

Volgograd State University (Russia) would like to invite you to participate in the *Megagrant competition* as part of the international cooperation program of Russian universities with world-class researchers and leading foreign scientific and educational centers in the fields of science, education and innovation. This competition was announced by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation on December 15, 2021.

You can find the information about it via the following links:

<https://p220.ru/en/contests/9-contest/> — official website

<https://p220.ru/upload/iblock/8a6/8a69ef8c1ffe2062742e8ded611785fc.pdf> — official announcement and more detailed information.

Grants are provided to educational and academic institutions for the period between 2022 and 2024.

Maximum funding amount (over a 3-year period) is **over 1 million euros**.

The main objectives of the grants are:

- to establish world-class research laboratories in Russian universities under supervision of leading scholars and scientists for a period of 3 years;
- to achieve breakthrough academic results and solutions to specific fundamental and applied problems;
- to provide additional training for highly qualified professionals capable of contributing to solving such problems.

We kindly ask you to consider the prospects of our possible future cooperation through setting up a laboratory in Volgograd State University within the framework of the above-mentioned competition. Please, let us know about your decision at your earliest convenience.

Contact person: Dr. Marina Fadeeva, Head of International Office of Volgograd State University.