**R.1-2024**

**R.1 - Competition for R&D by young scientists**

**COMPETITION DOCUMENTATION**

**(bid Code - R.1-2024)**

1. **General Provisions**

1.1 Competition for R&D by young scientists (hereinafter - R.1-2024 or competition) is announced by the order of the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research on the basis of the RUDN regulations on the Scientific Projects Grant System (order № 124 of 03.03.2022 "Об утверждении новой редакции Положения о Системе грантовой поддержки научных проектов РУДН" (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), decision of the RUDN Scientific and Technical Council (hereinafter referred to as the STC) (Minutes №НТС-3 dated 27.10.2023) and the decision of the RUDN Strategic Academic Leadership Program "Priority-2030" Steering Committee (hereinafter – SC) (Minutes №УК-72 dated 07.11.2023).

1.2 The aim of the competition is to attract young talented researchers with high-level scientific results to continue their scientific work and become a part of RUDN scientific team and scientific community in general.

1.2.1 In accordance with the current objectives of the University, when approving the winners of the competition, priority (in descending order) will be given to the research projects submitted for the competition:

* Russian and/or foreign young scientists who are not current employees (including external collaborators), who have no previous employment relations with RUDN and who are not previously affiliated with RUDN;
* Russian and/or foreign young scientists previously affiliated with RUDN, but who are not current employees (including external collaborators);
* current employees of RUDN, employed at RUDN on the main job or part-time in non-scientific positions (teaching staff, administrative staff, etc.), provided that they are transferred to the position of a researcher within the framework of the project implementation on the main job at RUDN in case of the project support;

1.3 The results of the competition shall be equated to the results of the competitive selection conducted for filling the positions of scientific workers in accordance with the procedure established by the labor legislation of the Russian Federation[[1]](#footnote-1) .

1.4 The organizer of the competition is the federal state autonomous educational institution of higher education "Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba" (hereinafter - RUDN or the University). The postal address of the competition organizer is: Russian Federation, 117198, Moscow, Miklukho-Maklaya St., 6.

1.5 The RUDN Research Division (hereinafter referred to as the RD or Research Division) coordinates the competition.

* 1. Scientific research (project) should be aimed at solving specific problems within the framework of one of the directions defined in paragraph 20 of the Strategy for Scientific and Technological Development of the Russian Federation (approved by Presidential Decree No. 642 of December 1, 2016 "О Стратегии научно-технологического развития Российской Федерации"), which will allow to obtain scientific and scientific-technical results and create technologies that are the basis for innovative development of the domestic market of products and services, Russia's sustainable position in the foreign market.

Priority scientific directions of RUDN, in relation to which the competition is held[[2]](#footnote-2) :

* Modern Languages;
* Linguistics;
* Politics & International Relations;
* Philosophy;
* Law;
* Economics & Econometrics;
* Agriculture & Forestry;
* Education;
* Mathematics;
* Chemistry;
* Engineering - Chemical / Chemical Engineering;
* Computer Sciences;
* Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering.

1.7 Projects supported by grants of the Government of the Russian Federation, Russian and foreign scientific foundations, as well as projects implemented earlier within the framework of the 5-100 Program and implemented (to be implemented) within the framework of the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System contests of previous years cannot take part in the competition.

1. **Timing of the competition**
   1. Submission of applications for the competition is carried out in the period from the date of announcement of the competition **till 18:00 13.12.2023.** Printed (abbreviated) application forms should be submitted to the Research Division (Moscow, Miklukho Maklaya St., 10, cor. 2, office 821), electronic (full) versions of applications should be sent to the e-mail address [melnikov-ayu@rudn.ru](mailto:melnikov-ayu@rudn.ru) with the subject line "Application for the competition R.1-2024 <First name of the project manager>".
   2. Summarizing the results of the contest will take place no later than 19.01.2024.
2. **Minimum requirements for contestants**
   1. The competition is open to researchers, irrespective of citizenship and existing employment relations with RUDN, who have an academic degree and whose age as of 31.12.2025 will not exceed 39 years inclusive.
      1. Priority in determining the list of projects recommended for support will be determined in accordance with Section 1.2.1.
      2. The direction of the project (fundamental / applied) is determined by the supervisor and is indicated in the appropriate field of the application form (Forms 1 and 2, p.1.4).
   2. Bidder (Project Manager) Requirements (for the period January 1, 2019 through the date of application):
      1. For the natural and technical sciences:

3.2.1.1 For project managers of fundamental projects:

* Availability of publications in journals (conference proceedings) indexed in the WoS and/or Scopus scientific citation databases - at least 4;

3.2.1.2 For application area project managers:

* Availability of publications in journals (conference proceedings) indexed in the WoS and/or Scopus scientific citation databases - at least 3;
* Availability of registered RIAs[[3]](#footnote-3) - at least 1.
  + 1. For the social sciences and humanities:

3.2.2.1 For project managers of fundamental projects:

* Availability of publications in journals (conference proceedings) indexed in WoS and/or Scopus scientific citation databases - at least 3;

3.2.2.2 For application area project managers:

* Availability of publications in journals (conference proceedings) indexed in WoS and/or Scopus scientific citation databases - at least 2;
* Availability of registered RIAs3 - at least 1.
  + 1. Experience of working in a leading higher education institution / research organization[[4]](#footnote-4) - at least 3 full years.
    2. The leader of the research team cannot be the researcher:
* who is the head of the project supported under the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System competition, unfinished as of 31.12.2023;
* was the head of the project supported under the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System for Scientific Projects competition, terminated early by the decision of the SC "Priority 2030" due to violation of the conditions of implementation, if less than 2 years have passed since the decision on early termination of the project was made.

1. **Requirements to the content of the project (application)**

4.1 General requirements to the application to be submitted to the competition are regulated by clause 5 of the Regulations.

4.2 The application for participation in the competition shall be drawn up in Russian and English. If individual documents are submitted in other languages, a duly certified translation of these documents into Russian or English must be provided.

By submitting an application to the competition, the project manager agrees to the terms and conditions of the competition.

* 1. The application shall include:

а. Information on the project (Annex 2)

б. Information about the project manager (Annex 3)[[5]](#footnote-5) ;

Information about the project manager shall include:

в. Screenshots of the user's first pages in scientific citation databases (Scopus, WoS, РИНЦ - if available) with information on publications and citations, providing the possibility of unambiguous identification of the user in these databases when assessing publication activity.

г. Scan-copy of the document on awarding the degree of Candidate of Science / Doctor of Science / PhD.

д. Scan-copy of the main page of the identity document, only for contestants who are not employed at RUDN at the time of application.

е. Scan copies of other documents confirming the qualification of the participant of the competition (conference certificates, confirmation of participation in scientific projects, professional development).

ж. Consent for personal data processing (Appendix 4), only for the contestants who are not employed at RUDN at the time of application submission.

4.4 The printed form (original) of the application is submitted in abbreviated form**[[6]](#footnote-6)** to the RUDN Research Division at the address and by the deadline specified in p.2.1. Only original documents are included in the printed (abbreviated) form of the application:

* General information about the scientific project (Annex 2, Form 1);
* Planned key performance indicators of the project (Annex 2, Form 3);
* Draft cost estimate of the main grant funds (Annex 2, Form 4);
* Consent to personal data processing for the contestants who are not current employees of RUDN (Appendix 4).

The printed application form must be securely bound, all sheets numbered, sealed on the back of the last sheet with a seal sticker indicating the number of sheets and signed by the signature of the project manager. The application is submitted in an envelope with the competition code, the full name of the project manager and the name of the proposed RUDN main educational or scientific unit (hereinafter referred to as MTU and/or RU), on the basis of which the project is planned to be implemented.

* 1. The electronic version of the application shall be sent to the e-mail address and within the terms specified in clause 2.1. The electronic version of the application includes information about the project and participants of the scientific team.
     1. The electronic version of the project information includes electronic versions of documents in PDF format:
* The content of the research project (Appendix 2, Form 2);
* Planned key performance indicators of the project (Annex 2, Form 3);
* Draft cost estimate of the main grant funds (Annex 2, Form 4);

The documents shall be combined into one file in the order of 4.5.1. File name: "Application R.1-2024 <Manager's name>".

4.5.2 Personal data documents for each member of the research team include:

* Questionnaire of the contestant (Annex 3)
* Supporting documents (p.4.3 c-g)
* Consent to personal data processing for the contestants who are not current employees of RUDN (Appendix 4).

Documents with personal data shall be combined into a separate file in the order of the list in clause 4.5.2, the file shall be named by the name of the contestant.

* + 1. The total weight of the electronic versions of documents in PDF format must ensure that they can be transmitted by a single e-mail. It is not allowed to send one application by several e-mails, as well as to send an application in the form of an archive or a link to a cloud service.
    2. Electronic versions of the project information (Annex 2) and the Participant Questionnaire (Annex 3) shall be provided in PDF format, ensuring the possibility of recognizing (copying) the submitted information. Scan copies of confirmation documents (letters, certificates, etc.) shall be provided in PDF format with image quality ensuring readability of the submitted information.
  1. A project will be accepted for consideration only after a hard copy and electronic application form has been received by the Research Division.

1. **Evaluation of applications**
   1. Preliminary assessment of projects for compliance with the basic requirements of the competition documentation (p.3, p.4) is carried out by the Research Division. The list of projects to be sent to external experts for evaluation is approved by the decision of the RUDN STC.
   2. The qualitative (scientific) content of each application is evaluated independently by two external experts. The independent experts can be members of RUDN International Scientific Councils (ISC), experts of the Russian Academy of Sciences and/or scientists in the direction of the project subject, who meet the criterion of "leading" according to the local documents adopted at RUDN[[7]](#footnote-7) . The experts cannot be current employees of RUDN. Information about the experts is confidential.
   3. The opinion of each expert on each project (Annex 6) is formalized in the form of an expert questionnaire with assessments of each project characteristic (clause 5.4) on a ten-point scale. Each evaluation is supplemented with a textual justification (not more than 1000 symbols). The final score of one expert's opinion is formed as a result of summing up all the scores in the opinion.
   4. The following project characteristics are subject to expert review:
      * Relevance of the project topic (including at the international level);

* Scientific novelty (originality) of the research (project), its theoretical and practical significance;
  + - Compliance of the level of research and expected results of the project with the world level;
    - Compliance of the proposed approaches and methods of the planned research with the set goal and objectives of the project;
    - Matching the qualifications of the project manager to the project goal and objectives;
    - Relevance of the scientific and technical background to the objectives of project implementation;
  + Assessment of the project potential (including market potential) and risks of its realization.
  1. After receipt of expert opinions, the Research Division performs quantitative assessment of the team's potential and scientific background (Annex 5, p.2) and assessment of the expected results of the project (Annex 5, p.3).

5.6 The final value is the sum of the sum of the scores of the final evaluations of both experts and the scores of the Research Division evaluations.

5.7 The results of the project expertise are considered at the STC meeting with the invitation of project managers and heads of RUDN MTU and RU. The list of projects recommended for support is approved based on the results of the STC meeting.

* 1. The list of projects recommended for support by the STC is considered at the meeting of the SC "Priority 2030", and the results of the meeting determine the list of projects - winners of the competition, which is approved by the order of the Rector / First Vice Rector - Vice Rector for Research.

1. **Funding Terms.**
   1. The project is financed from RUDN extra-budgetary funds and / or other sources of funding of the Priority-2030 Program. The amount of funding allocated by RUDN for one stage (one year) of project implementation is 3,000,000 rubles.
   2. Projects shall be financed in accordance with the approved project estimate within the approved budget.
   3. Directions for spending project funding from RUDN:

6.3.1 Acquisition and modernization of equipment, materials, components for the purposes of project implementation.

6.3.2 Payment for business trips of the head and members of the research team for the purposes of project implementation.

6.3.3 Payment for scientific and technical services / works of third-party organizations for the purposes of project implementation (not more than 10% of the total amount of project stage financing).

6.3.4 Payroll.[[8]](#footnote-8)

1. **Conditions of the project realization**
   1. The project implementation period is 2 years. The start and end dates of the implementation stage are set by the order on approval of the competition winners / extension of the project to the next stage.
   2. Projects are realized on the basis of RUDN departments. The project assignment to a subdivision is approved by the order on summarizing the results of the competition. Responsible for project implementation and fulfillment of key performance indicators (hereinafter - KPIs) are the project manager and the head of the subdivision[[9]](#footnote-9) , on the basis of which the project is implemented.
   3. The project leader independently initiates the start of the project realization by sending a memo to the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research for the opening of the research topic, agreed by the head of the structural subdivision. The deadline for submission of the memo is approved by the order on summarizing the results of the competition.
   4. The project leader has the right to refuse its implementation after summarizing the results of the competition before the opening of the research topic and/or the beginning of spending the funds allocated for the implementation of the project stage. For this purpose, the project manager sends a memo to the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research, agreed by the Head of the MTU, with justification of the reason for refusal to implement the project. The decision to revise the results of the competition is made by the SC "Priority-2030".
   5. After the opening of the R&D topic, the employment of the project manager is performed (p.8).

7.6 The plan-schedule of R&D subject realization and the plan-schedule of procurement of goods, works and services are approved not later than 5 working days after the discovery of the R&D subject.

7.7 Submission of memos for procurement of equipment (goods, works and services) shall be made not later than 45 calendar days from the date of commencement of the project implementation phase.

7.8 The delivery and commissioning dates of the equipment shall be no later than 30 calendar days prior to the start date of the project reporting period for Year 1 of implementation and no later than 90 calendar days prior to the start date of the project reporting period for Year 2 of implementation.

7.9 In case of violation of the deadlines specified in paras. 7.3, 7.6 - 7.8, the decision of on the start (continuation) of the project shall be submitted to the SC "Priority-2030" for consideration.

* 1. The decision to continue the work on the project to the next stage[[10]](#footnote-10) is made by the RUDN STC on the basis of expert review of annual reports and approved by the decision of the SC "Priority-2030".
  2. The report on the implementation of the project stage shall be drawn up by the project manager and submitted to the Research Division annually, not later than 15 calendar days before the end date of the project stage. The deadlines for preparation and submission of the report are set by the order on approval of the winners of the competition.
  3. The obligatory annex to the report is a certified map of CITiS on the subject of the project.

1. **. Employment of managers of supported projects.**
   1. The Project Manager will ensure his/her full-time presence at RUDN in accordance with the terms and conditions of the employment contract.
   2. The employment of the project manager at RUDN is carried out in accordance with the labor legislation with the conclusion of an employment agreement in the format of an effective contract, in which the obligations to fulfill KPIs are fixed. Employment is carried out within the framework of the R&D topic open for the project implementation.
   3. The project manager is employed by the project at his/her main place of work as a researcher[[11]](#footnote-11) at a share of rate 1.0 with a fixed salary not exceeding 150,000 rubles per month**8**.
   4. The employment contract shall be concluded for the period until the end date of the project implementation approved by the order on summarizing the results of the competition.
   5. If within 30 calendar days from the date of approval of the contest results the head of the supported project has not concluded an employment contract on his/her own initiative, RUDN has the right to declare the project that took the next place in the rating after the winning project as the winner, or to initiate a new contest.
   6. Within the framework of the project implementation, the project manager is obliged to attract at least 1 student and/or graduate student to perform research on a reimbursable basis during the entire period of implementation. Employment of the student and/or postgraduate student in the project is carried out in the order established in the university.
   7. Replacement of the project manager is not allowed. In case of early dismissal of the project manager, the project shall be closed.
   8. RUDN is obligated:

8.8.1 Provide workplaces, possibility to access the existing experimental base of RUDN for realization of scientific research.

8.8.2 Provide funding for the scientific research in accordance with the procedure established by the University.

8.9 Non-compliance with the conditions of employment of the members of the scientific team (p. 8.5 - 8.7) is the basis for termination of the project implementation, the decision on the continuation of the project is submitted for consideration of the SC "Priority-2030".

1. **. Key performance indicators (KPIs) of the project**
   1. KPIs of each project are set for each year of the project and are fixed in an annex to the labor contract.
   2. Project KPIs are selected and set by the project manager independently in accordance with the scoring and rating system of indicators (hereinafter – SRS) (Table 1).

Table 1: Project KPI scoring and rating system

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **№** | **KPI** | **Units of measurement** | **Points per unit** |
| 1. | WoS/Scopus Publications (Article/review) |  |  |
| 1.1 | top 1% | 1 article | 40 |
| 1.2 | top 5% | 1 article | 20 |
| 1.3 | top 10% | 1 article | 13.3 |
| 1.4 | Q1/Q2 | 1 article | 10 |
| 2. | Registration of RIA |  |  |
| 2.1 | International patents | 1 RIA | 40 |
| 2.2 | Patent for invention | 1 RIA | 25 |
| 2.3 | Patent for utility model, industrial design | 1 RIA | 10 |
| 2.4 | Computer program, database, topology of integrated circuits | 1 RIA | 5 |
| 3. | Approbation at the international STE |  |  |
| 3.1 | with WoS / Scopus publication (Q1/Q2) | 1 participation | 10 |
| 3.2 | with WoS / Scopus publication (Q3/Q4/b.c.) | 1 participation | 3.3 |
| 4. | Attracting external financing | 300 thousand rubles. | 10 |

* 1. Rules for independent selection (setting) of KPIs by the project manager.
     1. Project KPIs are set so that the sum of the scores of the selected indicators is not less than the minimum score for each project phase (Tables 2.1, 2.2, row 7).
     2. Depending on the direction of the project (fundamental / applied), the conditions of the competition determine the mandatory KPIs, the value of which should be set not less than the value specified in Tables 2.1, 2.2 columns 4, 5.
     3. If in accordance with the direction of the project (fundamental/applied) a certain KPI is not mandatory (minimum value is not set), the manager may set the value independently. In this case, the obligation to fulfill this KPI, if the project is supported, is fixed by the order on approval of the projects-winners of the competition.
     4. For correctness of scoring during the preliminary assessment of projects by the Research Division (clause 5.1) for each declared indicator the project manager gives an explanatory comment (tables 2.1, 2.2 column 6)[[12]](#footnote-12) . In case of absence of commentary, the indicator rating will be calculated by the lowest value of points for the indicator unit.
     5. Indication in the application of KPIs less than the minimum established values (including the **sum of points - Table 1, Table 2, line 7**) leads to rejection of the project at the preliminary stage of consideration.

Table 2.1 Mandatory KPIs for application projects

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **No. n/a** | **KPI** | **Units of measurement** | **Stages of realization** | | **Commentary for the manager** |
| **1 year** | **Year 2** |
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. |
| **Scientific work** | | | | | |
| 1. | **KPI-1** Publication of articles in WoS/Scopus journals | Article | undetermined[[13]](#footnote-13) | undetermined | Planned journals, quartiles of editions, belonging to top 1,5,10% Q1 |
| 2. | **KPI-2** Attracting external financing | Thousand rubles. | at least 700 | at least 700 | Planned sources |
| 3. | **KPI-3** Approbation of R&D results at international STEs | Participation with publication | at least 1 | at least 1 | Planned STEs, quartiles of publications with publication of results |
| 4. | **KPI-4** Filing an application for RIA registration | Application for registration | at least 1 | at least 1 | Planned types of RIA |
| 5. | **KPI-5** Registered RIAs | Registration of RIA | undetermined | at least 1 | Planned types of RIA |
| 6. | Preparing an application for participation in the next stage of the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System (in case the competition is announced not later than 1 month before the end date of the project implementation) | application | - | D.1, R.2 | - |
| **7.** | **Minimum sum of points on SRS (Table 1)** |  | **55** | **55** | **The sum of the KPI scores selected according to Table 1 should be not less than specified** |
| **Personnel potential** | | | | | |
| 8. | Undergraduate and/or graduate students as part of a research team | number of people | At least 1 | |  |

Table 2.2 Mandatory KPIs for projects fundamental directions

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **No. n/a** | **KPI** | **Units of measurement** | **Stages of realization** | | **Commentary for the manager** |
| **1 year** | **Year 2** |
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. |
| **Scientific work** | | | | | |
| 1. | **KPI-1** Publication of articles in WoS/Scopus journals | article | at least 1 | at least 1 | Planned journals, quartiles of editions, belonging to top 1,5,10% Q1 |
| 2. | **KPI-2** Attracting external financing | Thousand rubles. | at least 700 | at least 700 | Planned sources |
| 3. | **KPI-3** Approbation of R&D results at international STEs | Participation with publication | at least 1 | at least 1 | Planned STEs, quartiles of publications with publication of results |
| 4. | **KPI-4** Filing an application for RIA registration | Application for registration | undetermined | undetermined | Planned types of RIA |
| 5. | **KPI-5** Registered RIAs | Registration of RIA | undetermined | undetermined | Planned types of RIA |
| 6. | Preparing an application for participation in the next stage of the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System (in case the competition is announced not later than 1 month before the end date of the project implementation) | application | - | D.1 | - |
| **7.** | **Minimum sum of points on SRS (Table 1)** |  | **55** | **55** | **The sum of the KPI scores selected according to Table 1 should be not less than specified** |
| **Personnel potential** | | | | | |
| 8. | Undergraduate and/or graduate students as part of a research team | number of people | At least 1 | |  |

* 1. Rules of KPI fulfillment during project implementation.
     1. Rules for accounting of publications of research results in WoS/Scopus journals (KPI-1).

9.4.1.1 Publication of the research results is carried out in journals and collections of articles indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection (WoS) and/or Scopus, included in the 1st and 2nd quartile[[14]](#footnote-14) . Publications of article / review type are taken into account. For journals indexed in Scopus, the journal quartile is calculated by Source-Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP) metric, SNIP value should have 95% reliability according to CWTS data (<https://journalindicators.com/>). The recalculation of this metric for journals is done annually. For journals indexed in WoS, the journal quartile is calculated using the Journal Impact Factor (JIF) metric.

* + - 1. The publications should contain references to the RUDN University Scientific Projects Grant System (for foreign publications: "This publication has been supported by the RUDN University Scientific Projects Grant System, project № <number of R&D topic>", for publications in Russian: "Публикация выполнена в рамках проекта <номер темы НИР/НИОКР> Системы грантовой поддержки научных проектов РУДН"[[15]](#footnote-15) .
      2. To indicate the affiliation of RUDN publications, apply the affiliation: Reorlees' Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University) and/or Reorlees' Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University). As the address of the organization indicate: 6 Miklukho-Maklaya Street, Moscow, 117198, Moscow and/or 6 Miklukho-Maklaya Street, Moscow, 117198, Russian Federation or 6 Miklukho-Maklaya St, Moscow, 117198, Russian Federation.
      3. The author (co-author) of the publication must be a member of the scientific team included in the scientific team before the date of submission of the publication for publication.
    1. Rules for raising external financing (KPI-2).

9.4.2.1 Only the funds received within the framework of the project realization from external sources to the RUDN settlement account[[16]](#footnote-16) can be considered as attraction of external financing of the project.

9.4.2.2 External sources of funding include:

a) Grants from Russian and foreign scientific foundations for R&D, provided that the grant was received (an agreement with the foundation was concluded and the money was transferred to the RUDN account) after the date of summarizing the results of the Competition[[17]](#footnote-17) . The head of the grant, indicated as attracting external funding for the project, must be a member of the scientific team, included in the scientific team before receiving this grant.

b) Contractual R&D performed within the framework of the project implementation, provided that the contractual R&D should be concluded after the date of summarizing the results of the Competition**27**. The head of the contractual R&D indicated as attracting external funding for the project must be a member of the scientific team, included in the scientific team prior to the conclusion of the contract.

c) Cash received as a result of commercialization of RIA created within the framework of the project implementation.

9.4.3 Creation and registration of RIA (KPI-4, 5).

9.4.3.1 In accordance with Article 1225 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation, the list of RIAs accepted for consideration includes: inventions, utility models, industrial designs, computer programs, databases, integrated circuit topologies. The author of the intellectual property must be a member of the scientific team of the project who was included in the scientific team before the application for registration of the intellectual property was submitted. RUDN should be indicated as the right holder of the RIA upon the results of registration.

9.4.3.2 The documents on RIA registration (if technically possible) should contain a reference to the project support within the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System by analogy with clause 9.4.1.2.

9.4.3.3 RIA registered in the course of the project implementation should be commercialized within 1 year from the date of registration. The total amount of commercialization of all registered RIAs[[18]](#footnote-18) - not less than 10% of the project funding allocated for 1 year of project implementation.

9.4.4 Approbation of R&D results at international STE (KPI-3)

9.4.4.1 Approbation of R&D results at international STE can be carried out on the territory of the Russian Federation and abroad. The key condition for participation in STE is the publication of the results of participation in a journal (conference proceedings) indexed in the WoS / Scopus database. A member of the scientific team, who was included in the scientific team before participation in the STE, should make a report at the STE.

9.4.4.2 In case of impossibility to participate in international STE in the process of project stage fulfillment, due to external circumstances beyond the control of the scientific team, participation in STE can be replaced by the publication of research results (KPI-1) in accordance with the SRS.

9.4.4.3 The publication of the results of participation in the journal (Proceedings of the conference) should contain a reference to the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System by analogy with p. 9.4.1.2.

* + 1. Project staffing capacity.

9.4.5.1 For undergraduate and postgraduate students in case of change of status (graduation, expulsion), the head of the research team (project) decides to change the composition of the team in order to comply with the requirement for the number of undergraduate and (or) postgraduate students in the team (except for the case of continuing studies at the next level of higher education: enrollment in a master's / postgraduate program).

9.5 Obligations to fulfill KPIs specified in the project are assumed by the MTU, on the basis of which the project is implemented, over and above the plan established for the relevant MTU by the University's Integrated Development Program.

9.6 If KPIs are not fulfilled[[19]](#footnote-19) by the results of the project implementation, the decision on the continuation of the project implementation, as well as on the return of a part of the allocated funding from RUDN in proportion to the failure to fulfill KPIs from the funds of the MTU, on the basis of which the project is implemented, the project is submitted for consideration of the SC "Priority-2030".

9.6.1 In case the SC "Priority-2030" decides to extend the project to the next stage of the project with recorded non-fulfillment of KPIs, the unfulfilled KPIs of the project are carried forward to the next stage of implementation.

9.6.2 The decision to change the KPIs of the project during the project implementation period (change of planned values, replacement in accordance with the SRS, transfer of KPI values between implementation stages) shall be made on the basis of a memo from the project manager addressed to the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research by the decision of the STC and/or SC "Priority 2030" and/or the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research.

9.7 In case of early termination of the project stage, the unfulfilled KPIs of the project are included in the MTU plan established by the University's Integrated Development Program, on the basis of which the project is implemented.

### Final Provisions.

### Amendments and additions to the competition documentation are accepted by the decision of RUDN STC or Academic Council (AC) and approved by the order of the Rector or the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research.

If clarifications are required, the interested party may send a request to the e-mail address [melnikov-ayu@rudn.ru](mailto:melnikov-ayu@rudn.ru) with the subject line "Request for clarification of the competition R.1-2024" or by phone: +7 (495) 433-14-01, ext. 43-15 on working days from 10:00 to 18:00. The request for clarification should specify the issue and reference to the paragraph of the competition documentation, for which clarification is required.

1. Order of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation No. 715 of 05.08.2021 "Об утверждении перечня должностей научных работников, подлежащих замещению по конкурсу, и порядка проведении указанного конкурса". [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Approved by the Rector's orders №110 dated 20.02.2021 "Об утверждении приоритетных научных направлений РУДН" and №866 dated 14.12.2021 "О внесении изменений в приказ от 20.02.2021 № 110 "Об утверждении приоритетных научных направлений"". **Projects submitted in directions not specified in the list will also be accepted for consideration.** [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The list of accepted for consideration results of intellectual activity (RIA) (Article 1225 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation) includes: inventions, utility models, industrial designs, computer programs, databases, topologies of integrated circuits, trade secrets (know-how). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The list of leading universities is approved by Rector's Order No. 26/ппк dated 04.05.2016 "Об утверждении перечня ведущих российских и иностранных ВУЗов" and its additions (No. 62-ппк dated 23.05.2016, #116-ппк dated 20.06.2016, #39-ппк dated 15.03.2017, #132-ппк dated 07.09.2018, #144-ппк dated 05.10.2018, #147-ппк dated 10.10.2018, #156-ппк dated 23.10.2018, #206-ппк dated 07.10.2019, #246-ппк dated 24.12.2019, #104/ппк dated 28.04.2020, #150-ппк dated 16.03.2021). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The information provided in Annex 3 should be reflected in the amount necessary and sufficient to confirm the qualifications of the member of the scientific team when the project is evaluated by an external expert. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. **Any other documents not specified in paragraph 4.4 shall not be provided in hard copy.** [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. The requirements for a leading scientist are approved by the Rector's order No. 120/ппк dated 20.06.2016 "Об утверждении критериев по определению статуса «ведущего мирового ученого, занимающего лидирующие позиции в определенной области наук" [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Including guarantees established by the legislation of the Russian Federation, deductions for insurance contributions for compulsory pension insurance, compulsory medical insurance, compulsory social insurance against temporary disability and maternity, compulsory social insurance against accidents at work and occupational diseases. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. clause 6.1.5 of the Regulations [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. p.6.3.4 of the Regulations. Order #535-ппк dd. 30.06.2021 "Об утверждении критериев, при невыполнении которых не будут продлеваться на следующий этап реализации проекты Системы грантовой поддержки РУДН, а также приниматься к рассмотрению заявки на новые конкурсы Системы грантовой поддержки РУДН". [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Principal Researcher, Lead Researcher, Senior Researcher, Research Associate, Junior Researcher. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. For example: for publications of research results and approbations on STE the publication is indicated, to which quartile the publication belongs, whether it is included in the top 1-5-10%; for RIA the type of RIA planned for development and registration and commercialization plan are indicated, for attraction of external financing the planned sources are indicated, etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Hereinafter it means that the minimum value of the indicator is not set by the competition requirements, but can be set by the manager independently to ensure that the sum of points of the application rating is set to the minimum set (Tables 2.1, 2.2 p.7). [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. The list of scientific journals for publishing the results of research carried out within the framework of RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System is available at <https://www.rudn.ru/science/library> in the "Regulatory base" section. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. Order №252 of 21.04.2022 "Об утверждении временных требований к учету статей, опубликованных в научных изданиях, индексируемых в международных научных базах данных (информационно-аналитических системах научного цитирования) Web of Science / Scopus, при оценке результативности научной деятельности ППС/НПР РУДН" [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. The monetary funds allocated by divisions following the results of intra-university redistribution of monetary funds received from external sources (state subsidy "Priority-2030", state assignments, etc.), as well as MTU funds aimed at the implementation of initiative R&D are not taken into account. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Funds received to the RUDN account as a result of renewal of grants and host contracts received earlier than the date of summarizing the results of the Competition are not taken into account. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. If 2 or more RIAs are registered as a result of the project implementation, the total volume of commercialization is taken into account. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. Order No. 535-ппк dd. 30.06.2021 "On approval of the criteria, in case of failure to fulfill which the projects of the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System will not be prolonged to the next stage of implementation, as well as applications for new competitions of the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System will not be accepted for consideration". [↑](#footnote-ref-19)