**Russian Visa Obtainment Procedure**

If you are a citizen of a country with which Russia has a visa-required regime of access and residence, it is necessary that you obtain a Russian visa. For that, you have to contact a Russian diplomatic mission, consulate, or visa center in your home country or in any other country where you currently live. The procedure of submission of your package of documents necessary to obtain a Russian visa is described in details on the web site of the corresponding Russian consulate or visa center. The package includes the following documents:

* Your passport, which must not expire less than six months prior to your estimated departure date from Russia back home;
* Your completed visa questionnaire with a photo of yours;
* Your photo 3\*4 cm;
* Your medical insurance policy;
* Invitation by your host party to Russia.

The sum of the fee charged for a visa to Russia is determined on mutual terms. It is €35 for EU citizens; should an EU citizen require a Russian visa urgently (not more than within three days), it is €70.

**Invitation of your host party to Russia is the necessary legal ground to obtain a Russian visa.** Astrakhan State University shall assist you in providing such an invitation, which is prepared at units of the Federal Migration Services on the ground of information that you have submitted. To obtain your invitation, you must:

* complete the questionnaire “Personal Data of Foreign Citizen Necessary to Obtain Invitation to Russia” (See the section “[Templates & Forms of Documents](http://asu.edu.ru/mejdunarodnaya-deyatelinost/828-shablony-i-formy-dokumentov.html)” of the web portal of ASU);
* scan the first page of your passport with your photo and personal signature on it;
* send these 2 documents to the address indicated in the questionnaire.

There is no state duty for an invitation to Russia, provided you are coming to our country to study.

***Attention!*** The type of your visa must be “***general, student, single-entry***”. When determining the ***period*** of your residence in Russia, please remember to include days necessary for your travel. Studies must be the goal of your travel. In the section “Пункты (города) посещения в России”, please indicate Russian cities and settlements (besides Astrakhan) where you are planning to make a transfer. In the section “Место получения визы”, please indicate the city where a Russian consulate is located and where it would be convenient for you to obtain a Russian visa.

Please bear in mind that it takes up to 30 days to have your invitation to Russia prepared, so it is necessary to provide it in advance. The prepared invitation shall be sent to you by mail as a registered letter to the address that you confirmed.

As a result of your actions, you shall be issued a single-entry student visa valid for 90 days. Such a visa shall be sufficient to reside in Astrakhan, even if you plan to study for a longer period. Your visa shall be extended upon your arrival in Astrakhan as per the procedure specified in the section “Migration Registration upon Your Arrival”.