

NATIONAL
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UNIVERSITY
“HIGHER
SCHOOL OF
ECONOMICS”

2018

ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF PHYSICS

RULES
OPTIONS
FAQ



KEY FIGURES

Duration and Mode of Study

4 years

Full-time Programme

1 campus

MOSCOW

Faculty of Physics

KEY FIGURES

9+ DOCTORAL STUDENTS

/most students in Full-time advanced programme/

5 ENROLLED IN 2017

current

33+ supervisors

5 Fields of study

6 Departments

1 International Laboratory

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
TAJIKISTAN,
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.

INTERVIEW

Applicants may 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



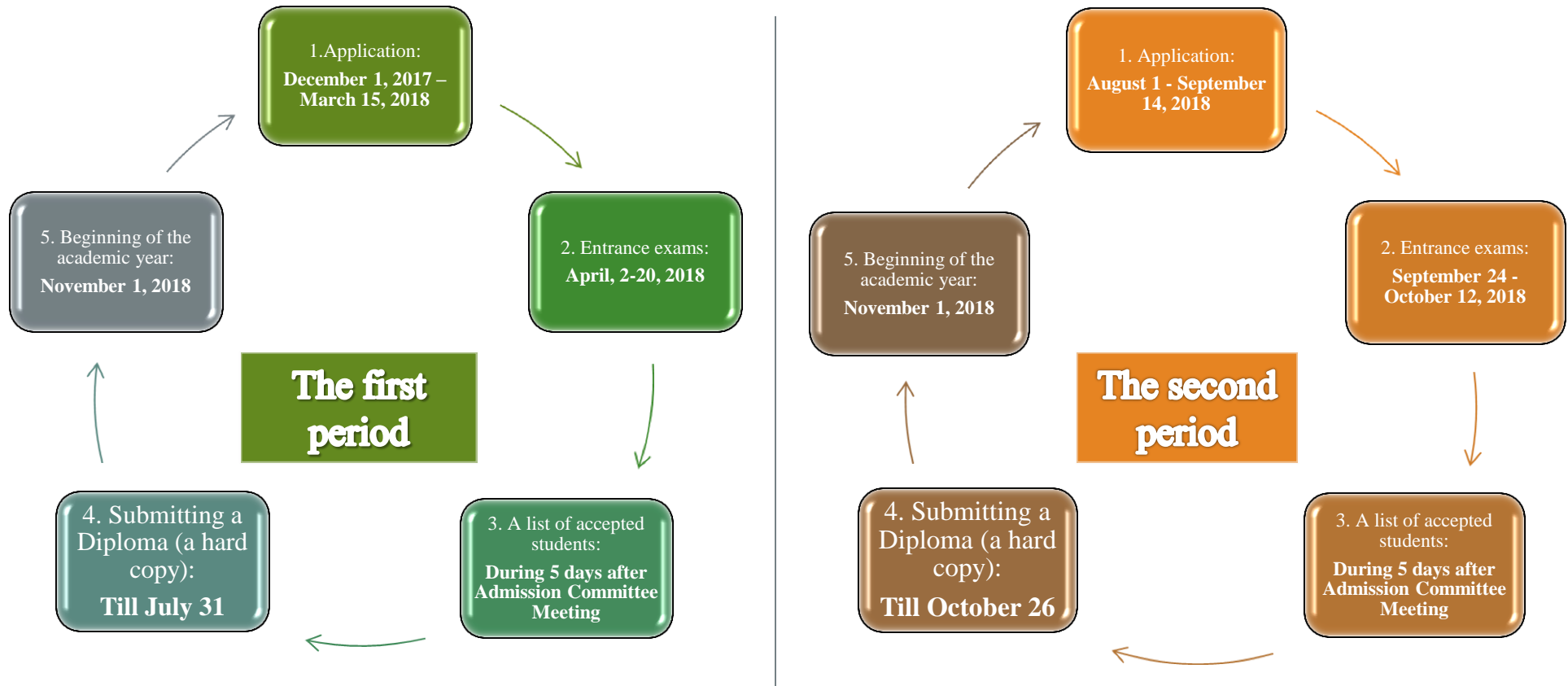
Exams can be passed distantly

*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).

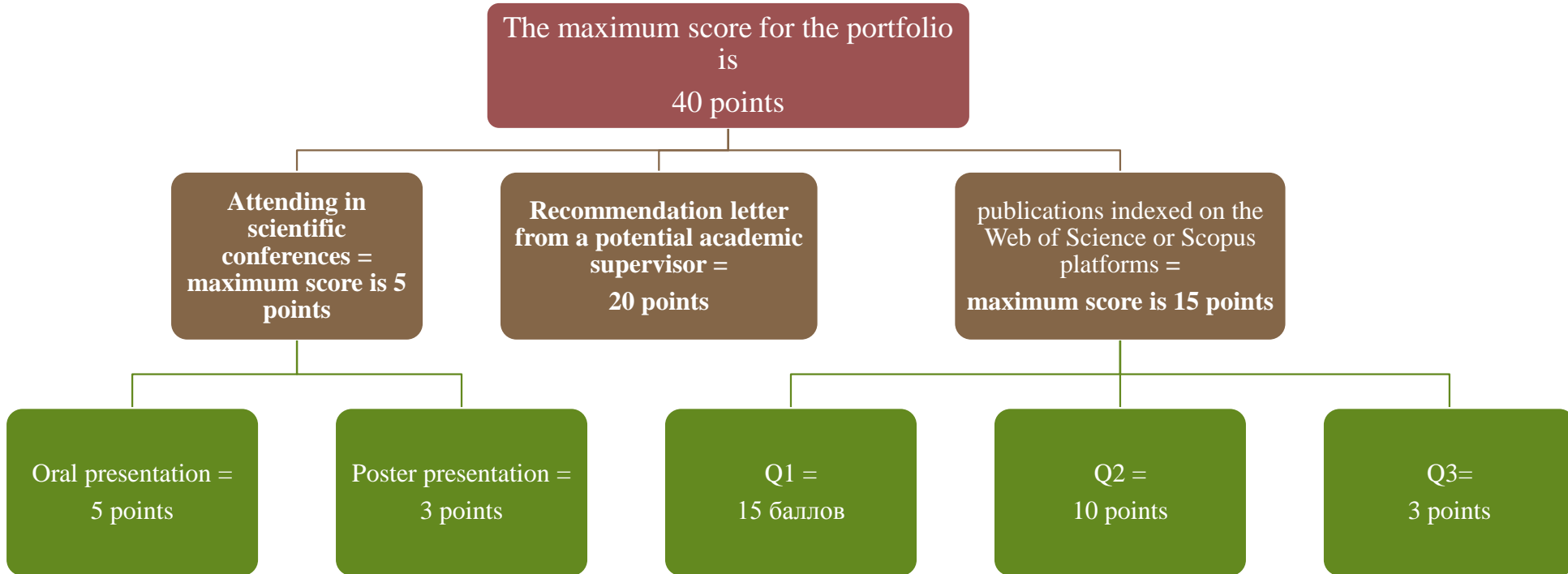
The portfolio required by the Doctoral School of Physics includes:

1. Information about previous education
2. CV (Curriculum vitae).
3. Recommendation letter from a potential academic supervisor
4. Copies of scientific publications indexed on the Web of Science or Scopus platforms
5. A list of attended conferences with topics of presented reports

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://aspirantura.hse.ru/physics/exams>)*

Evaluation of personal and academic achievements



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 Academic director. 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 a 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/

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