

REGULATION ON THE RUDN GRANT SUPPORT SYSTEM

1. General Provisions

1.1. This Regulation on the RUDN Grant Support System (hereinafter, the Regulation) establishes the structure of the RUDN research grant support system, the general procedure for preparing, announcing, and conducting competitions within the RUDN Grant Support System (hereinafter, the Competitions), and the general procedure for implementing applications (projects) supported under the Competitions.

1.2. The organizer of the Competitions is the federal state autonomous educational institution of higher education 'Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba' (hereinafter, RUDN or the University).

1.3. The purpose of the RUDN Grant Support System is to provide financial and organizational support for research, scientific and technical events, and other forms of scientific activity that contribute to the formation and development of a research culture at RUDN and to the implementation of both the University's internal and the national scientific and technological policy¹ through competitive selection of projects in the priority areas of scientific and technological development of the Russian Federation² and the priority research areas of RUDN.³

1.4. RUDN supports fundamental and applied research, scientific and technical events, and other forms of scientific activity at RUDN, including those aimed at:

- developing RUDN's human resources in research;
- expanding comprehensive and targeted work with students to foster engagement in research and knowledge-intensive activities;
- creating and developing RUDN's research infrastructure;
- creating and developing sustainable industrial and academic partnerships, including international partnerships.

1 Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 145 dated 28 February 2024, "On the Strategy for Scientific and Technological Development of the Russian Federation."

2 Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 529 dated 18 June 2024, "On Approval of the Priority Areas of Scientific and Technological Development and the List of Critical Knowledge-Intensive Technologies."

3 Order of the Rector of RUDN No. 665 dated 13 November 2025, "On Approval of RUDN Priority Research Areas for 2025-2030."

1.5. Competition funding amounts and the dates on which Competitions are announced and held shall be determined with due regard to the internal and external economic environment. Competitions shall be financed by RUDN's extra-budgetary funds.

1.6. The RUDN Research Division (hereinafter, the RD) shall coordinate the Competitions.

1.7. The RUDN collegiate bodies that make decisions within their respective authority in connection with the Competitions are the RUDN Scientific and Technical Council (hereinafter, the STC)⁴ and the Steering Committee for RUDN Development Programs (hereinafter, the SC).

2. Structure of the RUDN Grant Support System

2.1. The RUDN Grant Support System is intended to contribute to the goals and objectives of the Strategy for Scientific and Technological Development of the Russian Federation through 2030 and to address the objectives of improving the quality of research at RUDN, developing and introducing new world-class technologies, innovative products, and services and commercializing them, as well as creating favorable conditions for innovative scientific activity at RUDN.

2.2. The guiding principle of the RUDN Grant Support System is the progressive resolution of increasingly complex tasks as research teams grow, new infrastructure facilities are created, and projects are implemented at inter-university and industrial levels, including internationally.

2.3. The RUDN Grant Support System is implemented through activities in four areas designated by the letters 'R', 'U', 'D', and 'N'. Each activity comprises several Competitions that have stable logical and technological links both within the same activity and with Competitions included in other activities.

2.3.1. Activity R (Research grant) is intended to expand fundamental and applied research in priority areas of scientific and technological development, including by creating conditions for the active integration of young people into research and knowledge-intensive activities and for the work of experienced research teams.

2.3.2. Activity U (Update grant) is intended to develop RUDN's research infrastructure. This activity addresses the tasks of creating new and improving existing research infrastructure facilities at RUDN so that research projects, including interdisciplinary projects, can subsequently be implemented at such facilities and

⁴ In certain cases governed by the terms of a particular Competition or by this Regulation, a decision may be made by the STC Bureau.

products and services can be created for subsequent use by participants in the real sector of the economy.

2.3.3. Activity D (Diploma grant) is intended to develop RUDN's human resources. The objective of this activity is to create conditions for research teams led by highly qualified specialists in various fields of science to implement research projects and to increase the number of world-class research and teaching staff employed by RUDN on a permanent basis.

2.3.4. Activity N (Network grant) is intended to create sustainable industrial and academic partnerships, including international partnerships. Its purpose is to develop sustainable interaction in various forms with research and industrial partners, including through the creation of consortia, the introduction of RUDN research results into production processes, joint research, and scientific and technical events, including projects aimed at developing youth science and knowledge-intensive initiatives.

3. Development of New Competitions and Amendment of Existing Competition Terms

3.1. A list of and general information on the existing Competitions within the RUDN Grant Support System are provided in Appendix No. 1 to this Regulation. Decisions to amend Appendix No. 1 to this Regulation shall be made by the SC.

3.2. The principal document governing the terms of each Competition is its Competition Documentation (hereinafter, CD), the composition and content of which shall be approved by the order conducting (announcing) the Competition. The CD for each Competition shall specify:

- the Competition schedule and rules;
- requirements for Competition participants;
- requirements for applications (projects);
- the procedure for evaluating applications (projects) and making decisions on them;
- funding amounts and/or rules for determining the funding of supported applications (projects);
- time frames and general rules for implementing supported applications (projects);
- requirements for the results of supported applications (projects);
- contact details for submitting and obtaining clarifications regarding the Competition terms;
- other terms and information appropriate to the specific Competition.

3.3. Decisions to develop and conduct new Competitions and to amend the terms of existing Competitions shall be made by the SC upon a submission by the RD based on proposals from the STC, the RUDN Academic Council, RUDN management, the academic councils of the principal academic units (hereinafter, PAUs), the management of RUDN research units that are not part of a PAU (hereinafter, RUs), and collegiate bodies representing young researchers (the Council of Young Scientists, the Student Research Council, the Student Scientific Society, and others).

3.3.1. Based on an SC decision and within the time limits established by the SC, the RD shall:

- prepare proposals concerning the terms of the new Competition;
- submit those proposals for consideration at an STC meeting;
- following consideration at an STC meeting, submit to the SC for approval proposals concerning the terms of the new Competition and its inclusion in the Grant Support System;
- prepare the CD for the new Competition.

3.3.2. Appendix No. 1 to this Regulation shall be amended by decision of the SC following consideration of proposals from the RD.

3.4. For the purpose of amending the terms of existing Competitions, the RD shall regularly:

- collect relevant proposals;
- analyze current practices for conducting Competitions and implementing supported applications (projects);
- prepare consolidated proposals to amend the terms of existing Competitions and submit them for consideration at an STC meeting;
- following consideration at an STC meeting, submit proposals to amend the terms of existing Competitions to the SC;
- prepare amendments to the CD for existing Competitions.

4. Preparation and Announcement of Competitions

4.1. On a regular basis, and at least once a year no later than the end of the second quarter of the current calendar year, the RD shall, taking into account the current university and national scientific and technological agenda, RUDN's existing goals and objectives, and RUDN's actual technical and financial capabilities:

- prepare proposals for conducting (announcing) Competitions in the next calendar year, including proposals to create new Competitions and amend the terms of existing Competitions;
- submit those proposals for consideration at an STC meeting;

- following consideration at an STC meeting, submit to the SC proposals for conducting (announcing) Competitions, specifying the planned funding required and the planned number of applications (projects) to be supported.

4.2. Within the time limits established by the SC decision to conduct (announce) the Competitions, the RD shall prepare orders of the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research conducting (announcing) the Competitions. Each such order shall contain:

- the Competition dates;
- the procedure for accepting applications (projects) for the Competition;
- the CD, the content of which complies with Clause 3.2;
- templates of the forms to be used for an application (project information);
- other necessary information and documents (document templates), as appropriate to the specific Competition.

4.3. Information about the Competition shall be published on the RUDN website by the Office of the Vice-Rector for Strategic Communications within the time limit established by the order conducting (announcing) the relevant Competition.

4.4. Following announcement of a Competition, a decision to amend its terms (Clause 3.4) or cancel it may be made by the SC and shall be approved by an order of the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research. Information on any amendment to the terms or cancellation of the Competition shall be published on the RUDN website within the time limit established by the order amending the terms or cancelling the Competition.

4.5. If the terms of a Competition are amended or the Competition is cancelled after its announcement but before its results are approved by the SC, the preliminary results of the review of applications (projects) shall be sealed in envelopes and retained in accordance with the procedure established by RUDN until requested (if the Competition is cancelled) or for reconsideration (if its terms are amended). Project managers or other people responsible for preparing applications⁵ (as appropriate to the specific Competition) shall be notified of the cancellation of the Competition or the amendment of its terms. If any such person submits written confirmation of consent to participate in the Competition under the revised terms, the application shall be referred for reconsideration. If the Competition is cancelled, submitted applications shall not be returned.

⁵ For Competitions under which support may be provided not only for research projects, but also for scientific and technical events, individual scientific achievements, participation in scientific and technical events, etc.

5. Preparation and Submission of Applications (Projects) for Competitions

5.1. For all Competitions, only application (project) forms completed in accordance with the CD requirements shall be accepted for consideration. They shall be submitted electronically and, where required, in printed form (original), and shall be signed and supported by the project manager or another person responsible for preparing the application, as appropriate to the specific Competition. If provided for by the CD, the application (project) may be signed and supported by the head of the RUDN PAU and/or RU at which the application (project) is planned to be implemented.

5.2. If required by the CD, an abridged version of the application (project) shall be submitted in printed form. It shall contain general project information to the extent provided for in the CD, as well as any documents for which the CD requires originals or certified copies. The full version of the application (project) shall be submitted electronically. It shall contain all necessary project information to the extent provided for in the CD, as well as electronic images and/or copies of documents required under the CD. The formats for electronically submitting application (project) documents shall be governed by the CD.

5.3. The RD shall accept applications (projects) within the time limits established by the order conducting (announcing) the Competition. The methods for submitting original and electronic versions of applications shall be specified in the CD.

5.4. The following shall not be admitted to a Competition:

- applications (projects) that do not comply with the CD requirements, including applications that omit information identified as mandatory;
- applications (projects) whose original and/or electronic version is received by the RD after the submission deadline established by the CD;
- applications (projects) whose title and content are identical in full to the title and content of any project being implemented at RUDN, including a project financed from other sources (grants from research foundations, government subsidies, investigator-initiated R&D, etc.), or being implemented at another organization.

5.5. A project supported under any Competition may not subsequently be submitted to any other competition, including an external competition such as a research foundation grant, except where subsequent submission of the project for an external grant is expressly one of the conditions of the Competition.

5.6. Applications (projects) submitted for a Competition shall not be returned. Pages may not be replaced, and the text of an application (project) submitted for a Competition may not be amended.

5.7. If the contents of the printed (original) and electronic versions of an application (project) differ, the contents of the printed version (original) shall prevail.

5.8. After an application (project) has been submitted for a Competition, amendments and additions to the application (project), as well as withdrawal of the application (project) from the Competition, shall be accepted only in the form of a reasoned written statement from the project manager or another person responsible for preparing the application, as appropriate to the specific Competition. The procedure for submitting and considering such a statement shall be governed by the CD.

5.9. The project manager or another person responsible for preparing the application, as appropriate to the specific Competition, shall be responsible for the quality and accuracy of the information provided in the application (project).

5.10. Any additional or special conditions for submitting applications (projects), and detailed rules for preparing documents shall be specified in the CD for the particular Competition.

6. Preliminary Review of Applications (Projects)

6.1. All applications (projects) submitted for Competitions shall undergo preliminary review by the RD for compliance with the CD requirements.

6.2. If, during the preliminary review, the RD identifies:

- questions or comments concerning the content of an application (project) that could result in rejection of the application (project) at the preliminary review stage;
- a need to clarify information provided in the application (project) that could affect the results of its subsequent evaluation;

the RD may send a written request to the project manager or another person responsible for preparing the application, as appropriate to the specific Competition, asking for clarification of the relevant information and/or written comments. The procedure and time limits for sending the request and providing a response shall be governed by the CD.

6.3. Following the preliminary review, the RD shall prepare and submit to a meeting of the STC (STC Bureau) a list of applications (projects) that comply with the CD requirements and have been admitted to the next stage of the Competition. For applications (projects) that do not comply with the CD requirements, the relevant provisions of the CD that have not been satisfied and the procedure for notifying the project managers or other people responsible for preparing the applications, as appropriate to the specific Competition, shall be specified.

6.4. Any additional or special conditions for the preliminary review of applications (projects) shall be specified in the CD for the particular Competition.

7. Evaluation of Applications (Projects)

7.1. Applications (projects) submitted for Competitions may be evaluated using:

- evaluation by competition commissions (hereinafter, a Commission);
- independent expert review;
- rankings;
- a combination of the above methods.

7.2. For Competitions in which applications (projects) are evaluated by Commissions, the CD shall specify:

- the procedure for forming and approving the composition of the Commission;
- requirements for the composition of the Commission;
- the Commission's working and decision-making procedures.

7.3. For Competitions involving independent expert review of applications (projects), the CD shall specify:

- the expert review procedure;
- requirements for experts;
- the criteria and method of expert evaluation.

7.4. For Competitions involving rankings of applications (projects), the CD shall specify:

- information on the score-rating system (SRS) used for evaluation;
- the method for calculating an application (project) ranking using the SRS.

7.5. The evaluation methods used, individually or in combination, and the procedure for evaluating applications (projects) shall be determined by the CD for the particular Competition and approved by the order conducting (announcing) it.

8. Approval of Competition Winners

8.1. The list of applications (projects) recommended for support following a Competition shall be compiled based on the evaluation results in accordance with the evaluation system established by the CD (Section 7).

8.2. The decision approving the list of supported applications (projects) shall be made by the SC⁶ based on the evaluation results submitted by the RD.

8.2.1. Before the list of applications (projects) recommended for support is considered by the SC⁶, the list may, depending on the specific Competition, additionally be considered in advance at an STC meeting and an opinion obtained. In that case, the STC opinion shall be advisory.

8.2.2. At an STC meeting, a PAU and/or RU at which an application (project) proposed for support could be implemented may state its opinion on whether it can accept the application (project) for implementation. The opinion of the PAU and/or RU shall be recorded in the STC minutes and presented to the SC when the Competition results are considered.

8.3. The list of applications (projects) supported by the SC⁶ following the Competition shall be approved by an order announcing (approving) the Competition results. The order shall contain:

- a list of the supported applications (projects), identifying the persons responsible for achieving the results specified in the applications (projects) and the PAUs and/or RUs at which each application (project) will be implemented;
- the time frames for implementing the applications (projects);
- the funding allocated to each application (project), specifying the source of financing;
- the results required to be achieved for each supported application (project);
- other necessary information appropriate to the specific Competition.

8.4. Information about the winners shall be published on the RUDN website in accordance with the CD.

8.5. Any additional or special conditions for considering the results and approving supported applications (projects) shall be specified in the CD for the particular Competition.

9. Implementation of Supported Applications (Projects)

9.1. Applications (projects) supported under the Competitions shall be implemented at RUDN unless otherwise provided by the Competition terms.

9.2. RUDN shall:

- in accordance with the procedure established at RUDN, provide workplaces and access to existing research infrastructure for applications (projects)

⁶ In certain cases, provided for by the Competition terms, authority to approve the list of supported applications (projects), as well as to extend projects subject to successful implementation, may be delegated to the STC.

involving research and enable the purchase of the necessary equipment and consumables in accordance with applicable RUDN local regulations and the legislation of the Russian Federation;

- in accordance with the procedure established at RUDN, finance the application (project) in line with its approved cost estimate, within its approved budget, subject to Clause 9.3 of this Regulation.

9.3. RUDN may, by unilateral decision of the SC, revise the funding of applications (projects), including complete termination or suspension of funding, in the event of:

- insufficient RUDN funds to meet its project financing obligations due to the economic environment. In that event, for applications (projects) implemented in several stages, the current stage shall be deemed the final stage, and the project manager or another person responsible for implementing the application (project), as appropriate to the specific Competition, shall be released from the obligation to achieve the application (project) results specified for subsequent stages;

- failure, or an identified risk of failure, to achieve the declared results. In that event, the project manager or another person responsible for implementing the application (project), as appropriate to the specific Competition, may be barred from participating in Competitions for a specified period, and the PAU and/or RU at which the application (project) was implemented may be required to return all or part of the funds to the RUDN Centralized Fund.

9.4. The project manager or another person responsible for implementing the application (project), as appropriate to the specific Competition, shall:

- perform their obligations under the application (project) and promptly notify the RD in writing of any circumstances preventing performance;

- monitor compliance with the deadlines for activities under the application (project) and promptly notify the RD in writing of any risk that those deadlines will not be met;

- notify the RD of results of work under the application (project) that may be patentable, commercially exploitable, or capable of defense or dual use;

- notify the RD of identified risks that the declared results will not be achieved and/or other economic and legal risks affecting further implementation of the application (project);

- submit reports on the application (project) in a timely manner, including materials required for publication on RUDN resources and external research information resources, and be responsible for the quality and accuracy of the information submitted.

9.5. If circumstances prevent the manager of an application (project), or another person responsible for implementing the application (project), as appropriate to the specific Competition, from performing their functions, the advisability and terms of continued financing of work under that application (project) shall be considered. If replacement is permitted by the CD, the decision to replace that person shall be made by the SC based on an STC opinion.

9.6. Within the time limits established by the order approving the Competition winners, the manager of an application (project), or another person responsible for implementing the application (project), as appropriate to the specific Competition, shall submit to the RD a report on the results of the application (project). The requirements for the composition and content of the reporting materials shall be established by the CD for the particular Competition.

9.7. The RD, the STC, a Commission (Clause 7.2), independent external experts, or specialist organizations (Clause 7.3) may participate in evaluating the results of applications (projects) presented in reports (Clause 9.6). The procedure for considering reports shall be determined by the CD, having regard to the specific Competition. Following consideration of the reports, the RD shall prepare consolidated information on the results of each application (project) for consideration by the SC⁶.

9.8. After considering the consolidated information on implementation of the application (project), the SC⁶ shall decide:

- whether implementation of the application (project) will continue or the application (project) will be completed (closed);
- the terms on which implementation of the application (project) will continue, if continuation is permitted by the CD;
- whether to reward the project manager or another person responsible for implementing the application (project), as appropriate to the specific Competition, and/or members of the application (project) team, if any, for successfully achieving the application (project) results;
- whether to impose sanctions on the project manager or another person responsible for implementing the application (project), as appropriate to the specific Competition, and on the PAU and/or RU at which the application (project) was implemented, if violations of the implementation terms and/or failure to achieve the application (project) results are identified;
- other matters.

By decision of the SC, or in accordance with the CD, the above decisions may be delegated to the STC for certain Competitions.

9.9. Information on the results of applications (projects), based on materials submitted by the RD, shall be published on the RUDN website by the Office of the Vice-Rector for Strategic Communications.

9.10. All equipment purchased in connection with applications (projects) shall be located on RUDN premises and recorded on RUDN's balance sheet in accordance with the procedure established at RUDN, except where otherwise provided by the Competition terms.

9.11. Rights to industrial and/or intellectual property created in the course of implementing an application (project) with RUDN funds shall be formalized and exercised in accordance with RUDN local regulations and the legislation of the Russian Federation.

9.12. Where the implementation of supported applications (projects) is not governed by:

- this Regulation;
- the CD for the relevant Competition;
- the order approving the Competition winners;
- the order extending an application (project), for applications (projects) implemented in several stages;
- other orders and directives issued within the RUDN Grant Support System,

it shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure established at RUDN and governed by RUDN local regulations.

General information on competitions within the RUDN grant support system

1. Activity R (Research grant)

1.1. R.1 Competition for Individual R&D Projects Conducted by Young Scientists

1.1.1. The purpose of the Competition is to attract talented young researchers to conduct research and establish themselves within a RUDN research team and the broader research community.

1.1.2. Scientists (researchers) who will be no older than 39 at the time the project is completed may participate in the Competition as project managers.

1.1.3. Full-time RUDN students and/or postgraduate students⁷ may be engaged to participate in the project. Full-time RUDN postgraduate students may also participate as project managers.

1.1.4. The project implementation period shall be at least two years and shall be determined by the CD. If the CD allows project extensions, the project may be extended for up to two years after completion, subject to compliance with Clause 1.1.2.

1.1.5. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

1.2. R.2 Competition for Projects to Create Results of Intellectual Activity (RIA)

1.2.1. The purpose of the Competition is to expand the range of applied research aimed at creating RIA with prospects for commercial use in research and industrial activities both in the Russian Federation and abroad.

1.2.2. The Competition is open to individual scientists (researchers) and research teams with experience in creating RIA, existing RIA and/or a project to create or improve RIA, and a project for its commercialization.

1.2.3. The project implementation period shall be at least two years and shall be established by the CD.

⁷ Here and below, residency trainees may participate in projects in medical fields, subject to requirements equivalent to those applicable to postgraduate students.

1.2.4. RUDN shall be the initial right holder of RIA created in implementing the project. A key condition for successful implementation is the subsequent commercialization, within the established project implementation period, of the RIA created under the project.

1.2.5. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

1.2.6. The Competition has been assigned archived status and is not currently being held.

1.3. R.3 Competition for Individual R&D Projects Conducted by Leading Scientists

1.3.1. The purpose of the Competition is to attract world-class leading scientists with experience at leading Russian and foreign universities and research organizations to conduct R&D at RUDN and establish themselves within a RUDN research team.

1.3.2. Leading scientists who meet the requirements, the full list of which is specified in the order announcing the Competition, and who have an individual research project with the potential to produce a world-class breakthrough result may participate.

1.3.3. Full-time RUDN students and/or postgraduate students may be engaged to participate in the project.

1.3.4. The project implementation period shall be at least one year and shall be established by the CD.

1.3.5. A key condition for implementing supported projects is the leading scientist's active participation in the life of RUDN as a whole; the participation criteria shall be approved by the order announcing the Competition.

1.3.6. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

1.3.7. The Competition has been assigned archived status and is not currently being held.

1.4. R.4 Competition for R&D Projects Conducted by RUDN Postgraduate Students

1.4.1. The purpose of the Competition is to attract talented RUDN postgraduate students with strong research potential, encourage and support active research, and help them establish themselves within a RUDN research team and the broader research community.

1.4.2. Full-time RUDN postgraduate students with strong individual preliminary research results may participate.

1.4.3. The project implementation period shall be at least one year and shall be established by the CD.

1.4.4. The project shall be implemented by the postgraduate student independently or by a research team consisting exclusively of full-time RUDN postgraduate students.

1.4.5. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

1.4.6. The Competition has been assigned archived status and is not currently being held.

1.5. R.5 Competitions for R&D Projects Conducted by RUDN Students (or with Student Participation)

1.5.1. The Competitions are intended to identify the most gifted and talented RUDN students; involve them in research and in the work of RUDN research teams; foster projects proposed by youth teams; and develop a culture of research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

1.5.2. Students enrolled in bachelor's, master's, and specialist degree programs in all fields of study may participate; in certain cases, provided for by the CD, residency and postgraduate students may also participate.

1.5.3. The project implementation period shall be at least one year and shall be determined by the CD. If the CD provides for extension, the project may be extended for up to one year after completion, subject to compliance with Clause 1.5.2.

1.5.4. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

2. Activity U (Update grant)

2.1. U.1 Competition for Modernization of Existing Research Infrastructure Facilities

2.1.1. The purpose of the Competition is to renew and/or improve existing RUDN research infrastructure facilities at which current research with strong potential for both fundamental and commercially promising applied significance is conducted.

2.1.2. Research teams conducting research at an existing RUDN research infrastructure facility and having a substantiated plan to modernize the facility, approved by the management of the PAU and/or RU at which the facility is located, may participate.

2.1.3. The project implementation period shall be at least two years and shall be established by the CD.

2.1.4. A key condition for support and implementation of the project is the availability of co-financing from the PAU and/or RU for the modernization of the relevant research infrastructure facility; the amount of co-financing shall be established by the CD.

2.1.5. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

2.1.6. More than two projects supported under this Competition may be implemented simultaneously at a single PAU and/or RU.

2.1.7. The Competition has been assigned archived status and is not currently being held.

2.2. U.2 Competition for the Establishment of Laboratories (Engineering Centers) to Implement Research Projects

2.2.1. The purpose of the Competition is to create new RUDN research infrastructure facilities for fundamental and applied research projects, including interdisciplinary projects, and to develop close economic and scientific partnerships with major industrial partners and leading research and educational organizations in the Russian Federation and abroad.

2.2.2. Research teams with a promising high-level research project and sustainable academic and/or industrial links with Russian and/or foreign educational and/or research organizations and/or organizations in the real sector of the economy may participate.

2.2.3. The project implementation period shall be at least two years and shall be established by the CD.

2.2.4. A key condition for implementation is the obligation to attract co-financing from a partner organization and allocate an established portion of the project budget to the purchase of scientific equipment. The research infrastructure facility shall be located on RUDN premises, and all equipment forming part of it shall be recorded on RUDN's balance sheet.

2.2.5. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

2.2.6. More than two projects supported under this Competition may be implemented simultaneously at a single PAU and/or RU.

2.2.7. The Competition has been assigned archived status and is not currently being held.

2.3. U.3 Competition for the Establishment of World-Class Research Infrastructure Facilities, Interdisciplinary Research Centers, and Pre-Acceleration Centers

2.3.1. The purpose of the Competition is to establish interdisciplinary research or research and education centers capable of conducting world-class applied and fundamental research and participating in joint international research projects with Russian and foreign educational and/or research organizations and/or organizations in the real sector of the economy.

2.3.2. Research teams involving world-class foreign scientists and having sustainable academic and/or industrial links with Russian and foreign educational and/or research organizations and/or organizations in the real sector of the economy may participate.

2.3.3. The project implementation period shall be at least two years and shall be established by the CD.

2.3.4. The key conditions for implementation are that the laboratory or research center work in scientific cooperation with foreign research, research and education, or industrial organizations on joint research projects and/or the creation of 'mirror' research laboratories; invited foreign scientists are employed by RUDN; and external co-financing is available in the amount established by the CD.

2.3.5. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

2.3.6. More than two projects supported under this Competition may be implemented simultaneously at a single PAU and/or RU.

2.3.7. The Competition has been assigned archived status and is not currently being held.

2.4. U.4 Competition for the Creation of New Research Infrastructure Facilities for Interdisciplinary R&D by Research Teams of RUDN PAUs and RUs (RUDN Megagrant)

2.4.1. The purpose of the Competition is to create new research infrastructure facilities for interdisciplinary applied and fundamental research projects in order to achieve breakthrough results and strengthen research links among RUDN units.

2.4.2. Research teams from RUDN PAUs and RUs may participate; however, RU projects may be implemented only jointly with a PAU. Research teams may be formed from employees of several PAUs and/or RUs. The conditions for participation by PAUs and RUs shall be governed by the CD.

2.4.3. The project implementation period shall be at least two years and shall be established by the CD.

2.4.4. The project shall be funded in full from the RUDN PAU funds allocated for R&D, and the amount shall be determined by the CD.

2.4.5. A key condition for implementation is that RUDN give priority to spending project funding on creating the material and technical resources required for the project, including scientific equipment and consumables.

2.4.6. Each PAU, independently or jointly with another PAU and/or RU, may submit no more than one project to the Competition, including a joint project with another PAU and/or RU. A PAU and/or RU whose project was supported following the Competition may not participate in the Competition until all implementation stages of the supported project have been completed, including where implementation is terminated early.

3. Activity D (Diploma grant)

3.1. D.1 Competition for R&D by Research Teams Led by Young Scientists

3.1.1. The purpose of the Competition is to attract talented young researchers with high-level research results to continue their research and lead research teams at RUDN.

3.1.2. Research teams led by young scientists (researchers) who hold an academic degree and will be no older than 39 when the project is completed may participate.

3.1.3. The project implementation period shall be at least two years and shall be determined by the CD. If the CD allows for an extension, the project may be extended for up to two years after completion, subject to compliance with Clause 3.1.2.

3.1.4. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

3.2. D.2 Competition for R&D by Research Teams Led by Leading Scientists

3.2.1. The purpose of the Competition is to attract world-class leading scientists with experience at leading Russian and foreign universities and research organizations to conduct R&D at RUDN as leaders of research teams.

3.2.2. Research teams led by leading scientists and having a promising high-level research project may participate.

3.2.3. The project implementation period shall be at least two years and shall be determined by the CD. If the CD provides for extension, the project may be extended for up to two years after completion.

3.2.4. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

3.3. D.3 Competition for R&D by RUDN Leading Research Schools

3.3.1. The purpose of the Competition is to encourage the qualitative growth of RUDN leading research schools and to support R&D conducted by those schools.

3.3.2. Teams of RUDN leading research schools registered in accordance with the procedure established at RUDN may participate.

3.3.3. The project implementation period shall be at least two years and shall be determined by the CD. If the CD provides for extension, the project may be extended for up to two years after completion.

3.3.4. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

4. Activity N (Network grant)

4.1. N.1 Competitions Supporting Participation in Scientific and Technical Events in Russia and Abroad

4.1.1. The purpose of the Competitions is to promote and raise awareness of the RUDN brand and establish external links within the scientific and academic community and with major research, research and education, and industrial organizations through participation in scientific and technical events (STEs) held at those organizations. This includes supporting participation by RUDN students in STEs in order to develop lasting skills in public scientific, academic, and professional activity and establish external links within the youth scientific, academic, and professional community.

4.1.2. Depending on the subject matter and level of the event, RUDN teaching staff, research and teaching staff, and full-time RUDN students may participate in the Competitions.

4.1.3. The complete list of participant requirements, the level of STE eligible for participation, the number of applications, the amount of funding, and other conditions shall be determined by the CD.

4.2. N.2 Competition for Joint Implementation of Projects with Industrial Partners

4.2.1. The purpose of the Competition is to create sustainable links with industrial partners for applied R&D projects in order to commercialize research results, establish production, and introduce RIA into high-technology scientific, technical, and production processes.

4.2.2. Research teams with experience in creating RIA, existing RIA, a project for the creation or improvement and commercialization of RIA, and sustainable

academic and/or industrial links with Russian educational and/or research organizations and/or organizations in the real sector of the economy may participate.

4.2.3. The project implementation period shall be at least two years and shall be determined by the CD. If the CD provides for extension, the project may be extended for up to two years after completion.

4.2.4. The key conditions for implementation are an obligation to attract co-financing from a partner organization and the commercialization of RIA obtained as a result of the project.

4.2.5. More than two projects supported under this Competition may be implemented simultaneously at a single PAU and/or RU.

4.2.6. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

4.3. N.3 Competition for Financial Support of RUDN Scientific and Technical Events (STEs)

4.3.1. The purpose of the Competition is to promote and raise awareness of the RUDN brand and establish external links within the scientific and academic community and with major research and education and industrial organizations by holding scientific and technical events at RUDN.

4.3.2. STEs organized by RUDN PAUs and/or RUs may participate, including student-level STEs under a separate Competition.

4.3.3. The criteria for admitting an STE to the Competition and the amounts and terms of funding for STEs supported under the Competition shall be determined by the CD.

4.4. N.4 Competition Supporting the Establishment and Development of RUDN Expert and Analytical Centers

4.4.1. The purpose of the Competition is to establish and develop expert and analytical centers at RUDN that conduct independent expert and analytical work aimed at addressing current issues of the country's socioeconomic development and preparing practical recommendations in RUDN's research areas.

4.4.2. Research teams whose members have experience in expert work in RUDN's research areas, including expert and analytical publications and appearances in federal media, may participate.

4.4.3. The project implementation period shall be at least two years and shall be determined by the CD. If the CD provides for extension, the project may be extended for up to two years after completion.

4.4.4. No more than two projects supported under this Competition may be implemented simultaneously at a single PAU and/or RU.

4.4.5. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

4.4.6. The Competition has been assigned archived status and is not currently being held.

4.5. N.5 Competition for R&D Projects Implemented within Research Consortia

4.5.1. The purpose of the Competition is to develop multilateral scientific and technical cooperation by RUDN within consortia with leading Russian educational and research organizations and organizations in the real sector of the economy through joint R&D.

4.5.2. RUDN research consortium projects that include, in addition to the RUDN team, at least two research or research and education organizations and/or organizations in the real sector of the economy may participate.

4.5.3. The project implementation period shall be at least two years and shall be determined by the CD.

4.5.4. Project funding amounts and terms shall be determined by the CD.

4.5.5. The Competition has been assigned archived status and is not currently being held.