

**Federal State Autonomous
Educational Institution of Higher Education
“Volgograd State University”**

International Office

**Information Letter
on International Photography Exhibition
“Student Lens”**

Dear colleagues,

Volgograd State University invites you to participate in the **International Photography Exhibition “Student Lens”**.

Bachelor, Master and PhD students of VolSU and its partner universities can participate in the exhibition.

Exhibition Aims and Objectives

- discovery and support of talented and creative students of VolSU and its partner universities;
- development of intercultural dialogue;
- stimulation of interest in culture, traditions and sights of the world countries;
- promotion of Russian culture and other world and regional cultures.

Submission Requirements

- The format of the exhibition submissions is a photograph taken within the framework of the exhibition nominations. Only original photos, not previously published anywhere, including online platforms, are eligible for submission. Each participant may submit no more than one work in one nomination.
- The photos should be in .JPEG, .PNG or .TIFF formats with a resolution of no less than 300 DPI.

Exhibition Nominations

1. “Cities Between Us”

Participants may submit photos of the city where their university is located, sights and historical sites of this city, etc..

2. “Home of Scientists”

Participants may submit photos of their university campus: its buildings, student infrastructure, leisure facilities, etc.

3. “Gaudeamus Igitur”

Participants may submit photos of their everyday student lives. This nomination incorporates three directions:

- a. Science and Education (student conferences, work in laboratories, classes, etc.);
- b. Arts and Culture (creative, social, cultural activities of students);
- c. Sports and Healthy Lifestyle (activities of university sports sections, students' favourite activities to keep themselves fit and take care of their health).

In each nomination 1st, 2nd and 3rd places are awarded (in the “Gaudeamus Igitur” nomination winners are picked separately for each direction). The winners will be awarded with diplomas and all participants will receive a participation certificate. Diplomas and certificates are sent to the participants in the digital format.

Submissions are evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Correspondence to the topic of the nomination chosen by the participant;
- Originality of the idea;
- Composition;
- Color scheme.

All photos of the participants will be published on the VolSU official website on a special page dedicated to the photo exhibition (the link will be sent later). The best photos will be exhibited at VolSU Scientific Library.

Exhibition Dates

- **Submission receipt:** from 22 April 2024 to 12 May 2024.
- **Submission evaluation:** from 13 May 2024 to 22 May 2024.
- **Announcement of winners:** 23 May 2024.
- **Exhibition date:** 24 May 2024.

To participate in the exhibition, please fill in the application form (Appendix 1) and send it together with your photos at the VolSU International Office email: **oms@volsu.ru**. In the subject please include “Student Lens”.

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**Application Form for the Participant
of the International Photography Exhibition “Student Lens”**

Full Name	
University	
Level of Training (Bachelor / Master / PhD)	
Name of Educational Programme	
Year of Study	
Nomination	
Direction (if “Gaudeamus Igitur” nomination is chosen)	
Title of the Photo	
Description (name / title and short description of the depicted place, building, sight, event, etc., no more than 5-7 sentences)	
Participant’s Email <i>*Please make sure to submit an email that you check often so we could promptly contact you in case of any issues and send you your diploma / certificate</i>	