University of Georgia Russian Language Summer Immersion Program

The University of Georgia is offering an exciting opportunity to college students to develop their Russian language skills and cultural competence. Students who are selected for admission into this intensive residential program will benefit from a unique language immersion experience and build fluency in the Russian language and culture with a particular focus on the skills needed for future global professionals.

**Russian Language Summer Immersion Program: June 1 – July 7, 2023**

The University of Georgia STARTALK Russian Language Summer Immersion Program is designed to attract highly motivated undergraduate students who are committed to the long-term goals of extended study abroad in a Russian-speaking country and pursing global careers that require advanced and superior proficiency in Russian in professional settings. The intensive residential five-week program is based on the theme “Intensive Russian for Future Global Professionals” and is designed to foster a national pipeline of global Russian-speaking professionals critical to the U.S. competitiveness and security. Selected participants must commit to fully apply themselves to the goals of the program and to follow it to completion. Language learners at all levels are eligible to apply. Upon completion of the program students may be eligible to receive up to eight units of credit.

Students will:

* learn in cohorts appropriate to their entrance-level language proficiency
* receive in-class language instruction from enthusiastic, highly qualified native speakers
* participate in Russian cultural activities and excursions
* attend meals together in target language
* benefit from specialized language instruction, engaging group activities, individual and group projects, online and individualized learning, guest lectures, field trips, and other extracurricular activities.
* have access to specialized language materials
* communicate in Russian at all times throughout the program.

Interested? Please contact us for more information.

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Program coordinator: Dr. Sofia Ivanova [sivanova@uga.edu](mailto:sivanova@uga.edu)

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Or visit : www.russianflagship.uga.edu/startalk

READY TO APPLY?

* Complete the application below, including statement of purpose (in English), and return by **January 17, 2023** to program coordinator, Dr. Sofia Ivanova at [sivanova@uga.edu](mailto:sivanova@uga.edu)

STUDENT SELECTION CRITERIA:

* High motivation
* Commitment to Russian language study
* Sufficient language proficiency to enter the program
* Meeting the minimum GPA requirement (3.0)
* Maintaining the pledge to speak only Russian throughout the program
* Assessment and interview by program staff

# STARTALK Russian Language Summer Immersion Program 2023

*Applications should be typewritten if possible; otherwise, please print LEGIBLY in ink*

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**CURRENT ACADEMIC LEVEL: \_\_\_ First year undergraduate \_\_\_ Graduate Student**

**\_\_\_ Sophomore**

**\_\_\_ Junior**

**\_\_\_ Senior**

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** *List all institutions attended and dates of attendance, most recent first; major field of study; and degrees received and expected, with dates. Continue on another sheet if necessary.*

***Institution & Location Dates of Attendance Field of Study Degree & Date Received or Expected***

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**LANGUAGE BACKGROUND:** *List all Russian language courses taken (both university and other) and related work experiences, beginning with the most recent. Continue on another sheet if necessary.*

***Course # and Title Institution and Location Dates of Attendance Field of Study***

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**PRIOR STUDY ABROAD:** *Please list any prior study-abroad experiences. Continue on another sheet if necessary.*

***Program******Location******Dates***

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**PROFICIENCY TESTS:** *If you have taken a Russian language proficiency test, please provide as much of the following information as possible***:**

**Year** **Skill (please check) Score Administering Organization Test Type**

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**PROFICIENCY IN OTHER FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** *Please list the number of years and location(s) of your study of other foreign languages*:

***Language Place of Study Number of Years***

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**CERTIFICATION:** *Please sign and date below.*I certify that all of the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Date:

***Program staff will notify you when your application is received and if any information is missing*.**

**Statement of Purpose**

Write/type below a 250-300 word essay in English addressing the following points:

What do you expect to achieve by participating in UGA’s Russian Language Summer Immersion Program? Why are you interested in Russian for Global Professionals? How will your knowledge of Russian language and culture enhance your academic and/or career opportunities? How will you continue to develop your language skills after you complete this program?