

## **Program of the interview with potential research supervisors in the Open Doors doctoral track**

The aim of the interview is to evaluate the participant's preparedness to conduct research on a specific topic under the guidance of a research supervisor, as well as to assess the participant's alignment with the requirements for candidates pursuing doctoral studies at the universities organizing and co-organizing the Open Doors Russian Scholarship Project (hereinafter referred to as the "Participant" and the "Project").

### **Interview format**

The Participant will be interviewed by a prospective research supervisor in a session lasting up to 30 minutes. The interview is held via video conferencing with the link provided in the Participant's personal account on the Open Doors IT platform.

### **Structure of the interview**

The interview consists of two parts.

The first part of the interview is based on the portfolio the Participant uploaded during the first stage of the Open Doors Russian Scholarship Project. The discussion will cover the content of the motivation letter, as well as the Participant's scientific and professional achievements presented in the portfolio including:

1. The Participant's research interests and the plan of research work;
2. Personal goals and motivation for pursuing doctoral studies in a specific field of science;
3. Significant academic publications, patents, or inventions;
4. Participation in conferences and other academic events;
5. Participation in research projects;
6. Work experience relevant to the Project
7. Additional scientific and professional achievements.

The second part of the interview is designed to assess the Participant's theoretical knowledge in the selected subject area. This involves discussing theoretical issues related to the chosen research topic, as well as examining current trends within the field.