

TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
of the joint call for proposals  
for research and development projects

**“Ukrainian-Swiss Joint Research Projects:  
Call for Proposals 2023”**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE CALL**

**1.1. Name of the joint call – “Ukrainian-Swiss Joint Research Projects: Call for Proposals 2023”** (hereinafter - Call).

**1.2. The purpose of the Call** is to enable researchers in Ukraine, jointly with researchers in Switzerland, to undertake research activities in any scientific field. The Call is aimed at researchers who are currently based in Ukraine, including young researchers.

The call is launched jointly by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and the National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU). Information on the terms of the Call is also available on the SNSF website:

- [in German](#)
- [in French](#)
- [in English](#)

The joint call is carried out in accordance with the Procedure for Competitive Selection and Financing of Projects by the National Research Foundation of Ukraine, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1170 of December 27, 2019 (as amended by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 742 of July 4, 2023) and the Special Agreement between the SNSF and the NRFU, concluded in the form of Annex 1 ([link](#)), which is a further cooperation within the framework of the existing Memorandum of Understanding on Bilateral Cooperation, concluded on June 30, 2022.

**1.3. Research Fields** – The Call is thematically open for basic research. Research proposals from any scientific field as well as interdisciplinary joint research products (hereinafter – JRPs) are welcome.

**1.4. The background.** Ukraine’s population including researchers and virtually all areas of life are negatively affected by the russian invasion. Many researchers cannot continue their activities because research facilities are not accessible, damaged, or destroyed. In other cases, researchers joined the Armed Forces of Ukraine, care for their family members, or are engaged in voluntary work in order to help the country.

However, many institutions of higher education and research institutions are still functioning, and researchers continue their work, especially in the centre and west of Ukraine. Other institutions/organisations have been relocated from the east and south to safer parts of the country. As the war is unpredictable, and to minimise risks, this Call will invest in people and

research, not in large equipment. Issues caused by the war arising during the project will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the requirements of the current legislation of Ukraine the following individuals are exempt from military duty:

- researchers, university research and pedagogical staff if they have a full-time employment contract (i.e., main place of employment with at least 75% workload) with institutions of higher education or research institutions.
- PhD and doctoral students being educated full-time or in a dual scheme.

Grants for JRPs aim to promote collaborative projects with clearly defined goals, involving at least one applicant in Switzerland and one in Ukraine. Applications for grant support (hereinafter – application(s)) should describe ambitious research and propose innovative approaches.

Intellectual property rights belong to the respective researchers and/or their employing institutions. It is the responsibility of each research partner to ensure the efficient protection and proper distribution of any intellectual property arising from the accomplishments of the JRPs.

**1.5. Areas of the projects:** fundamental research on the most important issues of development of scientific, technical, socio-economic, socio-political, and human potential to ensure Ukraine's competitiveness in the world and sustainable development of society and the state.

Projects that contain state secrets (according to the Law of Ukraine "On State Secrets") are not accepted for consideration in the Call.

#### **1.6. Duration of implementation of JRP that will be selected based on the results of the Call**

**JRP duration can be either two (24 months) or three (36 months) years exactly.**

Proposals for a different duration will not be accepted.

#### **1.7. Total amount of funding for research and development projects to be selected based on the results of the Call**

Financing of the project is carried out by regular transfers of funds by the Swiss PI from its institution of higher education/research institution account to the Ukrainian institution of higher education or research institution bank account following the [Grant Agreement](#).

Funds are transferred to a foreign currency account of the Ukrainian institution of higher education/ research institution opened in a bank established and operating on the territory of Ukraine in accordance with the current legislation of Ukraine and used in accordance with the procedure established by the current legislation of Ukraine (in UAH).

In this Call, the grantee is responsible for accruing, withholding and paying taxes, accruals and fees.

The budget for a JRP consists of two parts: the budget for the Swiss part of the project and the budget for the Ukrainian part. The Swiss part is paid by the SNSF according to SNSF

regulations. The Ukrainian part is paid by the SNSF according to SNSF and NRFU regulations and transferred to the Ukrainian institution of higher education or research institution via the Swiss PI. The available budget for this Call should be sufficient to fund approximately 15 JRPs from any discipline, assuming a sufficient number of proposals of high quality are submitted.

The maximum budget available for a JRP of two years is CHF 265,000 . The maximum budget for three years is CHF 400,000 .

Thereof:

- the maximum budget available for the Swiss side is CHF 165,000 (two years) or CHF 250,000 (three years);
- the maximum budget available for the Ukrainian side of the JRP is CHF 100,000 (two years) or CHF 150,000 (three years).

**Eligible costs in Ukraine (for Ukrainian applicants):**

*Direct costs:*

- remuneration (with taxes and accruals) of research team members;
- materials/consumables necessary for project realization;
- research equipment necessary for project realization;
- travel and accommodation expenses (in accordance with the current Ukrainian legislation).

*Indirect costs/overheads*

The total amount of indirect costs/overheads (costs that are not directly related to the implementation of research, but are necessary for provision of full implementation of the project) cannot exceed 5% of the total Ukrainian budget.

*Indirect costs/overheads may include:*

- payment of utility costs related to the implementation of the project;
- remuneration of staff, particularly staff of the finance departments, legal services, etc., involved in the execution of the Grant Agreement for the research work. These expenses may not exceed 30 % of the total volume of indirect costs.

*Other costs* (if necessary) that are not reflected above, but necessary for conducting the research, particularly expenses for payment of services (except utilities), namely:

- obtaining patents,
- translations,
- renting research equipment,
- access to databases, libraries,
- conference participation fees, etc.

**Eligible costs per one project:**

**1) Remuneration of the project authors:** CHF 3,600 (including taxes and accruals) per month x 12 months = CHF 43,200 per year (CHF 86,400 for 2 years or CHF 129,600 for 3 years).

Determining the amount of remuneration for project authors is calculated depending on the involvement of a PhD student in the project:

- *with the involvement of a PhD student:*
  - the remuneration of the PI (with a research degree obtained or recognized in Ukraine) – CHF 1,400;
  - the remuneration of two project implementers (with a research degree obtained or recognized in Ukraine) – CHF 800;
  - the remuneration of the project implementer (a PhD student) - CHF 600.
- *without the involvement of a PhD student:*
  - the remuneration of the PI (with a research degree obtained or recognized in Ukraine) – CHF 1200;
  - the remuneration of three project implementers (with a research degree obtained or recognized in Ukraine) - CHF 800 each.

**2) Minor equipment and material/consumables or other expenses:** CHF 8,600 for 2 years/CHF 12,800 for 3 years;

**3) Overhead (to the organization to which the PI and the team members are affiliated) – 5% of the total Ukrainian budget.**

*TOTAL per project of 2 years:* CHF 86,400 + 8,600 = CHF 95,000 + 5,000 (5%) = CHF 100,000

*TOTAL per project of 3 years:* CHF 129,600 + 12,800 = CHF 142,400 + 7,600 (5%) = CHF 150,000

Expenses for all items must be reasonable.

Funds transferred to the Ukrainian institution of higher education or research institution may be used exclusively to implement the research.

The following cannot be financed with grant funds: preparation of a project application for receiving grant support; expenses not directly related to the implementation of the project (in particular, payment for intermediary services, purchase of goods, performance of works, provision of services not related to the implementation of the project); payment for works and services that were or will be financed from other sources before or after the conclusion of the Grant Agreement.

## **II. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CALL PARTICIPANTS, SUPERVISOR AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTERS\*.**

[\\*The requirements are formulated in accordance with the basic principles of the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment](#)

### **2.1. General requirements**

Each proposal for a JRP must have at least one corresponding applicant based in Switzerland and one corresponding applicant based in Ukraine; they are the lead scientists on the Swiss and Ukrainian side respectively. They bear the primary responsibility for the JRP, including its technical and administrative coordination and timely scientific and financial reports delivery. Each applicant can only submit one proposal.

The Call encourages the inclusion of young researchers into the JRP teams.

*Note: a young researcher is a researcher under the age of 35 inclusive who has a higher education degree of at least the second (master's) level, or a researcher under the age of 40 inclusive who has a research degree of Doctor of Sciences.*

Institutions of higher education and research institutions of state ownership can apply for the Call. In *mySNF*, the Ukrainian PI has to be mentioned as Ukrainian main applicant.

Research teams are composed of four project authors (PI and implementers).

The research team (project authors) consists of researchers affiliated with the institutions of higher education or research institution applying for the Call. The researchers:

- have a full-time employment contract (the main place of employment with at least 75% workload for the respective position) with institutions of higher education or research institutions;
- are PhD or doctoral students being educated full-time or according to a dual scheme.

One person can only participate in one application submitted to this Call.

The PI and at least two project implementers shall have a research degree obtained or recognized in Ukraine.

Project authors cannot have a full-time affiliation (the main place of employment) with a foreign institution (organization).

The PI is responsible for the reliability of the information presented in the application and supplementary documents.

A researcher who previously participated in an NRFU project terminated by the NRFU Scientific Council for non-fulfilment or improper fulfilment of the terms of the agreement cannot participate in this Call, if the Scientific Council didn't make an appropriate decision to cancel the Restrictive Measures at the time of the Call announcement.

When applying for the Call and implementing the project, the project authors (implementers) must adhere to the Regulations on compliance with the principles of research ethics and conflict of interests prevention during competitive selections, scientific and scientific-technical reviewing of projects and consideration of applications for grant support submitted to the National Research Foundation of Ukraine in the areas of grant support of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine <https://nrfu.org.ua/en/about-us/ethical-principles/>. It includes as well a section on preventing cooperation with representatives of the aggressor country and the temporarily occupied territories.

## **2.2. Features of the project implementation.**

No more than one project can be submitted for participation in the Call under the supervision of the same person.

A project submitted for participation in the Call cannot be simultaneously submitted for participation in another call in order to obtain funding, as well as in case when such a project is or has been funded from any other sources.

The involvement of a Ukrainian legal entity-partner in the implementation of the project

under this Call is not expected.

### III. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CALL

Applications are to be jointly prepared by Swiss and Ukrainian applicants. The Swiss corresponding applicant must submit the application to the SNSF via its electronic submission system *mySNF* ([www.mysnf.ch](http://www.mysnf.ch)).

Ukrainian applicant must submit the application (in Ukrainian and English) to the NRFU via the 'NRFU Call for Projects' automated system (<https://nrfu.org.ua>).

#### **Applications submitted only to one of the two funding agencies are ineligible.**

No hardcopies will be accepted. Neither the SNSF nor the NRFU will be held responsible for the non-submission or late submission of an application.

The application and documents for participation in the Call are submitted by the Ukrainian participant in electronic form on the official website of the NRFU (<https://nrfu.org.ua>) (using the automated system 'NRFU Call for Projects') with a mandatory note on the consent of the project authors to its implementation.

The application consists of the mandatory elements defined by Ukrainian legislation ("Procedure for Competitive Selection and Financing of Research and Developments Projects by the National Research Foundation of Ukraine").

*PDF documents to be uploaded to the automated system 'NRFU Call for Projects':*

- The research plan in English (must follow the structure indicated in the Guidelines below, and is identical to the research plan submitted by the Swiss side through myNSF)
- CVs of Ukrainian authors of the joint project (in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#)) in the form
- General list of all authors of the joint project (in Ukrainian and English)
- Consent of the head of the Ukrainian organization/institution (applicant) to implement the project (in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#)) with a confirmation that the project does not contain information that constitutes a state secret in the form and that all the authors of the project are based in Ukraine
- Certificate of employment of the supervisor stating that he/she is employed at the main place of work with a workload of at least 75% in the relevant position in the institution (institution of higher education or research institution of state ownership) from which the application is submitted (in Ukrainian)
- Certificates of employment of other project authors stating that he/she is employed at the main place of work with a workload of at least 75% in the relevant position at the institution of higher education or research institution from which the application is submitted (in Ukrainian)
- In the case of involving a postgraduate/doctoral student, a certificate from the place of study confirming that he/she is studying on a full-time basis or in the dual form (in Ukrainian)
- The head of the organization/institution from which the application is submitted must sign the application, thus confirming that the participant of the Call meets the requirements of paragraph 5 of the compatibility Criteria for state aid to business entities for research, technical development and innovation activities (in Ukrainian) in the form ([link](#)).
- Calendar plan (in English) in the form ([link](#)).

## **Guidelines for writing the research plan (scientific part of the proposal)**

*Note: For more information, please refer to the pages on the SNSF website at the links below:*

- [in German](#)
- [in French](#)
- [in English](#)

The research plan must **not exceed 20 pages and 80,000 characters (with spaces)**; this includes title or front page, summary, footnotes, illustrations, formulae, tables (and, if applicable, the table of contents), but not the bibliography.

A minimum of **point 10 font size and 1.5 line spacing** must be used.

**The research plan needs to be structured as follows:**

### **1. Summary of the research plan (counts toward the 20 pages)**

The summary should include the most important features of your research plan. In the summary, place your project in a broader scientific context.

### **2. Research plan (counts toward the 20 pages)**

#### **2.1 Current state of research in the field**

By citing the most important publications in the relevant field, please set out the scientific background and basis of the project, explain the need to perform research on the topic you propose and briefly describe important research currently being conducted internationally.

#### **2.2 Current state of own research and partnership aspect**

- Please describe briefly the work done by the different applicants in the relevant research field or in related fields and indicate the relevant publications.
- Explain how the different applicants complement each other for the proposed research project.
- Describe past collaborations that involved the Swiss and Ukrainian partners (if applicable).

#### **2.3 Detailed research plan**

Against the background described in sections 2.1 and 2.2, state the aims that you plan to attain during the lifetime of the project. Please consider the following points:

- Which investigations and/or experiments do you plan to carry out/are necessary to attain the stated aims?
- What is the rationale for getting the project started and how do you intend to develop the work later on?
- What is the expected added value (synergistic benefit) of the collaboration? What is your assessment of the risks involved, if any? What are the alternatives?

Information concerning the methods necessary to attain the aims:

- Which are the methods available to you?

- To which other methods do you have access and how?

Which methods need to be developed?

Data and data collection:

- Which data are available to you and from where?

Which data need to be collected?

## **2.4 Work division, schedule and milestones**

- Please indicate how you plan to divide the work among the different partners.
- As far as possible, please give an approximate schedule for the work to be carried out within the project and indicate the most important milestones. In particular, please describe the major tasks of the staff to be employed within the project by the different partners.

## **2.5 Importance, impact and results.**

### **Scientific importance and impact**

Please describe briefly the importance of your research for the scientific community and the impact you expect from the project on research, training and teaching in your field/discipline.

Please indicate how you will publish/communicate your results.

### **Expected results and dissemination plan**

Describe in detail the project outcomes you envisage. Explain how you will share these findings with stakeholders and the community. Address the potential for knowledge transfer to industry (if applicable).

### **Broader impact**

If your application concerns use-inspired research, please indicate whether and to what extent the proposed project will have a broader impact and what this impact will be.

### **The following points should be addressed:**

- Need for research as perceived by practitioners/industry: are there any knowledge gaps? Are innovations and improvements expected?
- Transferability of results: to what degree can research results be put into practice?
- Other potential impacts: in which spheres outside science could the implementation of the research results entail changes and what is the nature of these changes?

## **3. Bibliography (does not count toward the 20 pages)**

## **4. Information on researchers involved into the project in Ukraine and Switzerland (does not count toward the 20 pages)**

Please list the Ukrainian PI and prospective team members as well as all Swiss applicants and prospective team members (in Switzerland: use NN, if the person is not yet known).

| Country (Ukraine or Switzerland) | Title and full name | Affiliation | Role within the project |
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## **5. Ethical, safety and regulatory issues (does not count toward the 20 pages)**

Does your proposed work raise ethical, safety or regulatory issues? If yes, how will you deal with them?



Please indicate whether the proposed research includes:

|  | Switzerland (yes/no) | Ukraine (yes/no) |
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| Research on humans                     |                      |                  |
| Research on human embryonic stem cells |                      |                  |
| Research on animals                    |                      |                  |
| Research on GMO or pathogens           |                      |                  |

Submitted documents must comply with the principles of scientific integrity, and all applicants, i.e., eligible applicants and co-applicants from any country, will be held responsible for any violations. All participants will be asked to provide explanations in case of suspected scientific dishonesty.

#### **IV. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CALL, TIME AND VENUE OF THE CALL**

The terms and conditions of the Call for proposals are specified in all clauses of this document, which must be complied with.

The Call will be held from October 12, 2023 to September 12, 2024 (approximately).

Venue: Kyiv city, 1 Borysa Hrinchenka St. and 3 Wildhainweg, Bern, Switzerland, CH-3001

#### **V. PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTANCE (RECEIPT), REGISTRATION AND PRE-REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

Proposals are to be jointly prepared by Swiss and Ukrainian applicants. The Swiss corresponding applicant must submit the proposal to the SNSF via its electronic submission system *mySNF* ([www.mysnf.ch](http://www.mysnf.ch)). After login into *mySNF*, the correct funding scheme must be selected: Programmes (national and international) > Bilateral Cooperation (Initiatives of the State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation) > Ukrainian-Swiss Joint Research Projects

A Ukrainian applicant must submit the application (in Ukrainian and English) to the NRFU via the 'NRFU Call for Projects' automated system (<https://grants.nrfu.org.ua>). The applicant must register on the official website of the NRFU to submit a proposal for this Call. The identification of the applicant is made at the time of registration through a qualified electronic signature (QES).

**Substitution or amendment of the submitted documents after the deadline for submission of proposals is not allowed.**

An application submitted via the 'NRFU Call for Projects' automated system and signed with a qualified electronic signature (QES) is considered submitted.

#### **Deadline for submission of applications**

Switzerland: December 12, 2023, 17:00 local time

Ukraine: December 12, 2023, 23:59 local time

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Call participant has the right to withdraw the application before the deadline for its submission, which the project supervisor shall notify the NRFU by e-mail at [support@nrfu.org.ua](mailto:support@nrfu.org.ua)

Within 10 working days from the deadline of the application submission the Foundation's Directorate, as part of the organizational support for the conduct and organization of the Call, checks the applications for compliance with formal requirements (eligibility check).

**Reasons for rejection of the application on formal grounds:**

- non-compliance of the application submitted by the participant of the Call with the form established by the Foundation;
- absence of documents required by the terms and conditions of the Call;
- absence or incomplete provision of information required by the terms and conditions of the Call in the documents submitted by the participant;
- non-compliance of the information provided in the application with the requirements specified in the terms and conditions of the Call;
- PI and/or implementer is represented in more than one application submitted to the Call.

The Foundation's Directorate shall notify the relevant participant of the Call of the rejection of applications on formal grounds in electronic form within three working days after the deadline for verifying applications for compliance with formal requirements.

Within 10 working days from the date of completion of the verification of applications for compliance with formal requirements by the Foundation's directorate, the Call Commission shall conduct a pre-review of applications for compliance with the terms and conditions of the Call, in particular, the criteria determined by the Foundation's Scientific Council, and identify inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the participant.

**Grounds for withdrawal of applications from consideration during the pre-review:**

- non-compliance of the submitted project with the purpose, subject matter, or terms and conditions of the Call (justification for such compliance must be provided in the text of the application);
- the participant of the Call has submitted inaccurate information;
- non-compliance of the submitted project with the Regulations on compliance with the principles of research ethics and conflict of interests prevention during competitive selections, scientific and scientific-technical reviewing of projects and consideration of applications for grant support submitted to the National Research Foundation of Ukraine in the areas of grant support of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine.

Non-compliance of the documents submitted by the participant with the terms and conditions of the Call, in particular, the criteria for selecting projects determined by the Scientific Council of the Foundation, detection of inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the participant of the Call is the basis for withdrawal of the application from consideration based on the results of its pre-review.

The detection of inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the participant of the Call shall be the basis for withdrawal of the application from consideration during the entire period of the competitive selection.

Based on the results of the pre-review of applications for compliance with the terms and conditions of the Call, in particular the criteria determined by the Scientific Council of the

Foundation, in case of detecting inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the participant of the Call, the Call Commission approves the list of applications that are withdrawn from consideration. The Directorate of the Foundation shall notify the relevant participant of the Call of the decision of the Call Commission to withdraw the application from consideration on the grounds of non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the Call, in particular the criteria for selecting projects determined by the Scientific Council of the Foundation, or the detection of inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the participant of the Call in electronic form no later than three business days after such a decision is made.

If the application complies with the terms and conditions of the Call and the documents submitted by the participants of the Call contain reliable information, the Call Commission shall send the project to reviewers for scientific and scientific-technical review no later than within seven business days.

Members of the Foundation's governing bodies, as well as the author(s) of the project(s) submitted for participation in the Call, shall not be entitled to conduct scientific and scientific-technical review of the projects.

## **VI. REPORTING**

Swiss and Ukrainian corresponding grantees shall report to the SNSF and the NRFU.

The corresponding Ukrainian grantee and PI with whom the Grant Agreement was concluded will be responsible for reporting to the NRFU under the current legislation of Ukraine which regulates the procedure and the contents for research (developments) reports. The financial reporting must be submitted via the Swiss PI to the SNSF.

Ukrainian part of the project will be implemented in three/two phases of 11.5 months each. At the end of each phase (including the final phase), there is a 15-day period for analysis and approval of the grantees' research reports by the NRFU Scientific Council.

At the end of each phase and completion of the project, the grantee submits a research report on the interim or final results, which the NRFU Scientific Council then reviews. A reasoned opinion of the NRFU Scientific Council on the progress and compliance with the Grant agreement and the calendar plan for carrying out the research is sent to the SNSF so that it can decide on the continuation or termination of the grant support.

The grounds for termination of grant support must be a reasoned decision regarding improper performance of the grant support agreement, the project implementation schedule, and the grantee's inability to implement the project.

The grantee submits a report on the interim results of the project implementation (in Ukrainian) according to the structure and form determined by the Foundation ([link](#)), in the electronic form and in one paper copy. The report on the interim results of the project implementation shall be posted on the official website of the Foundation within five working days after the approval of the reporting documentation.

Upon completion of the project, the grantee submits a final report on its implementation to

the Foundation in the electronic form and in one paper copy.

The structure and rules of preparation of the final report on the results of a research project and a project carried out jointly by Ukrainian and foreign legal entities, foreign (international) research societies, institutions, organizations, associations within the framework of international bilateral and/or multilateral scientific and scientific-technical cooperation are determined by SSU 3008:2015 "Documentation. Reports in the field of science and technology. Structure and rules of preparation".

Information on the results of the project implementation, together with the final report on its implementation, shall be posted on the official website of the Foundation for free access in the form of open data in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On Access to Public Information" within five working days.

## **VII. DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING AND REVIEWING APPLICATIONS, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL REVIEW OF PROJECTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE CALL**

Date and time for submission of applications: October 12, 2023, 00:01 Kyiv time

Date and time for closing submission of applications: December 12, 2023, 23:59 Kyiv time

Conducting scientific and scientific-technical review and announcement of the results of the Call: by September 12, 2024 (approximately).

The JRPs submitted for the Call shall be evaluated jointly by the SNSF and the NRFU. The process consists of the following steps:

**Peer review:** Proposals for JRPs will be reviewed according to standard international peer review procedures, jointly organised by the SNSF and the NRFU. External reviewers conduct a peer review of the applications, assessing the scientific quality of JRPs. At least 3 reviews shall be obtained per proposal.

**Evaluation panel:** An evaluation panel will be set up, composed of members proposed by the SNSF and the NRFU. The evaluation panel will rate and rank the proposals based on the peer reviews.

The best-ranked proposals will be funded, regardless of the research area. At the SNSF, the ranking list and the JRPs proposed for funding must be approved by the Specialised Committee for International Co-operation and the Presiding Board. At NRFU, it must be approved by the NRFU Scientific Council.

### **The evaluation results will be communicated approximately on September 12, 2024.**

Swiss corresponding applicants will receive a ruling from the SNSF. In case of rejection, the main reasons leading to the decision will be given. In case of approval, the budget and the conditions will be listed. If applicable, the Swiss corresponding applicant will be responsible for transmitting the decision to the other Swiss applicants. The decisions are not subject to appeal. The Ukrainian corresponding applicant will be informed by the NRFU.

Information about the results of the Call is posted on the official website of the NRFU in

accordance with the legislation of Ukraine and joint documents concluded by the SNSF and the NRFU, and includes:

- 1) the decision of the Scientific Council of the NRFU to approve the results of the Call;
- 2) a list of projects recommended for funding by the SNSF grant support;
- 3) the amount of funding for projects recommended for implementation at the expense of the SNSF grant support.

For joint projects to be funded, a Grant Agreement is concluded that defines the basic principles of research partnership and regulates the transfer of funds, as well as the obligation of the Ukrainian researcher to report to the NRFU in the research part (in particular, in accordance with the SSU 3008:2015 "Documentation. Reports in the field of science and technology. Structure and rules of preparation"). The agreement must be signed before the funds are allocated.

**Earliest starting date for the JRP:** October 1, 2024

## **VIII. NUMBER OF REVIEWERS CONDUCTING SCIENTIFIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT**

The scientific and scientific-technical evaluation of the project submitted to the Call is carried out by at least 3 reviewers.

## **IX. CRITERIA FOR THE NUMERICAL EVALUATION OF PROJECTS**

**The criteria used to evaluate the scientific quality of the proposals:**

- Scientific relevance
- Originality of the aims and objectives
- Appropriateness of the methodology and feasibility
- Work experience of the project authors
- Complementarity of the joint team.

## **X. CONTACT INFORMATION**

For information related to the competitive selection and submission of projects, please contact the Foundation's contact persons:

| <b>Subject of the issue</b>  | <b>Contact department</b>   |
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| Questions about submitting projects in natural sciences, engineering and mathematics | Grant Support Department in the Field of Technical and Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and IT<br><br>natsci.snsf@nrfu.org.ua |

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| Questions about submitting projects in biology, medicine and agricultural sciences | Grant Support Department in the Field of Biology, Healthcare and Bioresources<br><br>lifesci.snsf@nrfu.org.ua |
| Questions about submitting projects in the social sciences and humanities          | Grant Support Department in the Field of Social Sciences and Humanities<br><br>socsci.snsf@nrfu.org.ua        |

Phone for information: +(38) 044 298 16 29

For technical support and submission of applications through the NRFU electronic system, please contact [support@nrfu.org.ua](mailto:support@nrfu.org.ua)

E-mail for general issues – [nrfu@nrfu.org.ua](mailto:nrfu@nrfu.org.ua)

*Note: these communication channels are available only during business hours*

Website: <https://nrfu.org.ua/>

Postal address: Ukraine, Kyiv, 01001, Borysa Hrinchenka Street, 1

## **XI. ANNEXES**

1. Application form for grant support.
2. Recommendations for filling out the application.
3. Sample form of the Grant Agreement.