

**CARLETON UNIVERSITY (OTTAWA), IN COOPERATION WITH THE  
RUSSIA-CANADA BUSINESS COUNCIL AND THE EMBASSY OF THE  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN CANADA,**

**ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE**

**THE THIRD RUSSIAN 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 Categories**

**"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 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.

**Contest Rules and Regulations**

All students from Canadian schools and universities, language schools and Russian learning centers are invited to participate in this contest. To enter the contest, students are required to write an essay of 1,000 to 1,500 words in Russian on one of the proposed topics. Essays must be submitted to our contest judges via e-mail at [cu.russianwritingcontest@gmail.com](mailto:cu.russianwritingcontest@gmail.com) by **14 March 2020**.

Our esteemed judges – leading experts in the field of the Russian language, literature and history from Russia and Canada – will review the essays, and choose six winners (three

in each category). The winners will be announced on **10 April 2020**. 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/russian-writing-contest/>. The award ceremony date will be announced at a later date.

### **Awards**

The winners will be awarded with valuable prizes, and all participants will receive memorable gifts.

### **Contest Topics**

1. The Great Russian Commanders (from ancient times to the present)
2. “There is no such family in Russia that was not affected by the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945)...” About my ancestors who participated in the Great Patriotic War
3. Arctic Convoys: Remembering cooperation between the Soviet Union and Canada during World War II
4. Which museum would you like to visit in Russia?

### **Submission Guidelines:**

All submissions should:

- Be written in Russian on one of the proposed topics
- Be between 1,000 to a maximum of 1,500 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: [cu.russianwritingcontest@gmail.com](mailto:cu.russianwritingcontest@gmail.com)

### **Important Dates:**

- Deadline for submissions: 14 March 2020
- Announcement of winners: 10 April 2020
- Award ceremony date: TBA

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at**  
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