



## **The VIII Annual Smolny International Student Conference**

**Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences, St. Petersburg State University  
April 18-21, 2019**

Dear Friends,

We invite students, post-graduate students, and young scholars up to 35 years old (who do not hold post-graduate degrees) specializing in different fields of sciences and arts to participate in **the VIII Annual Smolny International Student Conference** devoted to up-to-date research in different fields of science and arts. The conference will be held on April 18-21, 2019 at the Bobrinskiy Palace (58-60 Galernaya St, Saint Petersburg, Russia).

This year Smolny Conference program will include panel presentations, roundtable discussions, workshops, lectures of leading scholars and teachers from St. Petersburg State University, as well as film screenings, show-debate and other events, offering students from different countries great opportunities for networking and collaboration.

The working languages of the Smolny Conference are English and Russian.

Conference has no registration fee.

Topics include but are not restricted to:

- Visual Arts
- Music and Theatre
- Natural Sciences (Cognitive Studies, Complex Systems, Computer Sciences and Artificial Intelligence, Life Sciences)
- Social Sciences
- Political Sciences
- History
- Philosophy
- Philology and Literature

Please note that this is the list of spheres our conference works in, not the list of panels. Exact list of sections and the section for your presentation will be announced after the review process.

### **Submission:**

**Deadline for applications is December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

To submit an application please follow this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/LEOf6VnVCdIC6OW02>



An applicant can only submit one abstract for the Conference either as a single author or in co-authorship. In case an abstract is submitted in co-authorship both authors should be mentioned in one application. Each abstract should be linked with one of the topics listed above. Detailed abstract requirements are listed in the Annex 1.

All abstracts are subject to blind peer-review by two independent experts according to the topic indicated in the application. Notification of acceptance will be e-mailed to the applicants by **January 20th, 2019**.

Based on the results of panel presentations participants will have an opportunity to publish extended abstracts describing their research and its results in a printed journal. Participants, whose presentation achieve recognition, will be given the opportunity to publish a full-scale article in the same journal that would be indexed in Russian Scientific Citation Database (RSCI).

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject those abstracts that do not follow the requirements or are submitted after December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **Travel and accommodation cost compensation**

Participants from other countries may apply for a compensation for travel and/or accommodation.

To apply for funding one should:

- answer a special essay question in the Application Form
- provide a CV (with brief description of one's professional and academic achievements)
- provide a scanned copy of a Letter of Recommendation signed by a research advisor.

CV and Letter of Recommendation should be sent to [smu@smolny.org](mailto:smu@smolny.org)

The applicant is expected to be the presenter, i.e. the first author of the submission.

All documents (Application Form, CV, scan of Letter of Recommendation) should be submitted before **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

We remind you that you can also travel to the Conference at your own expense or seek financial assistance from your own University or Institute.

**IMPORTANT: Please, note that Russian Visa Policy requires participants from other countries to apply for a visa** (please check in advance whether you need a visa [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa\\_policy\\_of\\_Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_Russia) or contact us). After the review process authors of accepted abstracts will receive visa assistance.



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In case you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Conference organizers at [smu@smolny.org](mailto:smu@smolny.org)

With best regards,

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Coordinator of Conference Committee,  
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## Abstract Requirements

The abstract should be no more than **3000 characters** including spaces and Reference List. Each abstract should clearly present a research question/hypothesis; critical review of the literature; methodology; results and conclusions. Preference will be given to works proposing original ideas and approaches.

Tables, images and figures are not permitted.

Information about supporting grants may be presented in italics before the Reference List (10pt font).

The Reference List does not need to be titled.

### Referencing:

References in the text are indicated by a number in square brackets in order of appearance. Footnotes or endnotes are not permitted.

#### In-text reference examples:

John Smith's experiment [1] showed...

This fact is well known [2; 3; 4]

As James Smith stated [5, p. 25]

#### Reference list examples:

Basic Format for Books:

1. Smith J. 2016 *Experimenting with cross-referencing*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Edited Book, No Author:

2. Editor A.A., Editor B.B., Editor C.C. (eds.) 2002. *How to Edit Things That Need Editing*. Norwell: Kluwer.

Edited Book with an Author or Authors

3. Writer W.W. 2000. *Writing a Book, Drawing a Picture*. E.Editor (ed.) *Editing Books for Life*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 215–234

Journal Article:

4. Author A.A., Author B.B., Author C.C. 1998. How to write a great abstract. *Journal of Great Abstracts*, 18(1), 168–170.



**All abstracts will be evaluated according to the following criteria:**

1. Scientific contribution - problem explored in a research is up-to-date and is of interest for scientific community.
2. The problem/hypothesis/research question is clearly stated.
3. Abstract includes the description of the methodology used in the research. The methodology is suitable for the research question/hypothesis stated.
4. Author relies on the previous research or existing theories related to the stated problem and provides necessary references to support one's claims.
5. Existing or expected results of the research are described. The results comply with the stated problem/hypothesis.
6. Abstract is written in accordance with the norms of academic writing. Thoughts are expressed logically, using scientific language.
7. Abstract does not contain any signs of plagiarism or any other forms of scientific ethics violation.