# ENTRY OF FOREIGN APPLICANTS TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

## Procedure of obtaining an invitation and visa

**STEP 1**

Check whether you need a visa to enter Russia.

A study visa is not required for applicants and students coming to Russia from the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Abkhazia, the Republic of South Ossetia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Tajikistan, Ukraine, the Republic of Armenia, and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Only citizens of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Kyrgyz Republic can enter Russia with internal (national) passports. Students from other countries can enter Russia only with foreign passports.

**STEP 2**

Check your passport's expiration date and blank pages for visa and entry stamps. If there are not enough blank pages, you need to get a new passport.

**STEP 3**

To obtain an official invitation, send an application to the email address mo@mail.fesmu.ru (filling in all fields is mandatory) and a scanned copy of the first two pages of the passport for issuing a visa invitation. Issuing an invitation, as a rule, takes no more than 45 days. In order to avoid misunderstanding, it is recommended not to buy tickets before receiving a visa.

**STEP 4**

Wait for the email with an invitation to arrive. Print out the invitation before applying to the visa application center or Consulate of the Russian Federation.

**STEP 5**

Contact the Visa Center or the Embassy/Consulate of the Russian Federation in your country and apply for a visa. Issuing a visa requires up to 2 weeks.

**STEP 6**

Having received a passport with a visa, be sure to check the correctness of all the data. If you found an error, immediately contact the visa center department or the Consulate of the Russian Federation where you received your visa.

**STEP 7**

Send the scanned copy of the visa you received to the email address mo@mail.fesmu.ru

## Migration card

When entering the Russian Federation, all foreign citizens (with the exception of citizens of the Republic of Belarus) are given migration card forms free of charge.

The migration card is filled out in Russian. **NB.:** In the "Purpose of travel" field, the option "Учеба/Education" must be indicated. No other options can be underlined.

The completed form must be presented to pass through the Russian Federation Border Inspection Post.

**NB.:** Make a scanned copy of your migration card (for example, take a picture with your phone) to always have this document on hand. Be sure to keep your migration card in your passport throughout the entire stay in Russia. The migration card is handed over to the border control officer on departure from the Russian Federation.

## Migration registration

After entering the territory of Russia, you must be registered with the migration authorities at the place of stay (i.e., at the place of actual residence). This rule is in force regardless of whether you entered Russia under a visa issued at the invitation of the Far Eastern State Medical University, or on a visa-free basis.

To be registered with the migration service, within 1 (one) calendar day after arrival in the city of Khabarovsk, it is necessary to provide the records manager (document specialist) of the FESMU (office 232) with all the necessary documents (passport, visa / migration card, which indicates the purpose of the visit "Учеба/Education", an agreement for living in a dormitory).

- ✓ For students living in the FESMU dormitory, the records manager of the Department of Research and International Cooperation carries out migration registration at the place of actual residence at the dormitory.
- ✓ Students renting apartments must carry out migration registration on their own.

**NB.:** Be sure to always (until the moment you cross the border when leaving the Russian Federation) have on hand the tear-off part of the notification of arrival of a foreign citizen at a place of stay and the migration card. These documents confirm that you are legally on the territory of the Russian Federation and have been registered with the migration authorities.