

## **In-country Language Training for One Student, Sept 2014-July 2015**

The weekly program should consist of 20 group lessons (4 hrs every day, total of 80hrs, no more than 3 students in a group) held Monday – Friday, supplemented with 2-3 hours of home study, plus 4 hrs. of one-on-one classes.

In addition to the group classes (total of 800 per course) student receives one-on-one lessons (160 hrs) spread over the total period of the course.

After the first 16 weeks, content of the additional one-on-one lessons will be focused on political, cultural, economic or other aspects related to the student's future work. Daily homework will be given and the expected time spent on self-study is a minimum of 2-3 hours a day.

Each unit should be built upon the knowledge gained in prior units to develop a functional vocabulary and skills in both speaking and reading. The goal of each class is not only to learn new material but also to practice its usage in every day-life situations. Each class should consist of the following components: grammar warm-up, home-work check, reading new texts, discussion of various real life situations/topics, learning new material, communicative role-play games, practice of comprehension with the use of various audio and video materials. Grammar lessons are followed by exercises, to reinforce the understanding of words and phrases. After these exercises, the student is given a text, which further reinforces the new vocabulary. Each text is accompanied by a list of new words and phrases that will be covered during the class.

The readings cover all aspects of Russia, including its history, geography, economy, social system, culture, and customs.

The following topics must be covered during the course: self-description of the student, his/her family, work, friends, shopping, travelling, education, holidays and traditions in his/her native country, political and economic systems, science, health, ecological situation, feminism, globalization, military issues, religion etc.

Student should be provided with the following materials: text books with CD, handouts with exercises, texts for reading, and a dictionary.