

**Announcement of an open public competition
to receive grants from the Russian Science Foundation
for the priority area of the Russian Science Foundation's activities
“Basic scientific research and exploratory scientific
research, conducted by international research teams”**

Russian Science Foundation (Foundation) announces an open public competition to receive grants from the Russian Science Foundation for the priority area of the Russian Science Foundation's activities “Basic scientific research and exploratory scientific research, conducted by international research teams”.

Public competition is conducted in cooperation with the Ministry of Science and Technology, Taiwan (MOST). The grants shall be allocated for scientific and technical programmes and projects, basic scientific research and exploratory scientific research (hereinafter the projects, scientific research) in 2016-2018 for the following branches of knowledge, as indicated in the Competition Documentation.

Projects conducted by international research teams, each of which consists of a Russian research team and a Taiwanese research team, may take part in the competition.

The Foundation's grants shall be provided to the Russian research team on a free and non-refundable basis according to the competition results under the terms, specified by the Foundation, via Russian research organisations, Russian higher educational organisations and international research organisations (interstate and intergovernmental), located on the territory of the Russian Federation, where the projects will be implemented (hereinafter the organisation).

The grant of MOST shall be provided to the Taiwanese research team performing basic scientific research and exploratory scientific research under the terms specified by MOST.

The size of one Foundation's grant shall range from 4 (four) to 6 (six) million roubles annually.

The condition for the provision of a grant by the Foundation shall be the receipt by the Taiwanese research team of a grant from the MOST to implement the project. The Foundation's grant shall be discontinued in the event the MOST grant is discontinued. The scope and name of the project involved in the Foundation's competition must be identical to the scope and name of the project involved in the MOST competition.

The scientist, who serves as the leader of a project (leader of an area of the organisation's integrated research programme) that was previously supported by the Foundation and that was not completed as of the application submission date, is not eligible to be the leader of the Russian team.

Russian and Taiwanese organizations shall provide as part of the application for participation in the competition a letter of agreement for the provision of the necessary infrastructure and equipment for the project, the plans and the schedule of the work, intended for the implementation of the project, planned distribution of intellectual property created in the course of joint research and statement of the awareness of the requirements of the Foundation for the Russian research team.

The Competition Documentation may also include other restrictions on applications of grant proposals.

It shall not be permitted to submit to the Foundation a project that is similar in scope to a project which has been concurrently submitted for the other competitions of the Foundation or other research foundations or organisations (other than those specified by this Competition Documentation) or which is currently being implemented using the funds of foundations or organisations, a government (municipal) target or development programmes funded by the Federal budget. If these conditions are violated, the Foundation shall discontinue funding for the project regardless of its stage of implementation with the simultaneous recovery of the funds paid to the grant recipient in the prescribed manner.

The conditions for the providing of the grant include the requirement to make the results of the scientific research conducted by the research team the part of the public domain by publishing them in peer-reviewed Russian and foreign scientific journals.

Other conditions of the competition may be found in the Competition Documentation.

Hard copies of the applications must be submitted to the Foundation **no later than 12:00 a.m. (Moscow time) on March 15, 2016** at the address: Moscow, GSP-2, 109992, ul. Solyanka, d. 14, str. 3.

The competition results shall be approved by the Foundation's Management Board by July 1, 2016 and published on the Internet at the Foundation website.

Full text of the Competition Documentation, procedure for the expert evaluation of scientific and technical programmes and projects submitted for a competition of the Russian Science Foundation, the Criteria for the competitive selection of scientific and technical programmes and projects submitted for a competition of the Russian Science Foundation are published on the Internet at the Foundation website: www.rhf.pf and www.rscf.ru.