

**REGULATIONS**  
**for ‘I Love Crimea!’ photography competition for international students and graduates of V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University**

**I. General Provisions**

1.1. ‘I Love Crimea!’ photography competition (hereinafter referred to as “the Competition”) is aimed at boosting creativity and patriotism among the international students and encouraging them to discover the history, culture and geography of Crimea.

1.2. The Organiser of the Competition is the Office of International Affairs of V.I. Vernadsky Crimean Federal University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”).

1.3. The Organiser:

1.3.1. Sets the Competition dates and its terms, conditions and rules;

1.3.2. Appoints the Competition Jury (hereinafter referred to as “the Jury”).

1.4. The Competition is held from 20 September to 13 October, 2023.

1.5. The Competition consists of three (3) stages:

Stage 1 – Acceptance of Submissions: 20 September to 2 October, 2023;

Stage 2 – Judging: 2 October to 6 October, 2023;

Stage 3 – Final: 13 October, 2023.

1.6. The Competition is free to enter.

1.7. The results of the Competition are published on the official website of the University and the University’s pages on social media platforms.

1.8. The winners of the Competition are awarded certificates and prizes. Each entrant of the Competition is awarded a certificate of participation.

**II. Competition Requirements**

2.1. The Competition is open all international students and graduates of the University. Each entrant must be the owner as well as author of all the submitted photographs.

2.2. The photographs submitted for the Competition must represent the theme that has been set: ‘I Love Crimea!’. Preference will be given to photographs that contain, inter alia, images of non-Russian nationals. The Competition is open for entries created between 1918 and 2023.

2.3. File type specifications: entries must be submitted as a maximum-quality and minimum-compression JPEG files and must be saved at their original size (must not be scaled up) with a minimum 300dpi. Each entrant may submit a maximum of five (5) photographs. The following information must be provided in a separate DOC file:

- the entrant’s full name, year of study, group number, name of the University’s academic unit, contact email address and phone number;
- when and where the photographs were taken;
- people depicted in the photographs (full name, year of study, group number, name of the University’s academic unit);
- short description (optional).

Photographs must be submitted by email to fotolab@cfuv.ru. The folder, photographs and DOC file must be named as ‘I Love Crimea! Competition\_Surname\_Number’ (e.g. I Love Crimea! Competition\_Ivanov\_1).

2.4. Any digital editing must not distort the original photograph.

### **III. Evaluation and Judging**

3.1. Submissions are evaluated by the Jury during the Stage 2 of the Competition. The Jury consists of:

- Gevorg Gabrielian (Chair), head of the University’s Office of International Affairs;
- Leonid Zelenin (Deputy Chair), head of the Division of International Cooperation and Protocol at the University’s Office of International Affairs;
- Natalia Maretskaya, head of the Division of International Education at the University’s Office of International Affairs;
- Anastasia Yutina, lead expert at the Division of International Cooperation and Protocol of the University’s Office of International Affairs;
- Ksenia Gasitsa, chief PR expert at the University’s Media Office;
- Aleksei Vasilev, photojournalist, columnist for the Krymskie Izvestia newspaper.

3.2. The Jury chooses the photographs that progress to the final stage of the Competition where the winners (up to five people) are selected.

3.3. The awarding ceremony will take place on October 17, 2023 at Taurida Academy’s Conference Hall (Academic Building 2, Yaltinskaya Street) as part of the VII International Forum of the University’s Foreign Students and Graduates *Crimea in the Global Research and Education Community*.

### **IV. Intellectual Property Rights**

4.1. By entering the Competition, entrants warrant that:

- 4.1.1. They own full and exclusive rights to the photographs submitted;
- 4.1.2. The photographs submitted do not violate the laws of the Russian Federation, do not contain any offensive or inappropriate material;
- 4.1.3. The content of the photographs does not infringe on any third party’s rights;
- 4.1.4. By submitting photographs to the Competition, entrants agree that their names and submissions can be used by the Organiser. The entries

submitted for the Competition will not be peer-reviewed and will not be returned to the entrants. All rights to the photographs entered into the Competition are owned by the entrant. In case of any claims and actions by a third party, including claims or actions by copyright and related rights owners of the entries, entrants shall settle such claims or actions on their own behalf and at their own expense. The Organiser of the Competition reserves the right to use the submitted entries for non-profit making purposes (for advertising, publicity, promotional and educational purposes) in compliance with the provisions of the applicable copyright laws of the Russian Federation.

By entering the Competition and submitting their entries, entrants agree to all terms and conditions thereof.

## **V. Final Provisions**

5.1. By entering the Competition (making submissions):

5.1.1. Entrants fully and unconditionally agree to and accept the Competition terms, conditions, rules and participation requirements set by the Organiser;

5.1.2. Entrants undertake to comply with the Competition terms, conditions and rules set by the Organiser;

5.1.3. Entrants agree that their personal data will be collected, stored and processed by the Organiser in compliance with the provisions of the Russian Federation data protection legislation.

5.2. Failure to comply with the requirements for participation in the Competition set by the Organiser shall result in the denial of submission and/or disqualification of submission.

5.3. The decisions of the Jury are final and not open for appeal or review.

5.4. The Organiser of the Competition does not comment on the Jury's decision or any reasons behind it.

5.5. The Organiser of the Competition shall be released from liability for failure to fulfill its obligations fully or partially if such failure has resulted from failure of the telecommunication or electricity networks, exposure to malware, or a third party's fraudulent activities aimed at unsanctioned access to and/or damage of the Organiser's software and/or hardware.

5.6. The Organiser of the Competition reserves the right to amend the Competition terms, conditions and rules.

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