

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

of the Call for Annual Grants of the President of Ukraine for Research and Developments of Doctors of Science (up to 45 years old inclusive)

conducted by the National research Foundation of Ukraine

I. Thematic areas of the Call and duration of projects to be selected based on their results

In order to address urgent issues of Doctors of Science up to 45 years old inclusive, to ensure their active participation in the implementation of state policy in the field of scientific and scientific and technical activities, to preserve and develop intellectual potential a Call for obtaining annual grants of the President of Ukraine to Doctors of Science (up to 45 years old inclusive) for the implementation of research and development is being launched (hereinafter – the Call).

The purpose of the Call is to select projects for grant support for research and development, to solve urgent issues of Doctors of Science, to ensure their active participation in the implementation of state policy in the field of scientific and scientific and technical activities, to preserve and develop intellectual potential.

The goal of the Call is to stimulate relevant and significant research and development of Doctors of Science in the priority areas of the development of science and technology in Ukraine.

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

Awarding of annual grants of the President of Ukraine to Doctors of Science (up to 45 years old inclusive) is carried out in accordance with the "Regulations on Annual Grants of the President of Ukraine to Doctors of Science for Research and Development," approved by the Decree of the President of Ukraine of 17 June 2009 No. 446/2009.

The Call is held in compliance with the principle of gender equality.

The requirements for the participants of the Call and the terms and conditions of the Call are formulated taking into account the Agreement on reforming assessment in the field of science

(https://coara.eu/app/uploads/2022/09/2022_07_19_rra_agreement_final.pdf)

Grants may be awarded both for planned research and development, and for those already in progress.

Thematic areas of the Call shall correspond to one of the branches of science and technology development (in accordance with Article 3 of the Law of Ukraine ‘On Priority Branches of Science and Technology Development’):

- 1) national security and defense;
- 2) fundamental research on the most important issues in the development of scientific and technical, social and economic, social and political, and human potential to ensure the competitiveness of Ukraine in the world and sustainable development of society and the state;
- 3) information and communication technologies;
- 4) power industry and energy efficiency;
- 5) rational use of natural resources;
- 6) life sciences, new technology for the prevention and treatment of the most common diseases;
- 7) new substances and materials.

Intellectual property rights created in the course of research and development at the expense of grants from the President of Ukraine to Doctors of Science belong to the grantee*, except for the cases provided for in the second part of Article 11 of the Law of Ukraine ‘On State Regulation of Activities in the Field of Technology Transfer’.

Research projects whose contents constitute a state secret (in accordance with the Law of Ukraine “On State Secrets”) shall not be considered for the Call.

Implementation of projects is scheduled for 2027 and will be implemented taking into account and in accordance with the budget revenues of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine (hereinafter - the Foundation or the NRFU).

** Definitions of certain terms used in the text of these Terms and Conditions:*

grantee – a winner of the call, with whom a grant support agreement has been concluded (Doctor of Science);

grant support agreement – an agreement concluded by the Foundation in its prescribed form, with an enterprise (institution, organization, institution of higher education) that undertakes to implement the research and development set out in the research project, and with the grantee following the award of the grant (hereinafter – the Agreement);

application for obtaining grant support – a document completed by the Call applicant in the form prescribed by the Foundation submitted for participation in the Call (hereinafter – the Application);

project for research and development – a set of activities for implementing research and development, a detailed description of which is provided in the Application (hereinafter – the Project);

enterprise – an enterprise (institution, organization, institution of higher education) located in Ukraine which undertakes to implement the research and development set

out in the research project (hereinafter – the Enterprise), as well as the approval of the respective research results.

II. Requirements for the Call participants

A researcher may participate in the Call if, at the time of application submission, he/she is up to and including 45 years old, holds a research degree of Doctor of Science (awarded or officially recognized in Ukraine), and is employed **full-time (as the main place of employment)** at the Enterprise.

A single participant may submit no more than one Application to the Call.

A project submitted for participation in the Call shall not be simultaneously submitted to any other call for the purpose of receiving funding from budgetary funds, nor shall it be eligible if it is currently funded or has previously been funded from budgetary funds under another.

The Call participant shall not work in a foreign institution at the main place of employment.

The restrictions on participation in this Call apply to individuals subject to restrictive measures (sanctions) imposed by the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine.

Individuals to whom prohibitions have been applied by the decision of the Scientific Council of the Foundation, as established in clauses 1 and/or 2 of the “Restrictive Measures Applied to 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 Results of Assessment of the Quality of Project Implementation and Publication/Dissemination of the Results”, approved by the decision of the Scientific Council of the Foundation of 11 January 2022, Protocol No. 2 (hereinafter –Restrictive Measures of the Foundation), shall not be eligible to participate in the Call until a decision on the removal of the established restrictions has been made.

Employees of the NRFU Directorate, members of the NRFU Scientific Council, the Scientific Committee of the National Council of Ukraine for Science and Technology Development, and members of the Call Commission for this Call shall not be eligible to participate in the Call.

The Call participant shall bear responsibility for the accuracy of information contained in the Application and in the documents attached.

The Call participant shall comply with the “Regulations on Compliance with the Principles of Research Ethics and Conflict of Interest 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”, approved by the decision of the Scientific Council of the Foundation of 18 December 2025, Protocol No. 36 (<https://nrfu.org.ua/about-us/ethical-principles/>).

The Call participant applying for the NRFU grant support whose activities show formal indications of cooperation with representatives of the aggressor state or temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine has the right to submit appropriate explanations and evidence demonstrating the absence of actual cooperation together with the Application for further consideration and decision by the Call Commission. Such explanations and evidence may be uploaded as a separate PDF file (or files) in the “Documents” section when submitting the Application.

The discovery of false information in the documents submitted by the participant shall constitute grounds for disqualification of the Application at any stage of the Call.

III. Peculiarities of project implementation

A project is to be implemented within one stage over eight months (approximately **from April 2027 to November 2027, inclusive**).

During the implementation of the project, the grantee shall not work in foreign institutions with monetary remuneration (compensation) and at this period shall not receive salary or any other payments from grant funds of the Foundation. In the event of such circumstances, the Enterprise shall inform the Foundation of the terms and conditions of such work.

The fact that the project is funded under the NRFU Call by grant funds of the President of Ukraine, the project number and the title **shall be indicated in all** publications, official statements, media information, social networks, other open sources and during presentations at research events for the purpose of presenting the research results. Publications that do not include such information shall not be submitted by the grantee and shall not be taken into account by the Scientific Council of the Foundation when reporting on the results of the project implementation.

Grantees are encouraged to take all available measures to promote the project and the results obtained to the general public.

The Grantee shall submit the following reporting documentation to the Foundation within the deadlines specified in the Agreement and using the forms prescribed by the Foundation, the following reporting documentation:

- final report on the results of the project for research and development, in the form determined by the Grantor, in electronic format and in one bound paper copy;
- financial report on the use of budgetary funds, in electronic format and in one paper copy;
- other documentation provided for in the Agreement.

Unused and/or saved grant funds shall be returned to the Foundation’s registration account in accordance with the procedures and deadlines prescribed by the Agreement.

Misuse of grant funds by the Enterprise and/or improper performance of the Agreement's terms and conditions by the Enterprise or the grantee, failure to comply with the Project's Implementation Schedule, failure to meet the Technical Assignment for research and development, or the inability of the grantee to implement the Project or the Enterprise to ensure the research and development shall constitute grounds for the Scientific Council of the Foundation to decide on termination of the Agreement.

In case the Scientific Council of the Foundation makes the decision to terminate the Agreement, the Enterprise and/or the Grantee shall submit to the Foundation up-to-date information on the status of the project implementation and a financial report on the use of budgetary funds in accordance with the decision made by the Scientific Council of the Foundation.

In the event of a breach of the Agreement's terms and conditions and/or misuse of funds received as a grant, the grantee and the Enterprise specified in the Agreement shall return the funds to the Foundation in full (including taxes and fees paid to the state budget) in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Agreement.

If the Scientific Council of the Foundation decides to terminate the Agreement due to the inability of the Enterprise and/or the grantee to implement the Project, the Scientific Council shall determine the deadlines for submission of information on the Project's implementation, the financial report on the use of budgetary funds, and the return of the grant funds, including any unused funds.

The Scientific Council of the Foundation considers scientific pseudo-conferences (including congresses, symposia, workshops, etc.) and the respective publications (conference proceedings, abstracts, etc.) to be unacceptable forms of dissemination of the Project implementers' research results if they are organized or published by commercial non-academic entities whose primary activity consists in conducting such events and issuing such publications on a paid and remote basis. Such events and publications merely imitate research events and academic publications and constitute a distortion of research platforms intended for substantive scholarly discussion; they discredit researchers and the projects supported by the Foundation. Therefore, the Scientific Council of the Foundation does not allow their inclusion in research project reports and will not consider such conferences/publications as indicators of the fulfillment of the technical assignment and the project implementation schedule. The Scientific Council of the Foundation recommends that project implementers present the results of their research at events and in publications organized by institutions of higher education, research institutions, and specialized professional research associations (in the respective field of science).

Information on the results of the project implementation, as well as the final report on its implementation and the report on the use of budgetary funds within the framework of the project, is published in accordance with the established procedure on the official website of the Foundation, except for the cases provided for by the Law of Ukraine "On State Secrets".

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

Project selection is carried out in accordance with the procedure established in the Procedure for Scientific and Scientific and Technical Reviewing of Projects and Consideration of Applications for Grant Support Submitted to the National Research Foundation of Ukraine.

Projects are assessed by independent reviewers according to the system and criteria approved by the Scientific Council of the NRFU.

Each Project is assessed according to the following criteria with the respective weight coefficients:

- quality of the planned research and its relevance to the thematic areas of the Call;
- significance of the Project for the further development of research / engineering / technology / society (according to the Project focus)
- quality and feasibility of the proposed Project implementation plan.

Each criterion includes several assessment sub-criteria with their own weight coefficients.

Assessment for each criterion and sub-criterion is carried out by a reviewer using a 5-point scale, with mandatory justification provided.

The score for a criterion is calculated as the weighted arithmetic mean of the scores for its sub-criterion.

The total score for the Project is calculated as the weighted arithmetic mean of the scores for all criteria, multiplied by 20.

During the evaluation of the Project, a 5-point scale with the following score values is used for each criterion:

0 - Poor	The project does not meet the criterion or cannot be assessed due to the absence or incompleteness of information required by this criterion
1 - Unsatisfactory	The information on the criterion being assessed is presented inadequately or contains critical deficiencies

2 - Satisfactory	Overall, the project meets the criterion, but there are significant deficiencies
3 - Good	The project meets the criterion, but there are some deficiencies
4 - Very good	The project meets the criterion very well, although improvements are possible
5 - Excellent	The project meets the criterion in full

To assess the project in this Call the following criteria, weight coefficients and form are used:

Assessment criteria	Assessment scale	Weight coefficient
<p>1. Quality of the planned research and relevance to the thematic area of the Call</p> <p>This section involves the assessment of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the quality of the justification for the research project and its focus on addressing a relevant research issue; • the clarity in formulating the project's goal and objectives, and their alignment with the current level of research achievements; • the novelty of the research idea; • the originality of the research hypothesis; • the correctness of the selection of methodology and research methods for testing the research hypothesis. 	<p>From 0 to 5 The score for a component is calculated as the weighted arithmetic mean of the scores for its criteria.</p>	0,3
1.1. Quality of the justification for the research issue: whether the current state of research and the issue requiring solution are	0-5	0,25

described adequately and with respective references.		
1.2. Relevance and novelty of research ideas (including interdisciplinary aspects, if the research is of a multidisciplinary nature).	0-5	0,25
1.3. Clarity and relevance of the formulated research goal and objectives.	0-5	0,25
1.4. Feasibility of the proposed research approaches and methods, and their alignment with the project's goal and objectives.	0-5	0,25
2. Significance of the project for the further development of research / engineering / technology / society (according to the Project's focus) This section involves assessing the clarity and justification of the prospects for the further application of the research results aimed at advancing research and new technologies, and addressing societal issues. The completeness and potential effectiveness of the dissemination of the research results are also taken into account.	From 0 to 5 The score for a component is calculated as the weighted arithmetic mean of the scores for its criteria.	0,3
2.1. Potential significance of the expected results and the generation of new knowledge (in comparison with the best global achievements) in addressing the specified research issue, development of new approaches and technologies, and/or their relevance to solving current practical research / technical / societal challenges.	0-5	0,4
2.2. Effectiveness and appropriateness of the planned dissemination and utilization of the research results (expected peer-reviewed publications, presentations at international research events, dissemination of research results among the public, etc.).	0-5	0,3

2.3. Prospects for continuing research on the specified issue in the future.	0-5	0,3
3. Quality and feasibility of the proposed Project implementation plan This section involves assessing the justification of the work plan and the clarity of intermediate objectives, their logical sequence; the clarity of the description of planned tasks, indicating specific results that can be verified; and the consistency of task complexity with the proposed timeline.	From 0 to 5 The score for a component is calculated as the weighted arithmetic mean of the scores for its criteria.	0,4
3.1. Justification of the work plan, the methodology for its implementation, the alignment of the timeframe with the complexity of the defined stage and tasks, and their logical sequence.	0-5	0,3
3.2. Consistency of task complexity with their respective timelines.	0-5	0,2
3.3. Correctness of the construction of the logical and structural scheme of the research.	0-5	0,2
3.4. Quality of the PI's (Call participant's) publications within the five years.	0-5	0,3

Algorithm for calculating the final numerical score of the Applications

The coordinators analyze the set of reviewers' assessments received for the Project and report the results at the Panel meeting. For each Project, the discrepancy indicator R is calculated based on the scores S1, S2 and S3 assigned by the three reviewers:

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

where S is the arithmetic mean of the scores assigned, i.e.,

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

SD is a standard deviation:

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

1. If the discrepancy indicator R does not exceed the critical value of 20%, the final numerical score of the Application is determined as the arithmetic mean S of the reviewers' scores.
2. If the discrepancy indicator exceeds the critical value of 20%:
 - a) each Panel member ($j=1, \dots, N$, where N is the number of Panel members) assesses the justification level k_{ij} of each reviewers' score S_i , $i=1, \dots, 3$ on a scale from 0 (poor) to 2 (good);
 - b) the final numerical score of the Application is calculated as the weighted mean of the reviewers' scores:

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

where

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

Date and Venue of the Call

The Call for applications for Doctors of Science (up to 45 years old inclusive) will be held **from 21 January 2026 to 15 July 2026** (tentative).

Venue: Kyiv city, Borysa Hrinchenka Street, 1

VI. Procedure for acceptance (receipt), registration and preliminary review of the Applications

Applications for participation in the Calls shall be submitted in Ukrainian and English in electronic form in accordance with the form prescribed by the Foundation. Together with the Application, the Call participant shall submit a letter of guarantee from the enterprise (institution, organization, institution of higher education) which undertakes to implement the research and development set out in the Project.

The Applications for participation in the Calls shall be submitted exclusively in electronic form on the official website of the Foundation (<https://grants.nrfu.org.ua>) (using the Automated System “The NRFU Call for Projects”).

To participate in the Call, it is necessary to submit the Application for grant support (in Ukrainian and English) which is certified by a qualified electronic signature of the

Call participant as well as the documents submitted by the Call participant together with the Application.

Registration of the Applications for participation in the Call is carried out automatically in the Automated System “The NRFU Call for Projects”.

The Directorate of the Foundation within the framework of providing organizational support for the conduct and organization of the Calls by the Foundation shall check the Applications for compliance with the formal requirements the next working day after the deadline for submitting the Applications.

Such verification is carried out in two stages: preliminary and final. The preliminary verification is conducted within 10 working days from the deadline for submitting the Applications.

If, during the preliminary verification, it is found that the documents submitted by the Call participant lack information required by the Call terms and conditions, the Foundation’s Directorate notifies the participant via electronic communication means of the need to provide the clarified information within three working days from the date of notification.

After the deadline for submitting the clarified information, the Foundation’s Directorate conducts the final verification of the documents submitted by the Call participant for compliance with the formal requirements, taking into account the provided information, within 10 working days.

The Directorate of the Foundation shall notify the respective Call applicant in electronic form within 3 (three) working days after the end of the period for the final verification of applications for compliance with the formal requirements.

To conduct the Call, the Scientific Council of the Foundation's section within 10 working days from the date of posting the Call on the official website of the Foundation shall elect at its meeting, by open vote, a Call Commission of at least 7 (seven) persons from among recognized researchers in the respective field (with their consent).

Members of the Call Commission may not be members of the Foundation's governing bodies, as well as participants in the Call.

The Call Commission shall conduct its activities in accordance with the Procedure for Scientific and Scientific and Technical Reviewing of Projects and Consideration of Applications for Grant Support Submitted to the National Research Foundation of Ukraine

(<https://nrfu.org.ua/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/the-procedure-for-conducting-scientific-and-scientific-technical-reviewing-of-projects-and-consideration-of-applications-for-grant-support-submitted-to-the-national-research-foundation-of-ukraine.pdf>), taking into account The Regulations on Compliance with the Principles of Research Ethics and Conflict of Interest 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 (<https://nrfu.org.ua/en/about-us/ethical-principles/>).

Within 10 working days from the date of completion of the verification of the Applications for compliance with formal requirements by the Directorate of the Foundation, the Call Commission shall conduct a 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 Foundation, and identify inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the participant.

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

The discovery of inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the participant shall be grounds for withdrawal of the Application from consideration during the entire period of the call 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 Foundation's Scientific Council, in case of detection of inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the Call 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 non-compliance with the terms of the Call, in particular the criteria for selecting projects determined by the Foundation's Scientific Council, or the discovery of inaccurate information in the documents submitted by the Call participant, shall be communicated by the Directorate of the Foundation to the relevant Call participant in electronic form no later than three working days after such a decision is made.

VII. Deadlines for submitting and reviewing Applications, conducting scientific and technical review of projects and announcement of the results of the Call

The date and time of the start of submission of Applications for participation in the Call: **22 January 2026, 00:01** Kyiv time.

Date and time of the Application deadline: **20 February 2026, 23:59** Kyiv time.

Conducting scientific and scientific-technical review and announcement of the results of the Call: **by 15 July 2026** (approximately).

Decisions to reject a project for research and development and the submitted Application on formal grounds, to approve the list of Applications that are withdrawn from consideration, to form a ranking list and a list of winners of the competitive selection are not subject to appeal.

VIII. Information on the procedure for submitting documents for participation in the Call and the procedure for withdrawal of the Application by the Call participant before the deadline for its submission

To submit the Application, the participant of the Call must undergo the procedure of pre-registration in the 'NRFU Call for Projects' automated system. The identification of the applicant is made at the time of registration through a qualified electronic signature (QES).

The Participant of the Call has the right to withdraw the Application before the deadline for its submission, which he/she shall notify the Call Commission by e-mail: support@nrfu.org.ua.

IX. Total amount of funding based on the results of the Call

The total amount of funding for the Call is **UAH 3000.0 thousand** (according to budget revenues, taking into account the risk of possible redistribution of funds and taking into account the risks associated with the martial law in Ukraine): **20 grants for UAH 150.0 thousand each.**

Projects are financed by the Foundation by gradually transferring funds from its registration account to the personal account of the Company in accordance with the concluded Agreement, the Project Cost Estimate, the Calendar Plan for carrying out the research and development, the Research and Development Project Financing Schedule, the Terms of Reference for the research and development project within the limits of the funding actually received by the Foundation.

The project is implemented in one stage.

The Grantee's expenses related to the implementation of the project include only labor costs, including accruals for labor. At the same time, the Grantee under this Call is not subject to the restrictions established by the Foundation's Scientific Council on the maximum monthly salary for other Foundation projects.

Taxation of funds received as a grant is carried out in accordance with the legislation, and the Company acts as a tax agent of the Grantee.

The funds transferred by the Foundation to the Company's registration account to finance the project may be used exclusively for research and development. No other expenses may be financed from the funds received as a grant.

The terms and procedure for financing projects depend on the amount of budgetary allocations provided for in the State Budget of Ukraine for the relevant year to finance the Foundation's activities.

Unused and saved amounts of funds shall be returned to the Foundation's registration account in the manner and within the time limits established by the Agreement.

X. Number of reviewers who conduct scientific and technical review of projects

The Call for Proposals includes an independent and objective scientific and technical review of such projects with the involvement of 3 reviewers (Ukrainian and foreign researchers with their consent) in accordance with the The Procedure for conducting scientific and scientific-technical reviewing 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 of 30 October 2025 (Protocol No. 30).

Persons who are participants in this Call are not allowed to be involved in the scientific and technical review of projects under this Call.

XI. Reasons for rejection of the Application on formal grounds:

The Directorate of the Foundation, as part of ensuring organizational support for the conduct and administration of the Foundation calls for proposals, shall, starting from the next working day after the deadline for submission of applications, verify the submitted applications for compliance with formal requirements.

Such verification is carried out in two stages: preliminary and final. The preliminary verification is conducted within 10 (ten) working days from the date of expiration of the application submission deadline.

If, during the preliminary verification, it is established that the documents submitted by a call participant lack information specified in the call conditions, the Directorate of the Foundation shall notify the participant, by means of electronic communication, of the need to submit the revised information within three working days from the date of such notification.

After the expiration of the deadline for submission of the revised information, the Directorate of the Foundation shall, within 10 working days, carry out the final verification of the documents submitted by the call participant for compliance with formal requirements, taking into account the revised information.

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, including the Letter of Guarantee from the Company;
- 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;
- non-compliance of the Call participant with the requirements, including the age of the Call participant, defined in the Regulations on Annual Grants of the President

of Ukraine to Doctors of Science for Research and Development, approved by Decree of the President of Ukraine No. 446/2009 dated June 17, 2009;

- execution of documents submitted for participation in the Call in non-compliance with the procedure or form established by the terms and conditions of the Call or the requirements for execution of documents established by the legislation;
- violation of the requirement to restrict the participation in this Call of individuals subject to restrictive measures (sanctions) imposed by the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine;
- violation of the requirement to prohibit participation in the Call until the Scientific Council of the Foundation makes a decision on the information and relevant documents provided to the persons who authored and signed the final report on the implementation of projects to which Clauses 1 and/or 2 of the Foundation's Restrictive Measures were applied.

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 grounds.

XII. Criteria for the preliminary review (pre-review) of projects (in particular, compliance with the purpose, subject matter, and terms and conditions of the Call)

Preliminary review of Applications for compliance with the purpose, subject matter, and terms and conditions of the Call and the selection criteria determined by the Scientific Council of the Foundation is carried out by the Call Commission.

Grounds for withdrawal of applications from consideration during the pre-review by the Call Commission:

- non-compliance of the submitted project with the purpose, subject matter, or terms and conditions of the Call;
- non-compliance of the submitted project with The Regulations on Compliance with the Principles of Research Ethics and Conflict of Interest 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, approved by the decision of the Scientific Council of the Foundation of 18 December 2025 (Protocol No. 36) (<https://nrfu.org.ua/en/about-us/ethical-principles/>).

Non-compliance of the documents submitted by the Call 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.

XIII. The list of documents to be submitted by the participant of the Call together with the Application

Documents to be submitted by the participant of the Call together with the Application via the automated system 'NRFU Call for Projects' (electronic version):

1. Consent of the Call participant to the project implementation (a mark in the Foundation's electronic system using a qualified electronic signature through the personal account of the Call participant).

2. A Letter of Guarantee from the Company to ensure that the research and development envisaged by the project is carried out, and a confirmation that the Application materials do not contain information that constitutes a state secret (in accordance with the Law of Ukraine 'On State Secrets'), and providing other mandatory information required by the decision of the Scientific Council of the Foundation in the approved [form](#) (scanned copy). The Letter of Guarantee shall be signed by the head of the Company or a person acting as such.

3. Certificate from the participant's place of work with a mandatory indication that he/she works at the main place of work at the Company (institution, organization, higher education institution) (scanned copy). **IMPORTANT:** the certificate must contain the phrase "At the main place of work."

4. Curriculum vitae (CV) of the participant of the Call (scanned copies in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#)).

5. 5. Calendar Plan (scanned copy in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#)), Terms of Reference (scanned copy in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#)), Project Cost Estimate (scanned copy, [sample](#)).

6. Explanation and evidence confirming the absence of collaboration with representatives of the aggressor state (if required).

Documents that the winner of the Call submits to the Foundation in paper form (originals certified by signatures and seals) when concluding a Grant Support Agreement:

1. Grant Support Agreement with annexes.

2. Letter of Guarantee of the Company regarding the commitment to ensure the implementation of research and development envisaged by the research project [in the form](#).

3. Certificate from the participant's place of work with a mandatory indication that **he/she works at the main place of work** at the Company. **IMPORTANT:** the certificate must contain the phrase "At the main place of work."

4. Curriculum vitae (CV) of the participant of the Call. (sample in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#)).

5. Informed consent of the participant of the Call in the form established by the Foundation.

XIV. Information on the procedure for providing grant support

The ranking list of projects, indicating the points received by each project based on the results of the competitive selection (Proposals for granting grants by the President of Ukraine), shall be submitted by the Foundation to the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine no later than August 01, 2026. The draft act of the President of Ukraine on the award of grants in 2027 is submitted in accordance with the procedure established by law to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the basis of grant proposals approved by the Foundation.

After the President of Ukraine appoints a grant, the Foundation, the Grantee and the Company shall conclude an Agreement in the form approved by the Scientific Council of the Foundation.

The funds provided to the Grantee shall be transferred to the Company's account in stages in installments specified in the Agreement.

The Grantee and the Company shall submit to the Foundation reporting documentation on the use of funds received as a grant within the terms specified in the Agreement in the forms established by the Foundation. The last part of the grant funds shall be paid to the Grantee by the Company upon completion of the project and approval of its results by the Company (confirmation of compliance of the work performed under the Project in accordance with the Terms of Reference and the Calendar Plan).

If the Foundation detects violations of the Agreement by the other party to the Agreement, the Company specified in the Agreement shall return the funds received as a grant to the Foundation in full.

The Grant Support Agreement shall be concluded no later than 30 calendar days from the date of the relevant decision approved by the Scientific Council of the Foundation after the award of grants to the early career researchers and Doctors of Science by the President of Ukraine. If the Agreement with the Foundation is not concluded within the specified period due to the fault of the Company or the Grantee, it is considered that the participant of the Call has refused to further implement the project.

The Foundation annually informs the Office of the President of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine about the results of research and developments for which grants were provided.

XV. Contact Information

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

Subject of the issue	Contact department
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XVI. Annexes

1. Application form ([Ukrainian](#) and [English](#) language)
2. Recommendations for filling out the Application ([download](#)).
3. Sample form of the Grant Agreement ([download](#)).

Letter of Guarantee ([link](#)).