

**REGULATION**  
**ABOUT THE COMPETITION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE RESEARCH**  
**EXPEDITION PROJECT**  
**"KAMCHATKA: NORTHWEST RING OF FIRE"**

**1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1.1. The winners of the Competition are given the opportunity to participate in the Research Expedition Project "Kamchatka: the North-Western Ring of Fire" (hereinafter referred to as the Expedition) free of charge. **The organizers of the expedition provide travel from the place of residence to the place of the expedition, as well as accommodation and meals during the Expedition. The organizers do not cover the costs of visa fees.**

1.4. Within the framework of the Expedition, scientific groups will be formed to carry out work in the following areas of research:

- Geography;
- Geology;
- Zoology;
- Botany;
- Hydrobiology;
- Ecology;
- Environmental management;
- Sustainable development.

The participants of the Competition can apply for one of the above directions in accordance with the specialization received. The winners of the Competition will be included in the composition of scientific groups to carry out work in the relevant or related field. The winners of the Contest will also be required to take part in the work to ensure the Expedition camp (camp installation, cooking, cleaning, household work).

1.5. **The Expedition dates** from August 15 to September 4, 2022 (dates can be adjusted).

1.6. **The location of the expedition:** Russian Federation, Kamchatka Territory.

1.7. The purpose of the Expedition is to conduct a comprehensive survey of the territory and water area of the Kamchatka Peninsula to identify valuable natural and territorial complexes and prerequisites for the creation of new protected areas, carbon polygons and the development of ecological tourism.

1.8. Participation in the Competition implies acceptance of these Regulations.

**2. THE ORDER OF THE COMPETITION**

2.1. The competition is held till **July 11, 2022** and includes:

2.1.1 Announcement of the Contest.

2.1.2 Registration of participants by filling out corresponding application forms.

2.2. The work of the Commission is carried out in the period **from July 4 to July 15, 2022** and ends with the publication of the list of winners of the Competition on the website of the Society ([www.rgo.ru](http://www.rgo.ru)).

3.3. In the period **from July 16 till July 22, 2022**, the winners of the Competition must confirm their participation in the Expedition, as well as submit documents for consideration by the Commission in accordance with the requirements for the selection of participants specified in sections 3 and 4 of this Regulation, by e-mail [olga.lapina@rgo.ru](mailto:olga.lapina@rgo.ru), based on the confirmation letter of the successful completion of the Competition.

### **3. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SELECTION OF EXPEDITION PARTICIPANTS**

- 3.1. ***Program participants must not have Russian citizenship.*** Compliance with the condition "country of citizenship - country of residence" is not mandatory
- 3.2. ***Age.*** At the time of the trip, the age of the participants must be within 25 – 35 years inclusive.
- 3.3. ***Education.*** University education, incomplete university education. The obtained specialization should correspond to the chosen research direction of the Expedition.
- 3.4. ***Motivation.*** A pronounced interest in the scientific goals of the Expedition, obtaining practical skills and knowledge for carrying out research activities and participating in the Expedition (formulated in the application form).
- 3.5. The availability of scientific publications on the subject of the Expedition, field experience in a region similar in natural conditions, research performed within the chosen direction will be an advantage.
- 3.6. ***State of health.*** Compliance with health group 1-2. There are no direct contraindications for participation in the Expedition.
- 3.7. ***Personal qualities necessary to participate in the Expedition:*** physical and psychological endurance, willingness to live and work in the field for a long time in closed groups in isolation from home, balance, goodwill, sociability.
- 3.8. ***Documents required within the framework of the Competition.*** The list of documents required to participate in the competitive selection, namely:
  - 3.8.1. Participant's application form.
  - 3.8.2. Resume.
  - 3.8.3. Motivation letter.
  - 3.8.4. List of scientific achievements.
  - 3.8.5. Scanned copies of the passport (all filled pages).
  - 3.8.6. Recommendations from the head of the organization / department / faculty or scientific supervisor indicating specific achievements in the chosen direction of the Expedition, with a signature and a transcript of the surname.
  - 3.8.7. Any other recommendations, including recommendations from the heads of foreign Youth clubs of the Russian Geography Society, will also be considered by the Commission.
  - 3.8.8. List of scientific publications on the subject of the Expedition, dissertation research, diploma or other research work and achievements.
  - 3.8.9. Medical insurance valid on the territory of the Russian Federation for the duration of the Expedition.
  - 3.8.10. Official photo of the participant in JPEG or PNG formats.
- 3.9. Additionally, documents confirming the experience of participation in other scientific expeditions may be provided.
- 3.10. In case of successful completion of the Competition, participants are required to submit the full package of documents for consideration by the Commission (provision of scanned copies of documents by mail [olga.lapina@rgo.ru](mailto:olga.lapina@rgo.ru) . Upon arrival to the Expedition, the participant must provide the originals of the documents specified in section 4.

### **4. LIST OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE EXPEDITION IN CASE OF SUCCESSFUL SELECTION**

4.1. In case of successful completion of the Competition, participants are required to submit a full package of documents for consideration by the Commission (provision of scanned copies of documents by mail [olga.lapina@rgo.ru](mailto:olga.lapina@rgo.ru). Upon arrival to the Expedition, the participant must provide the originals of the documents), namely:

4.1.1. Certificates from the place of study (work) or copies of the student ID card or ID (if available).

4.1.2. Medical report (certificate or other form) on admission to work in the field and the absence of contraindications for participation in the Expedition. The presence of a medical report and the absence of contraindications is mandatory for participation in the Expedition.

4.1.3. A certificate confirming the passage of timely anti-encephalitis vaccination and the presence of immunity to the beginning and for the entire duration of the Expedition.

4.1.4. Consent to the processing of personal data.

4.1.5. In case of failure to submit the documents specified in paragraphs 3.8. and 4.1. of these Regulations, the Commission reserves the right to refuse to participate in the Expedition.

4.1. If there are any personal circumstances preventing the Participant selected as a result of the competitive selection from taking part in the Expedition, the Participant is obliged to notify the Society about this no later than 2 days after posting the results of the Competition on the website.

4.2. The winners of the Contest are obliged to sign an Agreement on participation in the Expedition with the organizers of the Expedition. The rights and obligations of the volunteer in the Expedition are determined by the Agreement.

4.3. The participant of the Expedition is obliged to submit to the Executive Directorate of the RGS a report on their expedition work within 60 days from the date of return from the Expedition in accordance with the form approved by the Agreement on Participation in the Expedition.

4.4. The Expedition management reserves the right to expel participants from the Expedition for violation of safety requirements and rules of stay. Travel from the place of the Expedition to the place of residence in such cases is carried out at the expense of the participant.

4.5. The Society does not provide written or oral explanations on the reasons for making decisions based on the results of consideration of applications

4.6. Participants are solely responsible for all data submitted for consideration by the Commission, including for the completeness and reliability of the medical information provided.

## **5. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

5.1. This Regulation regulates the procedure for holding an International competition for participation in the Research Expedition Project "Kamchatka: the North-Western Ring of Fire" (hereinafter – the Competition).

5.2. The organizer of the Competition is the All-Russian public Organization "Russian Geographical Society" (hereinafter - the Society).

5.3. The main objectives of the competition:

5.4. Providing an opportunity for foreign specialists to become a participant in research work in one of the unique expeditions of the Society, expand their knowledge and gain work experience in accordance with their specialization.

5.5. Formation of the scientific composition of the Expedition for further research of the region.

5.6. The main objectives of the competition:

5.6.1. Presentation of the research and environmental potential of the Russian Far East to the foreign scientific community.

5.6.2. Attracting the interest of foreign citizens in the expedition activities of the Russian Geographical Society.

5.6.3. Formation of the base of the expedition participants and replenishment of the base of young scientists for participation in socially significant projects of the Society.