

Special Criteria for Research Papers Submitted by Students for the HSE University NIRS Competition in Art and Design

Dear students,

So that the experts may effectively assess your paper, please make sure to format your work in line with the following criteria.

Complete a visual research project. First, formulate your own topic or select one of the proposed topics depending on your field of interest. A visual research project may include a selection of illustrations around a selected topic and offer a logical series of images, describing relevant trends or developments within a historical perspective. Please substantiate your choice of topic, the sources used, the stages of analysis and the conclusions garnered from your research project. The minimum size for your paper is 20,000-30,000 symbols.

The visual part of your project should include illustrations and relevant descriptions. The supporting descriptions are mandatory and may include the title of the image, your commentary or a compilation of quotes from various sources. The size of the descriptions for illustrations is not limited.

When working on your visual research project, make sure to analyze multiple sources of information. Such sources may include various types of literature (e.g., books, online resources, periodical publications, catalogues, booklets, etc.), as well as information drawn from various media sources, etc. Please note that social networks and search engines cannot serve as sources of information. All links to your sources should be formatted in line with GOST 7.0.5—2008 “Bibliographic Citations. General Requirements and Formatting Rules”.

You should formulate the title of your research project yourself based on your previous experience and interest in the field of design. It should emphasize your creative potential and ability to consolidate theoretical knowledge regarding the selected subject or phenomenon in art or design, as well as show your understanding of the nature of both classical and contemporary art and design. It should also highlight local and global trends citing specific examples.