

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

of the call of projects for the implementation of research and developments of the
National Research Foundation of Ukraine
‘Excellent Science in Ukraine’

I. Thematic areas of the Call and duration (in years) of projects to be selected based on its results

The purpose of the Call is to select projects for grant support for advanced fundamental research that involves the formulation and solution of urgent scientific issues by leading and early-career researchers to ensure Ukraine's competitiveness in the world, development of the national research space and its integration into the global research space.

The competitive selection is carried out in accordance with the Procedure for competitive selection and financing by the National Research Foundation of Ukraine of projects, approved by the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine № 1170 on December 27, 2019 (with amendments).

The thematic areas of the Call correspond the fundamental direction of science and technology development (in accordance with Article 3 of the Law of Ukraine ‘On Priority Areas of Science and Technology Development’). The Call is focused on fundamental research on the most important issues of development of scientific and technical, socio-economic, socio-political, and human potential to ensure Ukraine's competitiveness in the world.

Intellectual property rights created in the course of research at the expense of grant support from the National Research Foundation of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the NRFU/Foundation) belong to the grantee and/or project implementers, except for the cases provided for in part two of Article 11 of the Law of Ukraine 'On State Regulation of Activities in the Sphere of Technology Transfer’.

Applications which contain information constitutes a state secret (in accordance with the Law of Ukraine ‘On State Secrets’) will not be accepted for consideration at the Call.

Implementation of projects is expected in 2024-2026, with three intermediate stages of project implementation (subject to availability of appropriate budget allocations):

- first stage of project implementation (approximately 4.5 months, August-December 2024);
- second stage of project implementation (approximately 9 months, March-December 2025);
- third stage of project implementation (approximately 9 months, March-December 2026).

The completion of each intermediate stage is correlated with the end of the respective financial year.

The projects are planned to start in August 2024. The projects in 2025-2026 will be implemented taking into account and in accordance with the budget allocations in the respective year.

Planning of the duration of the intermediate stages of project implementation should be carried out taking into account the deadlines for processing the reporting documentation provided by the grantee to confirm the completion of the first, second and the third stage of project implementation (14 calendar days from the date of completion of the relevant intermediate stage of project implementation). The duration of the intermediate stages of project implementation planned in the Application may be adjusted at the time of the conclusion of the Grant Agreement, taking into account and in accordance with the budget allocations in the relevant year.

II. Requirements for participants, PI and project implementers

General requirements. Call participants (institution organization) on behalf of which the application for grant support (hereinafter the Application) is submitted can be legal entities of any legal form and form of ownership that meet the terms of this call. Non-governmental organizations and legal entities whose founders are citizens of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus are not eligible to participate in this Call. The restriction on participation in this Call also applies to individuals and legal entities subject to restrictive measures (sanctions) imposed by the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine.

Teams of project authors (PI and authors) consisting of up to 7 researchers, including at least one early-career researcher, are eligible to submit the Applications. The team of project implementers is allowed to involve no more than two students of higher education of the second level (assistance staff) without their personalization at the time of submission of the Application.

Note: an early-career researcher is a researcher under the age of 35, inclusive, who has a higher education of at least the second (master's) level, or a researcher under the age of 40, inclusive, who has a scientific degree of Doctor of Sciences (Sc.D.) (aged respectively at the moment of submitting the application through the NRFU Project Call system).

The team (project authors) can consist of researchers representing one institution (organization), as well as researchers working in different institutions (organizations). One individual cannot be represented in more than one Application submitted to this Call and cannot be represented in the Application for this Call if he/she is already a member of the team of implementers of the winning project of another NRFU Call.

The PI of the project is to be a researcher who works at the **main place of work** in the institution (organization) applying for participation in the Call.

Project authors are to have a research degree (except for graduate students) obtained or recognized in Ukraine, scientific publications in periodicals indexed by Scopus or WoS (except for graduate students), or scientific monographs/monograph chapters (for Social Sciences and Humanities).

Project implementers cannot work in a foreign institution at their main place of work.

The terms and conditions of the Call do not provide for the involvement of a partner (partners) in the preparation of the Application and project implementation.

The PI and author cannot be employees of the NRFU Directorate, members of the NRFU Scientific Council, the Scientific Committee of the National Council for the Development of Science and Technology, members of the Call Commission and reviewers involved in the scientific and technical review of projects under this Call, as well as researchers who hold the following administrative positions at the moment of submission of the Application:

- rector, vice-rector of institutions of higher education;
- Director, Deputy Director of a state institution/organization;
- President, Vice President of the National and Branch Academies of Sciences.

Persons who authored and signed the final report on the implementation of projects to which paragraphs 1-2 of the Restrictive Measures applied to the authors of projects whose grant support was terminated by the decision of the Scientific Council of the NRFU due to improper implementation of research and development, and based on the results of the assessment of the quality of project implementation and publication/disclosure of the results, are not eligible to participate in the Call until the Scientific Council of the NRFU makes a decision on the information and relevant documents provided.

The PI is responsible for the accuracy of the information contained in the Application and the documents attached to it.

The detection of inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the participant shall be grounds for withdrawal of the Application from consideration throughout the entire period of the competitive selection.

The PI of a project in the Mathematical, Natural, Technical, Biological, Agricultural and Medical Sciences may be a researcher who has a scientific degree obtained or recognized in Ukraine, works at the main place of work in the institution (organization) submitting the Application for participation in the Call, has scientific publications in periodical journals indexed by Scopus or WoS, and meets 6 or more criteria in the questionnaire of the PI.

Note 1: This information must be clearly stated in the Application to which it is attached:

- CV according to the template (in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#));
- the questionnaire of the PI according to the template (in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#)) which are uploaded in separate files and will be evaluated by reviewers.

The PI of a project in Social Sciences and Humanities may be a researcher who has a scientific degree obtained or recognized in Ukraine, works at the main place of work in the institution (organization) applying for participation in the Call, has scientific publications in periodicals indexed by Scopus or WoS and/or is the author (or one of the co-authors, no more than 3) of a scientific monograph published in the last 5 years in an international scientific publishing house, and meets 6 or more criteria in the questionnaire of the PI.

Note 2: This information must be clearly stated in the Application to which it is attached:

- CV according to the template (in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#));

- the questionnaire of the PI according to the template (in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#)) which are uploaded in separate files and will be evaluated by reviewers.

Features of the project implementation

During the implementation of the project, the PI or project implementers may work in foreign institutions with monetary remuneration (compensation) for no more than three months in total per year and during this time cannot receive remunerations or other payments from the Foundation's grant funds. In the event of such circumstances, the PI must inform the Foundation of the terms and conditions of such work. A project submitted for participation in the Call may not be simultaneously submitted for participation in another Call in order to receive funding from the state budget, as well as in the case when such a project is or has been funded from the budget as a result of another Call.

The fact that the project is funded from the state budget by the NRFU, the project number and title should be indicated in all publications, official communications, media information, social media, other open sources, and during speeches at scientific events to present research results.

Grantees must take all available measures to promote the project to the general public and the results obtained during its implementation.

Upon completion of each intermediate stage of project implementation specified in the Grant Agreement, the grantee submits to the NRFU a report on the intermediate results of project implementation and a financial report on the use of budgetary funds, which are a prerequisite for making a decision to continue or terminate grant support for the project.

The structure and form of the report on the interim results of the project implementation are determined by the Scientific Council of the NRFU (will be provided before the conclusion of the Agreement).

The decision to extend or terminate the grant support is made by the Scientific Council of the NRFU upon the proposal of the relevant Scientific Council of the NRFU Section.

The grounds for termination of grant support must be a reasoned decision regarding the misuse or inefficient use of funds by the grantee and/or improper execution of the Grant Agreement, project calendar plan, or the grantee's inability to implement the project.

In case of termination of grant support by the decision of the Foundation's Scientific Council, a report on the interim results of the project and a financial report on the use of budgetary funds within the stage are posted on the Foundation's official website within five business days after the approval of the reporting documentation.

If it is established that state budgetary funds were misused in the course of project implementation, the amount of funds used for other purposes shall be returned to the NRFU in accordance with the procedure established by law.

Upon completion of the project, the grantee submits to the NRFU the final report on its implementation in accordance with DSTU 3008-95 '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 and the report on the use of state budgetary funds within the framework of the project implementation, is posted on the official website of the NRFU for free access in the form of open data within five working days in accordance with the Law of Ukraine ‘On Access to Public Information’.

III. Criteria for the numerical assessment of projects, indicating the order of priority and coefficients of individual criteria

The selection of projects is carried out in accordance with the procedure defined in the Procedure for review and evaluation of research and development projects submitted to the National Research Foundation of Ukraine for participation in competitive selections, approved by the decision of the Scientific Council of the Foundation (minutes of the meeting No. 21 of 25.08.2023, as amended by the decision of the Scientific Council of the NRFU of 26.10.2023, Minutes No. 28).

The projects are assessed by independent reviewers in accordance with the form and criteria approved by the Scientific Council of the NRFU.

Each project is assessed on the following aspects with appropriate weighting factors:

- quality of the planned research;
- significance of the project for the further development of science/technology/society (according to the project focus);
- quality and realism of the proposed project implementation plan;
- scientific achievements of the project authors.

Each aspect includes several assessment criteria with their own weighting factors.

The evaluation of each criterion is carried out by a reviewer with a 5-point scale with the obligatory provision of appropriate justification.

The number of points for an aspect is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the weighted average of the points for the assessment criteria for that aspect.

The total number of project points is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the weighted scores by aspect multiplied by 20.

When evaluating a project, a 5-point scale is used for each criterion with the following point value:

0	The project does not meet the criterion or cannot be assessed due to lack of or incomplete information provided by this criterion
1 - Poor	The information on the criterion being assessed is inadequately presented or has critical flaws
2 - Satisfactory	In general, the project meets the criterion, but there are significant shortcomings

3 - Good	The project meets the criterion, but there are some shortcomings
4 - Very good	The project meets the criterion very well, but improvement is possible
5 - Excellent	The project meets the criterion in full

The following criteria, weighting factors, and form are used to assess a research project:

Evaluation criteria	Rating scale	Weighting factor
<p>1. Quality of the planned research</p> <p>This section provides for the assessment of the justification of the research project, its focus on solving an actual (urgent) scientific problem, the clarity of the goal and objectives, their compliance with the current level of scientific achievements, the novelty of the scientific idea, the originality of the scientific hypothesis, the correct choice of methodology and research methods for testing the scientific hypothesis.</p>	<p>From 0 to 5</p> <p>The number of points on the aspect is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the weighted scores for the criteria</p>	0,3
<p>1.1. Motivation and validity of the scientific concept:</p> <p>whether the current state of research and the problems to be solved are adequately described and referenced.</p>	0-5	0.3
<p>1.2. Novelty of scientific ideas (including from the standpoint of interdisciplinarity if the research is multidisciplinary).</p>	0-5	0.3

1.3. Clarity and relevance of the formulated purpose and objectives of the study.	0-5	0.2
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<p>1.4. Adequacy of the proposed research approaches and methods, their relevance to the project goal and objectives.</p>	0-5	0.2
	<p>Average weighted score</p>	
<p>2. Significance of the project for further development of science / technology / society (according to the project field)</p> <p>This section provides for the assessment of the clarity of definition and reasoning of the prospects for further application of the research results for the development of science and new technologies, as well as the possibilities of implementing the research results in the economic and social spheres.</p> <p>It takes into account the completeness and potential effectiveness of the publication of the research results, the possibility of commercializing the project's achievements.</p>	<p>From 0 to 5</p> <p>The number of points on the aspect is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the weighted scores for the criteria</p>	<p>0.3</p>
<p>2.1. Potential importance of the expected results and new knowledge, development of new approaches and technologies and/or their significance for solving actual practical scientific/technical/social problems.</p>	0-5	0.5
<p>2.2. Effectiveness and appropriateness of the planned ways of publishing/using the research results (expected professional publications, presentations at international scientific</p>	0-5	0.5

conferences, dissemination of research results to the public).		
	Average weighted score	
<p>3. Quality and realism of proposed project implementation plan</p> <p>This section assesses the validity of the work plan and the clarity of intermediate goals, their logical sequence; clarity of the description of the planned tasks with specific verifiable results; consistency of the complexity of the tasks with their timeframe; correspondence of the need to use world-class research infrastructure, as well as the need to purchase equipment and materials specified as necessary for the project, the implementation of its purpose and objectives; clarity of the description of equipment and materials and adequate</p>	<p>From 0 to 5</p> <p>The number of points on the aspect is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the weighted scores for the criteria</p>	0.2
3.1 The work plan is reasonable, the timeframe is appropriate to the complexity of the formulated stages and tasks, the intermediate goals are clear and their logical sequence is consistent.	0-5	0.25
3.2. Compliance with the need to purchase equipment and materials specified as necessary for	0-5	0.25

project implementation, realization of its goals and objectives.		
3.3. Balance and validity of the total project budget	0-5	0.25
3.4. Availability and validity of the assessment of possible risks and provision of ways to prevent or resolve them.	0-5	0.25
	Average weighted score	
4. Scientific achievements of the project authors	From 0 to 5 The number of points on the aspect is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the weighted scores for the criteria	0,2
4.1 Quality of the publications of PI over the past 5 years.	0-5	0.3
4.2 Quality of publications by project authors over the past 5 years.	0-5	0.3

4.3. Balance of the team of authors: compliance of the number of authors and their level of qualification with the goals and objectives of the project.	0-5	0.2
4.4. Participation of the PI and authors in research programs funded by domestic and international organizations and institutions (including grants) over the past 5 years.	0-5	0.2
	Average weighted score	
	Overall project score: average arithmetic weighted score by aspect, multiplied by 20	

Algorithm for generating the final numerical assessment of applications

The curators analyze the set of reviewer opinions on the project and report the results at the Panel meeting. For each project, the R-value of the discrepancy between the S1, S2, and S3 scores given by the three reviewers is calculated:

$$R = \frac{SD}{S} \cdot 100\%,$$

where S is the arithmetic mean of the grades given, i.e.

$$S = \frac{S_1 + S_2 + S_3}{3},$$

SD - standard deviation:

$$SD = \sqrt{\frac{(S_1 - S)^2 + (S_2 - S)^2 + (S_3 - S)^2}{3}}.$$

1. If the discrepancy R-value does not exceed the critical value of 20%, the final numerical score of the application is determined as the arithmetic mean S of the reviewer assessments.
2. If the discrepancy exceeds the critical value of 20%, then:

- a) each member of the panel ($j=1, \dots, N$, where N is the number of panel members) determines the degree of validity k_{ij} of each of the reviewer opinions S_i , $i=1, \dots, 3$ in points from 0 (bad) to 2 (good);
- b) the final numerical score of the application is calculated as a weighted average of the reviewer scores:

$$S = S_1\beta_1 + S_2\beta_2 + S_3\beta_3,$$

where

$$\beta_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^N k_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^N k_{ij}}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

IV. Terms and conditions, time and place of the Call

The terms and conditions of the competitive selection are specified in all paragraphs of this document compliance with which is mandatory.

The Call will be held from 12.12.2023 to 01.07.2024 (approximately).

Venue: Kyiv, Ukraine, Borysa Hrinchenka Street, 1.

V. Procedure of acceptance (reception), registration and preliminary consideration of Applications

Applications for participation in the Call are submitted in Ukrainian and English in electronic form on the NRFU website (<https://grants.nrfu.org.ua>) (using the NRFU Project Call Automated System).

Replacement or amendments to the submitted Applications after the deadline for their submission are not permitted.

To participate in the Call, it is necessary to submit an Application for Grant Support (in Ukrainian and English) which must be certified by a qualified electronic signature of the PI, as well as documents submitted by the participant of the Call together with the Application.

Registration of Applications for participation in the Call is carried out automatically in the NRFU Project Call Automated System.

The NRFU Directorate within the framework of providing organizational support for the conduct and organization of NRFU calls checks applications for compliance with formal requirements within 10 working days after the application submission deadline.

The NRFU Directorate shall notify the relevant participant in electronic form of the rejection of the Applications on formal grounds within three business days after the deadline for verification of the Applications for compliance with formal grounds.

Within 10 working days from the date of completion of the NRFU Directorate's review of the Applications for compliance with formal grounds, the Call Commission shall conduct a preliminary review of their compliance with the terms of the Call, in particular, the criteria determined by the NRFU Scientific Council, and identify inaccurate information (if any) in the documents submitted by the participant.

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 NRFU, detection of inaccurate information shall be grounds for withdrawal of the application from consideration based on the results of its preliminary review.

The detection of inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the participant shall be grounds for withdrawal of the Application from consideration throughout the entire period of the competitive selection.

Based on the results of the preliminary review of the Applications for compliance with the terms of the Call, in particular the criteria determined by the Scientific Council of the NRFU, in case of detection of inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the participant, the Call Commission approves the list of Applications that are withdrawn from consideration. The Directorate of the NRFU shall notify the relevant participant 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 NRFU, or the detection of inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the participant in electronic form no later than three business days after such decision is made.

VI. Deadlines for the submission and consideration of applications, the conduct of scientific and technical reviewing of projects and summarization of the Call results

Date and time of the beginning of applications submission: 12.12.2023, 00:01 Kyiv time.

Date and time of completion of application submission: 22.01.2024, 23:59 Kyiv time (42 days).

Conducting scientific and technical reviewing and summarizing the results of the Call: until 01.07.2024 (approx.).

VII. Total amount of funding for projects to be selected based on the results of the Call

The total amount of funding for the Call in 2024 makes up to **UAH 110 mln** (in accordance with budget allocations, taking into account the risk of possible redistribution of funds and the risks associated with the martial law in Ukraine).

The maximum total amount of funding for one project is UAH 9.5 million (up to UAH 2.0 million in 2024, up to UAH 4.0 million in 2025, up to UAH 3.5 million in 2026).

The total amount of funding of the Call is up to UAH 530 million.

By submitting an Application for the Call, participants confirm that they have fulfilled the condition that the submitted project cannot be simultaneously submitted for participation in another Call in order to receive funding from the state budget, as well as when such a project is or has been funded at the expense of state budgetary funds based

on the results of another call, including those conducted by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine or other entities.

The terms and procedure for funding projects depend on the amount of budget allocations provided in the state budget for the relevant year to finance the activities of the Foundation.

Projects are funded by the grantor's gradual transfer of funds from its registration account to the grantee's accounts in accordance with the Grant Agreement concluded between the NRFU and the winning organization of the Call (Grantee), in accordance with the Calendar Plan and the Schedule of financing the R&D project, within the limits of the funding actually received by the Grantor.

Unused funds during the relevant intermediate stage of the project implementation shall be refunded to the NRFU registration account within five working days after the completion of the relevant intermediate stage of the project.

All costs for each stage of project implementation must be incurred before the completion of the relevant intermediate stage of project implementation.

Under this Call the NRFU grant funds may be allocated to the following cost items:

1) Direct costs:

- labor remuneration;
- payroll accruals;
- materials required for the performance of works, except for equipment and facilities;
- equipment and facilities;
- business trip expenses.

2) Indirect costs

The total amount of indirect costs (costs that are not directly related to R&D implementation, but are necessary to ensure the full implementation of the project) cannot exceed 15% of Direct Costs within each stage of project implementation. Such costs may include:

- utility costs;
- remuneration and accruals for the remuneration of administrative personnel, in particular, employees of financial services, legal services, etc. who will be involved in servicing the Grant Agreement.

3) Other costs

Costs that are not reflected in the above-mentioned cost items, but are necessary for R&D implementation, in particular, costs of services. This cost item may include costs for:

- publications,
- obtaining patents,
- translation,
- rental of research equipment,

access to databases, libraries, etc.

Costs for all items must be justified.

Note: see *Methodological recommendations for Cost Planning on the Implementation of Research (Development) through Grant Support*.

VIII. Number of reviewers conducting scientific and technical review of the project

Scientific and technical review of the project submitted to the Call is carried out by 3 reviewers.

IX. Criteria for the preliminary selection of projects (in particular, compliance with the purpose, topic, and terms and conditions of the Call)

Within 10 working days from the date of completion of the NRFU Directorate's review of the Applications for compliance with formal requirements, the Call Commission shall conduct a preliminary review of their compliance with the purpose, subject matter and conditions of the Call, in particular, the criteria determined by the Scientific Council of the NRFU.

X. Documents submitted by a participant together with the Application

Documents to be submitted by a participant together with the Application (in the NRFU Project Call Automated System):

1. Consent of the project authors to its implementation (a mark in the NRFU electronic system using a qualified electronic signature through the project author's personal account).

2. Consent of the head of the institution (organization) on behalf of which the Application is submitted to the implementation of the project (in [Ukrainian](#)) signed by the head of the institution (organization) (scanned copy).

3. Certificate (in Ukrainian) from the place of work of the PI with a mandatory indication that the PI works **at the main place of work** in the institution (organization) on whose behalf the Application is submitted (scanned copy).

4. Statement signed by the head of the institution (organization) on behalf of which the application is submitted regarding the participant's compliance with paragraph 5 of the criteria for assessing the admissibility of state aid to business entities for research, technical development and innovation activities, approved by the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 118 of February 7, 2018 (in [Ukrainian](#)) (scanned copy).

5. CV of the PI (electronic copy), Natural Sciences in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#) and Social Sciences in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#)).

6. Questionnaire of the PI (scanned copy, in Ukrainian (sample for Mathematical, Natural, Technical, Biological, Agricultural and Medical Sciences; sample for Social Sciences and Humanities) and English (sample for Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Engineering, Biology, Agriculture and Medicine; sample for Social Sciences and Humanities).

Documents that the winning institution submits to the NRFU in paper form (originals certified by signatures and seals):

1. Grant Support Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement).
2. Consent of the head of the institution (organization for the project implementation (in Ukrainian) signed by the head of the institution (organization).
3. A certificate (in Ukrainian) from the place of work of the PI with a mandatory indication that the PI works at the main place of work in the institution (organization) on whose behalf the Application is submitted.
4. A statement signed by the head of the institution (organization) on behalf of which the Application is submitted, confirming that the participant complies with paragraph 5 of the criteria for assessing the admissibility of state aid to economic entities for conducting research, technical development and innovation activities, approved by the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 118 of February 7, 2018 (in Ukrainian).
5. CV of the PI (electronic copy, in Ukrainian and English).
6. Questionnaire of the PI (scanned copy, in Ukrainian and English).

XI. Reasons for rejecting an Application on formal grounds

Grounds for rejection of the Application on formal grounds:

- non-compliance of the application submitted by a participant with the form established by the Foundation;
- lack of documents required by the Call terms and conditions;
- lack of or incomplete information required by the Call terms and conditions in the documents submitted by the applicant;
- non-compliance of the information provided in the application with the requirements set in the Call terms and conditions.

The decision to reject the Applications on formal grounds is notified by the Directorate of the NRFU to the relevant participant of the Call in electronic form within three working days after the expiration of the deadline for verification of Applications for compliance with formal grounds.

Grounds for withdrawal of the Application from consideration based on the results of its preliminary review by the Call Commission:

- non-compliance of the submitted project with the purpose, thematic areas of terms and conditions of the Call (justification of such compliance must be provided in the text of the Application);
- violation of the provisions of the Regulations on compliance with the principles of scientific ethics and prevention of conflict of interests during competitive selection, scientific and technical review of projects and consideration of applications for grant support submitted to the National Research Foundation of Ukraine, approved by the decision of the Scientific Council of the Foundation on 25.08.2023, Protocol No. 21.

Non-compliance of the documents submitted by an applicant with the terms and conditions of the Call, in particular, the criteria for selecting projects determined by the Scientific Council of the NRFU, or detecting inaccurate information in the documents submitted by a participant shall be grounds for withdrawal of the Application from consideration based on the results of its preliminary review.

Detecting inaccurate information in the documents submitted by a participant shall be grounds for withdrawal of the Application from consideration throughout the entire period of the competitive selection.

Based on the results of the preliminary review of the Applications for compliance with the terms and conditions of the Call, in particular the criteria determined by the Scientific Council of the NRFU, in case of detection of inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the participant, the Call Commission approves the list of applications that are withdrawn from consideration. The decision of the Call Commission to withdraw an application from consideration on the grounds of noncompliance with the terms and conditions of the Call, in particular the criteria for selecting projects determined by the Scientific Council of the NRFU, or the detection of inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the Call participant, shall be communicated by the Directorate of the NRFU to the relevant Call participant in electronic form no later than three working days after such a decision is made.

Information on the results of the Call is posted on the official website of the NRFU and includes:

- 1) the decision of the Scientific Council of the NRFU to approve the results of the Call;
- 2) the list of projects recommended for implementation with the NRFU's grant support;
- 3) the amount of funding for projects recommended for implementation through grant support from the NRFU;
- 4) the rating list of projects with an indication of the points (score) received by each project.

Participants of the Call will be sent an e-mail with text justification of the evaluations received by the project based on the results of scientific and technical review.

After the NRFU has adopted a decision on awarding a grant, the NRFU and the winning institution conclude a Grant Agreement that defines all the necessary conditions for the implementation of the project, including the grantee's responsibility for non-fulfillment or late fulfillment of its obligations.

The term of the conclusion of the Agreement should not exceed 30 calendar days from the moment of adoption of the decision on awarding the grant. If the Grant Agreement between the winning institution and the NRFU is not concluded within the specified period due to the fault of the winning institution, it is considered that the winning institution has refused to further implement the project.

XII. Information on the methods of submitting documents for participation in the Call and the methods of withdrawal of an Application by a participant before the deadline for its submission

To submit an Application the PI and authors of the project must undergo a pre-registration procedure on the official website of the NRFU. Identification of a person submitting an Application is carried out during registration by using a qualified electronic signature.

The participant has the right to withdraw the application before the deadline for its submission, of which the PI notifies the Call Commission by email at support@nrfu.org.ua.

XIII. Contact information

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

Subject matter Contact department	Subject matter Contact department
Questions on submitting projects in the Natural and Technical Sciences and Mathematics	Grant Support Department in the Field of Technical and Natural Sciences, Mathematics and IT natsci.excellent@nrfu.org.ua
Questions on submitting projects in Biology, Medicine and Agricultural sciences	Grant Support Department in the Field of Biology, Healthcare and Bioresources lifesci.excellent@nrfu.org.ua
Questions on submitting projects in Social Sciences and Humanities	Grant Support Department in the Field of Social Sciences and Humanities socsci.excellent@nrfu.org.ua

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

For technical support and submission of applications through the NRFU electronic system, please contact us via e-mail address: support@nrfu.org.ua.

E-mail for general inquiries - nrfu@nrfu.org.ua

Note: these communication channels are only available during business hours

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

Mailing address: Ukraine, Kyiv, 01001, Borysa Hrinchenka Str., 1

XIV. Appendixes

1. Application form for grant support ([link](#)).
2. Guidelines for filling out the Application ([download](#)).

3. Sample form of the grant agreement ([download](#)).