**Проектное предложение/ project description**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Type of project** / Тип проекта | Applied |
| **The name of project** / Название проекта | Social science graduate programs in Europe and North America: Strategies for Getting in and Soft Skills for Getting Through |
| **Department of university** /Подразделение инициатор проекта | Department of Sociology |
| **Project supervisor** / Руководитель проекта | Kirill Bryanov |
| **Project summary** /Подробное описание содержания проектной работы | This project is designed to introduce students to the system of English-language graduate-level education, and to equip them with knowledge and skills they will need to successfully navigate it. Students will learn how European and North American social science programs are structured and funded, how professional hierarchies work in academia, what career options are available both in academia and the industry to those with advanced degrees, and what a successful professional trajectory for an early-career scholar looks like in 2020. In the applied component of the project, students will hone a variety of essential skills that they will need to pick the right graduate program, develop and execute a strategy for getting in, and surviving the challenges of advanced-degree education in an unfamiliar organizational and cultural context. |
| **The goals and objectives of the project** /Цель и задачи проекта | Students will learn to:   * Articulate academic career goals and find programs fitting them; * Write motivation letters, CVs, research statements, and grant applications; * Navigate the etiquette of online and in-person communication in the academic setting; * Build a personal brand and professional network to advance one’s career goals in and beyond academia. |
| **Project’s tasks** /Проектное задание | Students will prepare a portfolio of documents most commonly required by graduate programs in the application process. |
| **Project implementation period** / Сроки реализации проекта | October 26, 2020 – April 1, 2021 |
| **The number of credits** / Количество зачетных единиц | 3 |
| **The form of the final control (exam or test)** /Форма итогового контроля | Exam |
| **Entry requirements for student** /Требования к студентам, участникам проекта | Third, or fourth-year Bachelor’s or Master’s students. At least intermediate English; a 200 to 300-word motivation letter detailing the applicant’s education goals. |
| **The results of the project** /Планируемые результаты проекта | Developing a shortlist of relevant Master’s or PhD programs; developing a portfolio of documents tailored to one or several target programs. |
| **The presentation of the project’s results to estimate** / Формат представления результатов, который подлежит оцениванию | Results will be presented to the instructor; students are also encouraged to use the materials they produce throughout the project in applying to actual graduate schools. |
| **Assessment criterion** / Критерии оценивания результатов проекта | «Excellent» (8-10): A well-researched list of programs whose level and scope evidently correspond with student’s interests and strengths; A portfolio of application documents that would make it apparent to the target school’s selection committee that the applicant is a great fit for the program.  «Good» (6-7): Most of the programs on the list are relevant; The portfolio makes a strong case for the student as an applicant but lacks focus on certain aspects;  «Satisfactory» (4-5): Selected programs are remotely relevant to the student’s background; The portfolio has some strong points, but overall falls short of presenting the student as a desirable hire;  «Fail» (0-3): Student fails to produce materials that would help them get enrolled in a graduate-level program overseas. |
| **The number of vacancies** / Количество вакантных мест на проекте | Maximum of 5: max. 2 Bachelor’s and 3 Master’s students. |
| **Selection criteria of students** /Критерии отбора студентов | English language proficiency, demonstrated motivation to get international academic experience. |
| **Educational programs for** /Рекомендуемые образовательные программы | Sociology and Social Informatics;  Modern Social Analysis;  Political Science and World Politics;  Media Production and Media Analysis. |
| **Location** /Территория | HSE Department of Sociology + online |