

# CARLETON UNIVERSITY (OTTAWA)

IN COOPERATION WITH THE RUSSIA-CANADA BUSINESS COUNCIL  
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

## A WRITING CONTEST

FOR ALL STUDENTS STUDYING RUSSIAN IN CANADA

### Purpose

The purpose of the contest is to generate interest among students in appreciation of the relationship between our countries; to celebrate Russian-Canadian heritage and the diversity of cultures and languages in Canada; and to provide an opportunity for students to showcase their knowledge of the Russian language, literature and history.

### Contest Rules and Regulations

All students from Canadian schools and universities, language schools and Russian learning centers, who are studying the Russian language, are invited to participate in this contest. To enter the contest, students are required to write an essay of 1,000 to 2,000 words in Russian on one of the proposed topics within the selected categories and to submit it to our contest judges via e-mail to [cu.russianwritingcontest@gmail.com](mailto:cu.russianwritingcontest@gmail.com) by **20 February 2019**.

Our esteemed judges - leading experts in the field of the Russian language, literature and history from Russia and Canada - will review the essays and then choose six winners (three in each category). The winners will be announced on 28 March 2019. All winners will be notified in writing via e-mail and may also be contacted by phone. The list of winners will also be available at <https://carleton.ca/eurus/>. The award ceremony date will be announced at a later date.

### Categories and Topics

**The first category is "The Russian Language as a Window into Russian Culture".**

This category is open to all students from Canadian schools and universities, language schools and Russian learning centers, who are studying the Russian language and **who are not native Russian speakers**. There is no limit on the age of contestants or the duration of time learning Russian.

**The contest topics for this category are:**

1. The Greatest Russian(s) of all time.

OR

2. Two northern countries: what Russia and Canada have in common.

**The second category is "The Russian Language as a Native Language".**

This category is open to all students from Canadian schools and universities, language schools and Russian learning centers, **whose mother tongue is Russian**. There is no limit on the age of contestants or the duration of time learning Russian.

**The contest topics for this category are:**

1. My favourite Soviet animated film.

OR

2. A history of the championship of Russian cities for the status of capital.

**Submission Guidelines:**

All submissions should:

- Be written in Russian on one of the topics within the specified category
- Be between 1,000 to a maximum of 2000 words in length
- Be in Font Times New Roman, size 14
- Be 1.5 - spaced with numbered pages in Word document format
- Include, in the top right-hand corner of the page, the student's name and surname both in Russian and in English or French, e-mail and phone number, age, mother tongue, name of the school, duration and place of study of the Russian language, and the category selected
- Be submitted electronically to [cu.russianwritingcontest@gmail.com](mailto:cu.russianwritingcontest@gmail.com)

**Awards**

The six winners (three in each category) will be awarded with valuable prizes, and all participants will receive memorable gifts.

**Important Dates:**

- Deadline for submissions is 20 February 2019
- Announcement of winners is 28 March 2019
- Award ceremony date is to be announced at a later date

**We are pleased to answer any questions regarding the contest, please direct your e-mail to [cu.russianwritingcontest@gmail.com](mailto:cu.russianwritingcontest@gmail.com)**