

Dear Colleagues!

Greetings from chilly St. Petersburg!

As promised we are back with an update on the delivery format of the upcoming **International Polytechnic Summer School 2021** - will be held in a **mixed format**. We made a decision to offer 3 options to potential students.

Option 1 - online. Over **40 summer school courses** scheduled for the season 2021 will be held **online** and available for any participants from all around the globe.

The full list of courses and their descriptions are available <u>on our Summer & Winter Schools</u> <u>portal</u>.

We totally understand that students are very much tired of online studies but the wide variety of courses in 9 fields of studies should be attractive for students of any major. **Participation fee in online course (avg):** 135 euro per week (extracurricular program included).

Option 2 - hybrid. However, due to massive and continuous vaccination in Russia there are positive tendencies in the city environment safety and the travel restrictions are reduced in our country.

What is more, Russia resumed international air and railway service with the following 29 countries: the United Kingdom, Tanzania, Turkey, Switzerland, Egypt, Maldives, the United Arab Emirates, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Korea, Cuba, Serbia, Japan, the Seychelles, Ethiopia, Vietnam, India, Qatar, Finland, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Greece, Singapore, Venezuela, Germany, Syria, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka.

For these reasons, we offer a **hybrid online/on-campus summer school** option to students of nationality from the listed above countries.

You do have many international students at your university degree programs and we believe some of them (holding nationality of the listed above countries) might be interested in this option. They **can join any online summer course** for 135 euro per week (+4000 Rub for reg. fee) but **come to St. Petersburg to take touristic advantages** for the duration of the program and attend online classes at their dormitory/hostel.

Nevertheless, there are certain **COVID-19 regulations for arriving foreign students**: they have to be examined for COVID-19 by PCR method twice - not earlier than 3 calendar days before arrival to Russia and within 72 hours after entry to Russia. The students should observe a regime of self-isolation until the negative PCR test is received. Usually it takes 1-3 days and the arriving passengers can be tested right at the airport.

Option 3 – tailor-made. We may also arrange a **tailor-made on-campus program** for a group of minimum 10 students holding nationality of the countries Russia resumed international air and railway service with.

If you are interested, please inform us on the field of study or the most preferable course from the scheduled ones on our <u>website</u> and we will do our best to arrange it in the most suitable dates for your group and customize it to your request.

Application form for summer courses is available on our website here.

If a student picks the **2nd option**, he/she just applies for an online course on the website but informs us on his choice via email (<u>summerschool@spbstu.ru</u>) and requests the Letter of Invitation from us. Further instructions, accommodation and cultural program options will be discussed with each student individually.

What is more, we also provide <u>discounts</u> for the courses tuition fee in some cases:

If a student takes 2 programs in one season he/she gets a 10% discount per each course;
If a student takes 3 or more programs in one season he/she gets a 15% discount per each course;
If a student is an SPbPU alumni of any course in the last 5 years he/she gets a 10% discount for any summer program.

We will be very grateful if you kindly **spread this information among your students** and it will be our pleasure to welcome them at our summer courses online or on-campus!

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation and support. Please take good care!