

Alena GUREVA



My name is Alena Gureva and I'm 24 years old. I graduated from Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas with a degree in Exploration Geophysics in 2017. Back at university, I felt that I wanted to change the attitude to science in Russia. Information about science was scarce: As students, we did not know what our researchers and institutes were doing and what was happening in a lab next door.

In 2014, I started a popular science section in the university magazine. Also, I published a number of pieces in the nationwide magazine *Russkiy Reporter*. Since I believe it is key to work in close contact with researchers, I joined the press office of the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, the strongest Russian university in the field of Physics, Applied Mathematics and Technology, alma mater of recent Nobel Prize winners Andrei Geim and Kostya Novoselov. I head the social media department, write non-fiction articles and expert columns with scientists.

In addition, I am actively developing the professional community of science communicators in Russia. For the third year running I organize a two-week Summer Science Communication School where beginner specialists and scientists get knowledge from experienced professionals invited by me.

My goal is to help Russian scientists understand the need for science communication and the benefits of it.