

# MNU Olympiad for International Applicants

## Maqsut Narikbayev University (MNU)

As part of its institutional development strategy and internationalization agenda, Maqsut Narikbayev University (MNU) implements a multi-stage selection process aimed at identifying academically mature, goal-oriented, and highly motivated candidates.

The competition provides opportunities to receive tuition discounts as well as **full tuition grants** to study at Maqsut Narikbayev University.

### Selection Format

The selection process consists of the following stages:

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#### Stage 0. Acceptance Questionnaire (Preliminary Screening)

An online application form (10–15 minutes) including:

- Personal information
- Country and school details
- Selected MNU academic program
- A short motivational section (3 questions, up to 150 words each):
  - Why have you chosen this field of study?
  - Why have you chosen Maqsut Narikbayev University?
  - How do you see your professional career in five years?

Based on the results of this stage, candidates are pre-screened and invited to the next stage.

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#### Stage 1. Interview with a School Representative

An online interview (15–20 minutes) with a representative of the Admissions Office or the academic school.

The interview assesses the applicant's motivation, academic maturity, level of English proficiency, and the realism of their educational expectations.

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#### Stage 2. Essay in the Chosen Field (Key Stage)

An online essay of **800–1200 words** (5–7 days for completion).

- Language: **English** (for certain programs, Russian or Kazakh may be accepted)
- The topic is determined by the chosen academic field and is designed to assess analytical thinking and academic potential.

The results of this stage form the **main ranking** and serve as the basis for awarding tuition grants and discounts.

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#### Stage 3. Final Interview (Optional)

Conducted for applicants with borderline results, candidates for high-value grants, and applicants from priority countries.

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The entire selection process is conducted **online**, making the program accessible to international applicants without the need to travel at the initial stage.

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