

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:

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.

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.

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.

Stage 3. Final Interview (Optional)

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

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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Information about Scholarship program for International Students to study in Kazakhstan

Below is the information about the Scholarship program of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan for studying in Kazakhstani universities for foreign applicants, including persons of Kazakh nationality who are not citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan for full-time studying under Bachelor, Master and PhD educational programs.

Who can apply for a Scholarship Program:

- Foreign citizens
- Foreign citizens - persons of Kazakh nationality who are not citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan

The scholarship includes:

- free tuition
- monthly stipend

Application period:

Spring 2026

The program is administered by JSC "Center for International Programs" - <https://www.bolashak.gov.kz/en>

How to Apply:

Online application: <https://studyin.kz/>