.

The project participants will be 30 young public figures from Russia and foreign countries selected according to the results of the international competition of the Russian Geographical Society.

The goal is to increase participation of young public figures in the field of geographical education, conservation and promotion of natural and historical and cultural heritage of Russia as a subject of national pride, augmenting the traditions of the Russian Geographical Society; assistance in strengthening the positive image of Russia abroad, attracting interest to Russia and dissemination of reliable information about the country abroad.

Tasks:

- identification of talented young people;
- providing young leaders the opportunity to meet well-known public figures and experts in the field of international humanitarian cooperation;
- training participants of the Summer School to implement effective methods of project management and work with human resources;
- in-depth development of leadership qualities and skills of public speaking, presenting, discussion and negotiation;
- promoting development of creative and professional potential of young people.

Program

As part of the program, participants will exchange experience, knowledge and ideas, community initiatives in the field of geography and related sciences, will meet with well-known public figures, increase their competence, develop universal leadership qualities, learn effective methods of project management and working with human capital, gain the skills of public speaking and presenting.

The program of the RGS Summer School will be presented in the following thematic blocks:

- Russian Geographical Society: “We are discovering Russia again. Together!”;
- “Youth in the field of humanitarian international cooperation”;
- “Geography for all”;
- “Project laboratory”;
- “Laboratory of competence development”.

According to the results of the Summer School each participant will be receive individual activity plan, the best participants will receive the title of “Ambassador of the RGS ”, as well as the right to undergo an internship at the Executive Directorate of the Russian Geographical Society and the opportunity to participate in preparation and implementation of the RGS projects.

Ambassadors of the RGS

Participants who receive the title of “Ambassador of the RGS” will be able to represent the activities of the RGS at events at various levels, and will also be able to implement their own projects corresponding with the goals and objectives of the RGS under the auspices of the Russian Geographical Society. The participants will also be offered an opportunity to start up a youth club or center of the Russian Geographical Society abroad.

Working languages of the Summer School of the Russian Geographical Society are Russian and English.

Profile of project participants

Young citizens of Russia and foreign countries of the age 18 to 35 are invited to participate.

Required qualities, knowledge and skills

- proficiency in English;
- high motivation to participate in the RGS Summer School;
- experience of participation and/or organization of socially significant projects;
- interest in working on strengthening the positive image of Russia abroad, promoting traditional Russian values, as well as the ideas and traditions of the Society in the cities, regions, countries at the end of the Summer School.

Terms of participation

The organizers provide transportation from the place of residence to the venue events and back, accommodation and meals for participants during the Summer School of the RGS.

Competition for participation in the Summer School of RGS

Those wishing to take part in the competitive selection of students of the Summer School of the RGS must fill out the application form on the contest website: mk.rgo.ru before June 20th, 2019.

According to the results of the competitive selection successful candidates will be asked for an interview with the aim of determination the level of English.

Competition results will be announced after July 3rd, 2019 on the websites of the Russian Geographical Society.

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