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“HIGHER  
SCHOOL OF  
ECONOMICS”

# 2018

## ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

RULES  
OPTIONS  
FAQ



## KEY FIGURES

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Duration and Mode of Study

**3** years

Full-time Programme

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**1** campus

MOSCOW

## KEY FIGURES

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**68+** DOCTORAL STUDENTS  
/18% in Full-time advanced programme/

**23** ENROLLED IN 2017

current

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**38+** supervisors

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**5** Departments

**6** Laboratories and centers

# ADMISSION

## THREE OPTIONS FOR FOREIGN APPLICANTS

### FEDERAL QUOTA COMPETITION

Training only on a state-funded basis\*

FOR ALL FOREIGN CITIZENS,  
STATELESS PERSONS AND COMPATRIOTS

APPLICATION PERIOD:

**FEBRUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2018.**

### GENERAL COMPETITION

Fee-paying place

FOR ALL FOREIGN  
CITIZENS,  
COMPATRIOTS AND  
STATELESS PERSONS

State-funded place\*

FOR CITIZENS OF  
BELORUSSIA,  
KAZAKHSTAN,  
KYRGYZSTAN AND  
TAJKISTAN,  
COMPATRIOTS AND  
STATELESS PERSONS  
WHO HAVE THE  
RESIDENCE PERMIT IN  
THE RUSSIAN  
FEDERATION

TWO APPLICATION PERIODS:

1. DECEMBER 1, 2017 – MARCH 15, 2018

2. AUGUST 1 – SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

\* Please note that government scholarships cover **only** the cost of tuition (approximately \$ 8000 per year) and that all other costs (including accommodation at HSE dormitories) must be covered by a student. Information about the estimated cost of living can be found here: <https://www.hse.ru/recommends/costs>

# FEDERAL QUOTA COMPETITION

Russia offers everyone an opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree free of charge based on an entry competition\*.

## PRE-REQUISITES

- ✓ Master's degree
- ✓ English language (proficiency level)

**APPLICATION PERIOD** is  
**FEBRUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2018.**

[APPLY NOW](#)

Apply online: <https://www.hse.ru/expresspolls/poll/214586316.html>

## SELECTION CRITERIA

### ✓ Portfolio

"Very Important"

Research experience as reflected in publications.  
Degree certificate with honors.

"The most Important"

Research proposal, preliminary topic of a thesis,  
a potential academic supervisor at HSE

# FEDERAL QUOTA COMPETITION

## EVALUATION

SELECTION PERIOD is  
**APRIL 1–14, 2018.**

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## INTERVIEW

Applicants will be asked to pass an individual online interview with representatives of the Doctoral School.

A programme coordinator will only contact those candidates who meet the established eligibility criteria on the basis of their portfolio evaluation.

Please make sure that you provide correct contact details and your Skype ID in the application submitted for the competition.

## FOR ACCEPTED CANDIDATES

Based on the results of your application evaluation, the decision of the admission committee shall be posted in the HSE's website on April, 2018.

Accepted candidates must provide documents required for admission to HSE before **May 31, 2018.**

A list of required documents:

<https://aspirantura.hse.ru/en/phdkvota>

# GENERAL COMPETITION

## ADMISSION TO FEE-PAYING PLACES\*

TUITION FEE IN 2018 is **\$ 8000** per year

## PRE-REQUISITES

- ✓ Master's degree
- ✓ English language (proficiency level)

**2** application periods

Apply online:

<https://asav.hse.ru/postgradabit.html#signin>

## SELECTION CRITERIA

**2** Entrance Exams

- ✓ Foreign language
- ✓ Field-specific discipline

Portfolio competition

Oral exam



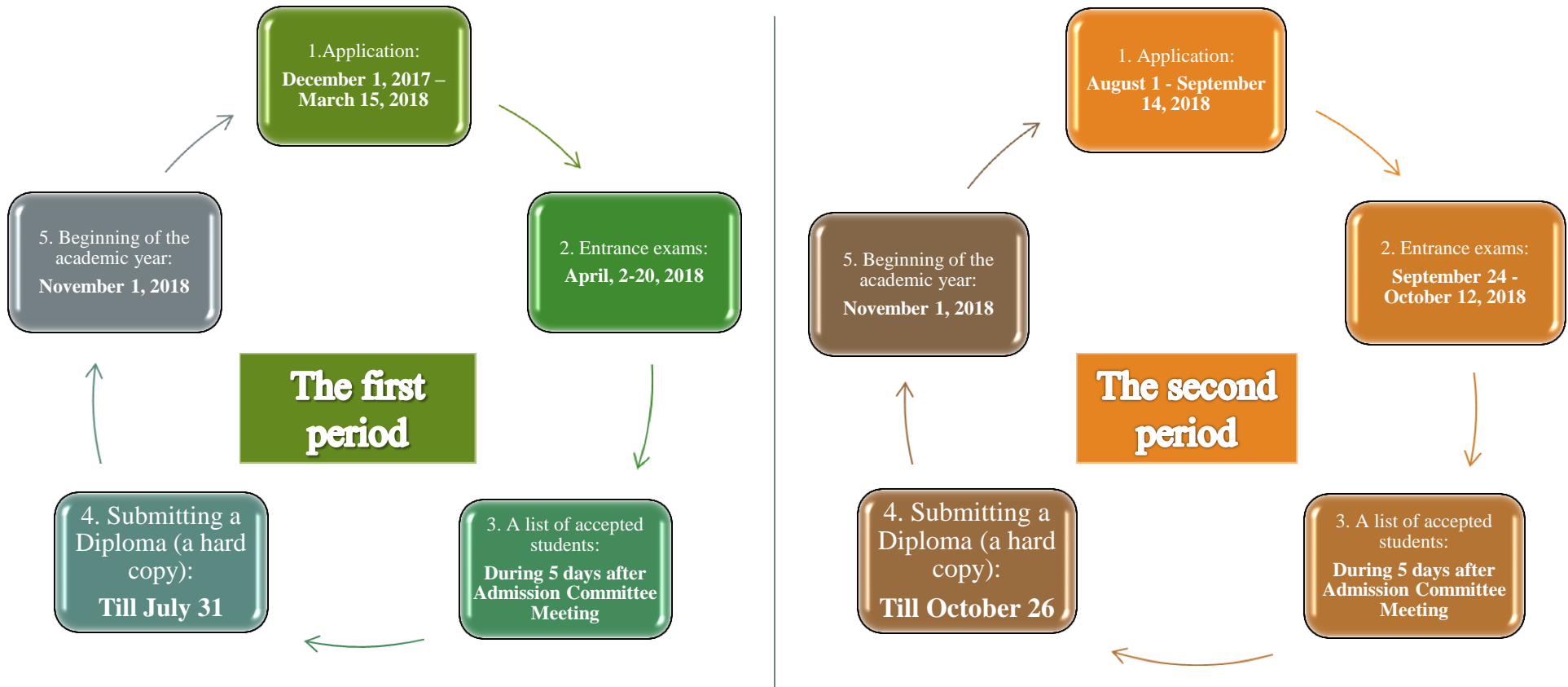
Exams can be passed distantly

\*Admission to state-funded places is available for three categories of foreign applicants:

1. Citizens of Belorussia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan
2. Compatriots
3. Stateless person who have the residence permit in the Russian Federation

# GENERAL COMPETITION

## Two application periods



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# GENERAL COMPETITION

## Frequently asked questions about application process

**Can I apply if I have not yet completed my master's / specialist's degree and do not have a master's / specialist diploma?**

If you don't have a diploma/degree certificate, and if this is a common practice for the country where your academic institution is located, you may provide a transcript or any other official document thereby confirming your level of education.

Nota bene:

You should submit a hard copy of your Diploma till July 31 (for the first application period) or till October 26 (for the second application period).

**Do I need an approval of a potential academic supervisor for admission?**

As a part of the portfolio, a recommendation letter from a potential academic supervisor is taken into account. This recommendation letter should reflect the consent of an academic supervisor to carry out academic advising of research in a case of applicant's enrollment. There are no templates for recommendation letters, at least it should be signed and contain contact information.

**Is it possible to pass entrance exams distantly?**

In coordination with an Academic Director, applicants can take entrance exams (a foreign language, a Major) using distance learning technologies.

The request for the holding of distance entrance exams should be proved.



# GENERAL COMPETITION

## Entrance exams

**Should I take an entrance exam in a foreign language in case I have an International certificate or other reasons?**

Foreign language skills can be transferred into results for the entrance exam in three cases:

- 1) you have an international language certificate in English, German, French or Spanish (please, see a list of certificates and required scores in the Admission rules, p. 4.11);
- 2) You completed a Master degree in English, German, French or Spanish;
- 3) You are a native English speaker.

**What documents does the portfolio include?**

Candidates are supposed to provide a portfolio (a set of academic and personal achievements).

**The portfolio required by the Doctoral School of Psychology includes:**

1. CV (Curriculum vitae).
2. A letter of motivation (approximately 1000-1200 words).
3. An abstract of a Master thesis (10-15 pages) or a research proposal (5-10 pages).
4. An academic transcript or a copy of a Master Diploma with distinction.
5. Recommendation letters.
6. A recommendation letter of a potential academic supervisor.
7. Copies of scientific publication in PDF format (if applicable).
8. A list of attended conferences with topics of presented reports (if applicable).
9. Any other certificates and academic achievements (if applicable).

**NOTA BENE: the portfolio is provided in a digital form (even though you will submit documents personally).**

*\*Please, see our requirements and templates in the Entrance Examination programme (<https://psychology.hse.ru/en/entexams/>)*

# Evaluation of personal and academic achievements

The maximum score for the portfolio is 55 points

An abstract of a Master thesis / a research proposal=  
The maximum score is 15 points

Scientific articles=  
the maximum score is 10 points

Research experience (in projects) =  
the maximum score is 7 points

A letter of motivation=  
the maximum score is 10 points

Attending in scientific conferences = the maximum score is 5 points

Recommendation letters = the maximum score is 5 points

Other academic achievements=  
maximum is 3 points

Rational and methodological basis, presentation of an issue and a hypothesis = 0-6 points

Presentation and explanation of results = 0-6 points

Academic writing skills = 0-3 points

Publications (HAC, Web of Science or Scopus) = 10 points

Other publications (at least one article should be for the first authorship) = 5 points

Projects in Psychology = 7 points

Projects in other fields = 5 points

Forethought statements of purpose = 0-5 points

Strong motivation for research = 0-5 points

Oral or poster presentations at international conferences = 5 points

Oral presentations at domestic conferences = 3 points

A recommendation letter = 3 points

A recommendation letter from a potential scientific supervisor = 2 points

Other academic achievements = 3 points

# FULL-TIME ADVANCED DOCTORAL PROGRAMME\*

\*This option is available only for those applicants who apply through the Federal Quota Competition or the General Competition for a **state-funded place**.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Participating in HSE's projects

One semester in a university abroad

A scholarship of 30 000 rubles a month

## PRE-REQUISITES

Accepted application for the Doctoral programme on a state-funded basis

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- ✓ candidate must be enrolled in the doctoral programme on a state-funded basis
- ✓ successfully passed entrance exams or interview
- ✓ scientific publications in the field of the Doctoral School
- ✓ interview with Admission Committee representatives in November, 2018 (in English)

# FULL-TIME ADVANCED DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Application form with visa of an Academic director Milana Hachaturova (<https://www.hse.ru/en/org/persons/3626713>). Approval of Academic Director can be got via e-mail, then it can be scanned and uploaded to the portal.
- ✓ Two recommendation letters by a researcher (an academic supervisor or a head of a research project where the candidate took part) that evaluate a candidate's research potential and describe participation in research projects. At least one recommendation letter should be from the university which a candidate graduated from. More than two recommendation letters can be submitted. The letters must be signed by a recommender and include contact information (phone number or email address)
- ✓ CV (curriculum vitae) including information about a candidate's education, work experience, and language proficiency (in print and digital form)
- ✓ Statement of purpose in English (up to 1,000 words) where a candidate gives reasons for choosing the university, faculty, and programme (in print and digital form)
- ✓ English language certificate: academic IELTS with at least 6 points, or TOEFL IBT (Internet Based), at least 80 points, or TOEFL PBT (Paper Based) at least 500 points.  
Per decision of the Admission Committee candidates who graduate from a fully English-taught Master's programme can apply without a language certificate.  
Per decision of an Academic director candidates may provide certificates DELF B2 or DALF C1 with at least 85 points, or German language certificate with at least «gut / sehr gut».

# FULL-TIME ADVANCED DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

## APPLICATION PERIOD

Applications for the Full-time Advanced Doctoral Programme and the Federal Quota Competition/the General Competition **are submitted at the same time(!)**

Federal Quota Competition →

February 1–  
March 30, 2018

General Competition (the first period) →

December 1, 2017 –  
March 15, 2018

General Competition (the second period) →

August 1 –  
September 14, 2018

## SELECTION PERIOD is

November, 2018

A date of interview will be announced after enrollment in DS.

More information about the programme:

[https://aspirantura.hse.ru/en/acad\\_asp/](https://aspirantura.hse.ru/en/acad_asp/)

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