RULES

FOR THE SELECTION AND FINAL ROUND IN BIOLOGY OF LOMONOSOV UNIVERSIADE 2023-2024

1. The working language of the Universiade in biology is English.

2. Participants of the Universiade should complete an application form (Appendix 1).

3. Lomonosov Universiade in biology invites research projects in one of the subject areas of biology: «nanobiotechnology» (including cell biology and histology, biophysics, bioengineering, bioinformatics, molecular biology), «ecology» (including microbiology and soil biology), and «Marine Biodiversity and Bioresources» (including marine biology, biodiversity, ecology, bioinformatics, and oceanography).

4. A research project can involve one person or a research group (up to 3 people).

5. During the selection stage, participants submit an abstract of the research project (see example in Appendix 2).

6. The abstract should be submitted in pdf format.

7. The abstract should not exceed 7,500 characters (with spaces), including the title page and references.

8. The abstract should provide a clear and brief description of the relevance of the project, its goals and objectives, research materials and methods, results, discussion and conclusions.

9. The research project must be unique. The project will be excluded from the competition if incorrect borrowings will be detected.

10. The application form and abstract should be submitted to <u>bio@smbu.edu.cn</u> as attachments to a single email with the subject "Universiade 2024 SMBU" from December 18, 2023 to March 03, 2024.

11. Winners of the selection stage will be announced on March 14, 2024. All winners are admitted to the final stage.

12. The final stage is held in the form of a presentation (defense) of the research project using online technologies (Voov). The connection settings will be forwarded to all winners via e-mail.

13. All members of the group must be present at the presentation of the research project.

14. Presentation time limit - 7 minutes, Q&A time - 5 minutes. If the group of students works on the same project, one of the students presents the project, and the other members of the group answer the questions.

15. Priority will be given to research projects with clearly formulated research tasks and hypotheses, experimental part, statistical processing of the obtained data and clear conclusions.

16. The results of each stage and information about the winners will be emailed to the participants and published on the sites of the Universiade <u>http://universiade.msu.ru</u> and <u>http://smbu.msu.ru/universiade.html</u> in accordance with the schedule: qualifying stage – March 14, 2024, final stage – March 29, 2024.