

## Visa Guideline for International Visitors to POI FEBRAS, Vladivostok

### 1. Introduction

In order to enter Russia most foreign nationals or stateless persons need a Russian visa and an official invitation for visa application. It take some time for us to issue an official visa invitation as well as for your visa application itself, so it is important to begin the application process as early as possible. Normally, one should start caring about the Russian visa not earlier than 3 months, but ultimately not later than 40 days prior the expected date of visit, depending on the type of visa invitation you'll require (see below).

#### **Please mind the following:**

- Not all foreign nationals are required to have a visa to enter Russia; the list of countries for which there is no visa requirement can be found on website: <https://www.russiatourism.ru/en/contents/turistam/visa-regime>
- At the same time, some international visitors can enter Russia for a limited period without a visa for tourist purpose but will be required to have a visa for if coming to Russia for other purpose like conference, academic cooperation, study or work. Please always check with your local Russian Consulate or visa center whether you need a visa for your purpose of visit!
- Humanitarian visa issued by an invitation from
- To apply for a Russian visa you will need an official visa invitation from POI FEB RAS. Please contact your host party at POI FEB RAS to request a visa invitation in advance!

### 2. Where to find information

You can apply for the Russian visa in the nearest Russian Consulate / Consular section of Russian embassy / official Russian visa center. In order to find all necessary information to apply for visa please do the following:

1. Visit the website of The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, choose the country where you will apply for visa: <https://www.mid.ru/en/maps>
2. You will find information about Russian Consulates and Consular sections of Russian Embassies on the right side of the website page. Choose the one which is the nearest to you. On the website of the Consulate or Embassy you will find all necessary information considering documents necessary to apply for visa, consular fees and processing time of visa issuance or links to websites of official visa centers where this information is available as well.