

Information for Big Data Systems potential students

1. Requirements for applying to Big Data Systems master's program Bachelor's (Specialist's or Master's) diploma and official transcripts of previous educational studies should certify a good background in discrete mathematics, linear algebra, mathematical analysis, probability calculus, economics, software engineering, databases. The Admission Committee takes into consideration the number of hours and final assessments.

2. In order to make a first decision whether someone is eligible for our master program the applicants should complete online application form till May 15, 2015 - <http://www.hse.ru/org/hse/admissions/expresspolls/poll/141939941.html>

While completing online application form the applicants should be ready to attach the following documents:

- CV
- Letter of motivation
- Scans of diplomas and academic transcripts (If the applicants have not yet received the Bachelor's diploma, they should attach an official copy of the most recent academic transcript)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Scan of English proficiency exam results (IELTS or TOEFL)

English Language Requirements*:

IELTS: score of 6 or above

TOEFL IBT (Internet Based): score of 80 or above

TOEFL PBT (PaperBased): score of 500 or above

CAE (Certificate of Advanced English): pass

CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English): pass

BEC Vantage/Higher (Business English Certificate): pass

*Native speakers of English and students who have completed an entire degree exclusively in English do not need to submit proof of their English ability. All other applicants should submit test results no more than two years old.

Note!!! All documents submitted as part of the application that are not in English or Russian should have an official English or Russian translation and be in either PDF or JPEG formats. Please include your last name in the filename (for example, Smith_BADiploma.pdf or Ivanov_Passport.jpeg).

The next step will provide for the applying to study at Big Data Systems Master's program for free through full-tuition scholarships. This is often called the "State Quota System". Such students are considered as full-degree students and receive the State Academic stipend which is transferred to the student social card each month during your first semester. (this year – 1408 rubles) The amount may change.

3. Visa - <http://www.hse.ru/admissions/accepted/#recognition>

4. Diploma recognition

Before studying at HSE, accepted students must submit all foreign diplomas and certificates for official recognition by the university. This is the standard procedure for recognizing foreign education in the Russian Federation and allows students to continue their education at the appropriate level at a Russian educational institution. Please note that diploma recognition by HSE is only valid for internal purposes and is free of charge. - <http://www.hse.ru/org/hse/admissions/expresspolls/poll/138619842.html>

Should you need official recognition for external purposes (for example, employment), you will need to complete another application and pay a fee (6500 RUB).

5. Housing on campus

All international students in need of housing support from the HSE are guaranteed a dormitory place for the duration of their study. Once you move in, your dormitory place is reserved for you and no prolongation steps need to be taken.

- <http://www.hse.ru/en/dormitory/>

6. Life in Moscow

- <http://www.hse.ru/recommends/>

7. Local language learning - Russian (optional). 72 classes per semester (6 credits).

8. Health insurance - All international students are required to have a medical insurance policy. A student can purchase a medical insurance policy home or in Russia. If a student already purchased an insurance policy, they must check that it is valid in Russia and obtain a list of hospitals that cooperate with their insurance company or will definitely provide medical assistance based on their insurance plan. A student also provides a standard HSE Health Certificate, filled out, signed and stamped by a physician in their home country. Upon arrival, students must present their insurance policy documents to the International Students Office, and their Health Certificate to the dormitory administration.