**Annotation for the HSE University NIRS Competition in Philosophy**

The Philosophy competition shall accept works on the history of philosophy, logic and contemporary philosophy.

The topics of submitted works may cover such areas as metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, political philosophy, social philosophy, philosophy of science and technology, philosophy of language, religious philosophy, philosophy of law, that of logic and philosophy of mathematics.

When assessing submitted works, special attention will be paid to the following:

 1) rationale for the work’s relevance in contemporary philosophy research;

2) succinctness of research objectives and goals;

3) quality of academic argumentation, which should include, firstly, a clear formulation of the author’s theses, along with explicitly developed statements in support of such arguments;

4) language, style and structure of works, the special emphasis is placed on the logic of the overall structure of the work and the presentation of its respective parts, correct use of academic writing style, uniformity in including citations and listing bibliography entries of sources used;

5) adequacy of the work in terms of its direct relation to the field of philosophy, which means the discussions of, primarily, proper philosophical problems, rather than philological, cultural or historical topics, as well as the ability to identify such issues, which is also a key skill for philosophy researchers.