Non-official translation

Announcement of an open public competition to receive grants from the Russian Science Foundation for the priority area of the Russian Science Foundation's activity "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 activity "Basic Scientific Research and Exploratory Scientific Research Conducted by International Research Teams".

Public competition is conducted in cooperation with the Vietnam's National Foundation for Science and Technology Development (NAFOSTED).

The grants shall be allocated for scientific and technical programmes and projects, basic research and exploratory research (hereinafter the projects, research) in 2027-2029 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 foreign 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 NAFOSTED grant shall be provided to the foreign research team performing basic research and exploratory research under the terms specified by NAFOSTED.

The size of one Foundation's grant shall range from 4 (four) to 7 (seven) million roubles annually.

The necessary condition for the provision of a grant by the Foundation shall be the receipt by the foreign research team of a grant from NAFOSTED to implement the project.

Funding of the project by the Foundation's grant shall be discontinued in the event of funding of the project by the NAFOSTED 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 NAFOSTED call for proposals.

The organisation and the foreign organisation must provide within the application the letter of acknowledgement to supply with necessary facilities and equipment for implementation of coordinated project, on plan and terms of the activities to be implemented within the framework of the project, on the terms of use of results of intellectual activities, originated from collective creative work during the implementation of the project, on the awareness on the requirements of the Foundation to 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 funders 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) state assignment 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 grant award include the requirement to make the results of the 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.

The applications should be submitted to the Foundation **no later than 17:00 (Moscow time) 30 November 2026** in the form of an electronic document through the Information and Analytical System of the Foundation via **https://ias.rscf.ru** in accordance with the agreement between the Foundation and the organization on the recognition of a simple electronic signature as equivalent to a handwritten signature.

The competition results shall be approved by the Foundation's Management Board by **31 March 2027** and published on the Internet at the Foundation website. In the event of the Foundation's failure to receive a notice of approval of the results from NAFOSTED in a timely manner, the deadline for the fulfilment of the Foundation's obligation to approve the results of the competition shall be automatically extended for the period of delay allowed by NAFOSTED.

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.рнф.рф and www.rscf.ru.