

My name is Nguyễn Thiện Phúc, and I am a 4th-year bachelor's student in Biology at Lobachevsky State University of Nizhni Novgorod (NNGU). I recently learned about the program during the holidays, and while an official transcript can also be obtained, I am truly interested in gaining scientific teamwork experience in the international lingua franca of modern science. It would be exciting to collaborate with a scientific team outside of my institution and explore a project-based work format in a short period.

I have heard of Skolkovo before and am curious to compare the level of equipment and facilities at this research center.

Regarding the question of who the coolest professor at Skoltech is, here are my top three nominations:

1. If I were to assess within the scope of my current specialization, Molecular Neurobiology, I am impressed by the work of the Laboratory of Integrative Neurophysiology, which is not only focused on theoretical knowledge but also on relatively practical applications of research. I have heard of Philippe Haitovich, and I admire how the laboratory bridges theory and practice.
2. From an almost ordinary person's perspective, I am truly impressed by the interdisciplinary and complex work of Dmitry Ivankov's group. Prediction phenotype by genotype sounds fascinating and promising.
3. From a broader perspective, the most impressive recent paper I have come across is "Epistemic uncertainty challenges aging clock reliability in predicting rejuvenation effects" by Dmitrii Kriukov, Ekaterina Kuzmina, Evgeniy Efimov, Dmitry V. Dylov, and Ekaterina E. Khrameeva. To me, this is a very important and fundamental study in a critical field, especially for anyone aware of their mortality. It would be exciting to see more works like this and perhaps even contribute to them.