

**IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CANADA AND  
THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF RUSSIAN-CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**

**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 up 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 [IdrisColakovic@cunet.carleton.ca](mailto:IdrisColakovic@cunet.carleton.ca) by March 15, 2018.

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 four winners (two in each category). The winners will be announced in April 2018. 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 will be held in May 2018 in Ottawa.

**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 within this category are:**

1. Interview with My Favorite Russian Writer.

OR

2. Reflections on the Role of Youth in Further Development of Canadian-Russian Cooperation.

**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 within this category are:**

1. The Small Homeland of My Ancestors. Towns and Villages of Russia.

OR

2. "The Captain's Daughter" by A. Pushkin as a Mirror of Values of a Russian Person.

**Submission Guidelines:**

All submissions should:

- Be written in Russian on one of the topics within the specified category.
- Be between 1500 to a maximum of 2000 words in length
- Be in Font Times New Roman, size 14
- Be 1.5 - spaced with numbered pages in .pdf file
- 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 [IdrisColakovic@cunet.carleton.ca](mailto:IdrisColakovic@cunet.carleton.ca)

**Awards**

The four winners (two in each category) will be awarded a trip to the Russian cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg.

**Important Dates:**

- Deadline for submissions is March 15, 2018
- Announcement of winners is April 20, 2018
- Award ceremony is in May 2018.

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