

The criteria for competitive selection are:

- general and specific knowledge in the chosen field, confirmed by grades obtained at universities;
- diplomas or certificates indicating success in scientific and project work (conferences, publications, scholarships);
- scientific publications (scientific journals, conference proceedings, academic contributions etc.). The scientific level of the publication is taken into account (indexing, editorial board, co-authors, conference level, etc.);
- quality of submitted qualifying work on medieval studies;
- experience in the scientific or popular science field (teaching, journalism, blogs, art exhibitions);
- personal motivation of the candidate.

The maximum number of points for the portfolio competition is 100 points.

1. Documents and motivation letter. Maximum score – 60 points

List of documents for passing the entrance test (portfolio) for foreign citizens and criteria for evaluating the portfolio

Educational program " Rus' and the Medieval World "

Portfolio section	Comments	Maximum points
Mandatory documents		
Resume	The candidate's education and practical experience must be indicated, including scholarships and other forms of additional education	5
Motivation letter	The purpose and reasons for choosing the Rus' and the Medieval World program must be indicated; a detailed description of the scientific topic that the candidate is already working on or plans to study in the master's program must be presented, indicating the object, purpose and novelty of the research, the primary and secondary sources; professional plans for the future after graduation must be indicated. It is possible to describe some personal experience (work, study, etc.) related to the study of the Middle Ages	10

A copy of a document confirming the level of education	Specialized education in history, history of art, philology, cultural studies or philosophy at least at the bachelor's level is required	5
Documents confirming knowledge of any ancient or rare language (grades in diploma or other documents)	Knowledge of at least one ancient language (Ancient Greek, Latin, Old Russian), oriental or rare (Arabic, Hebrew, Caucasian, Scandinavian languages) is required.	10
Documents confirming knowledge of the English language (diploma grade or international certificate)	Required level of knowledge: reading scientific text without dictionary, oral communication on a professional topic	10
Documents that may be included in the portfolio		
Scientific publications, presentations at scientific seminars/conferences		10
Recommendation letters	These may be letters from a supervisor, employer, reputable scientist, etc.	5
Written confirmation of preliminary agreements with one of the teachers of the Rus' and the Medieval World program	May be email correspondence or some other documents	5

2. Oral interview. Maximum score - 40 points

Applicants who, based on the results of document verification and a motivation letter, have

scored **at least 20 points** are invited to an oral interview.

NB It is possible to conduct an interview via Skype, webinar etc.

Approximate interview topics:

1.1 Questions regarding the content of the applicant's motivation letter: research interests and intended topic of scientific work; connection of future master's work with previous experience in study and work; What do you imagine your future professional activity could be?

1.2. Questions testing the candidate's knowledge of medieval history, literature, art or philosophy, depending on his/her undergraduate background. The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of scientific literature, monuments of medieval art, medieval literature, and medieval philosophy. Direct acquaintance with works of literature and other historical sources of the Middle Ages is encouraged.

1.3. Testing knowledge of a foreign and ancient language. The applicant may be requested to work with a short text in the selected language/s. After a little preparation, it needs to be read, translated, and possibly clarified. Knowledge of one ancient language (Latin, Ancient Greek, Old Russian) is required only at an elementary level, but its knowledge at a high level is strongly encouraged.