

# A pilot project for the Russian-African Network University Olympiad has been launched.

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With the support of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, a pilot project entitled "International Olympiad of the Russian-African Network University" is being launched for future master's degree students.



The poster features a central title and a QR code, flanked by decorative vertical bars with colorful geometric patterns. Below the title, it lists key details: eligibility (African citizens), mode (remote/online), subject areas (Economics & Management, International Relations & Humanities, Biomedicine & Cognitive Sciences, Computer Sciences, Engineering & Technologies of the Future), application deadline (March 30, 2026), and contact email (rafu-olympiad@unn.ru). A section titled 'PARTNER RAFU UNIVERSITIES' displays logos for various institutions including Lobachevsky University, Polytech, Samara Polytech, SUAI, Southern Federal University, and others.

**INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD OF THE RUSSIAN-AFRICAN NETWORK UNIVERSITY**

**Benefit your chance to win one of 20 governmental scholarships for Master's studies at any Olympiad partner university!**

**Eligible participants:** African countries citizens – Bachelor's students & graduates.

**Mode & Languages:** remotely/online in Russian or in English languages.

**Subject Areas:** Economics & Management; International Relations & Humanities; Biomedicine & Cognitive Sciences; Computer Sciences, Engineering & Technologies of the Future.

**Application deadline:** March 30, 2026

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**PARTNER RAFU UNIVERSITIES**

LOBACHEVSKY UNIVERSITY  
POLYTECH  
SAMARA POLYTECH Flagship University  
SUAI State University of Aerospace Instrumentation  
SOUTHERN FEDERAL UNIVERSITY SFedU  
Университет биотехнологий  
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YUGRA UNIVERSITY  
AGRIAN UNIVERSITY

The main objective of the competition is to identify talented bachelor's degree graduates from African countries who are interested in continuing their education at Russian universities. The competition will be held remotely in Russian and English and will consist of two stages:

1. Preliminary stage: portfolio competition (achievements in studies, science, project activities).
2. Final stage: online interview based on the selected training profile.

Participants will be able to demonstrate their knowledge in four key areas: Economics and Management, International Relations and Humanities, Computer Science, Engineering and Future Technologies, and Biomedicine and Cognitive Sciences.



As part of a pilot project, the Ministry of Higher Education and Science of the Russian Federation has allocated 20 budget places for master's programs at Russian universities that are members of the RAFU Consortium.

The coordinator of the Olympiad is the National Research Nizhny Novgorod State University named after N.I. Lobachevsky.

This year, 13 Russian universities have expressed their intention to act as co-organizers of the project.

We hope to expand this project next year!