

## **Competition for R&D by research teams led by leading scientists**

### **COMPETITION DOCUMENTATION (bid code - D.2-2026)**

#### **1. General provisions**

1.1 The competition for R&D by research teams led by leading scientists (hereinafter referred to as D.2-2026 or the competition) is announced by the order of the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research on the basis of the RUDN regulations on Scientific Projects Grant System (Order No. 124 of 03.03.2022 "On approval of the new edition of the Regulation on the Grant Support System for Scientific projects of the RUDN" (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), decision of the RUDN Scientific and Technical Council (hereinafter referred to as the STC) (Minutes №HTC-23 dated 19.06.2025) and the decision of the Steering Committee (hereinafter – SC) of the RUDN University Development Programs (Minutes №YK-38 dated 18.07.2025).

1.2 The aim of the competition is to attracting leading world-class scientists with work experience in leading Russian and foreign universities and scientific organizations to conduct R&D on the basis of RUDN as leaders of research teams.

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<sup>1</sup>.

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). Postal address of the Competition Organizer: Russian Federation, 117198, Moscow, Miklukho-Maklaya St., 6.

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

1.6 The scientific research (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") must be aimed at addressing specific tasks within one of the areas defined in Clause 21 of the Strategy for Scientific and Technological Development of the Russian Federation (approved by Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 145 of February 28, 2024, "On the Strategy for Scientific and Technological Development of the Russian Federation")<sup>2</sup>, which enable the achievement of significant scientific and scientific-technical results and the creation of domestic high-tech technologies.

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<sup>1</sup> Order of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation No. 715 of 05.08.2021 "On approval of the list of positions of researchers to be replaced by the competition and the procedure for conducting the specified competition".

<sup>2</sup> Approved by Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 529 dated June 18, 2024 "On approval of priority directions of scientific and technological development and the list of the most important high-tech technologies".

1.7 Projects supported by grants of the Government of the Russian Federation, Russian and foreign scientific foundations, as well as the 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.

1.8 In accordance with the current objectives of the University, Projects submitted for the competition are divided into two categories:

Category A:

- Projects submitted to the Competition by Russian and/or foreign researchers who are not current employees (including external part-time staff), provided that, in the event the Project is supported based on the results of the Competition, the Project Leader transitions to full-time employment at RUDN in the Project as a research employee;

- Projects submitted to the Competition by current RUDN employees who are employed at RUDN either full-time or part-time in non-research positions (teaching staff, administrative and managerial personnel, etc.), provided that, in the event the Project is supported based on the results of the Competition, the Project Leader transitions to full-time employment in the Project as a research employee.

Category B:

- Projects submitted to the Competition by Russian and/or foreign researchers, regardless of their current employment status at RUDN, provided that, in the event the Project is supported based on the results of the Competition, the Project is led by the Project Leader in the position of a research employee on a part-time basis or through a combination of duties.

1.8.1 The Project category is determined by the Project leader when submitting the application and is not subject to revision (forms 1 and 2, p.1.5).

1.8.2 A researcher may submit no more than one Project simultaneously to this Competition and to other competitions within the RUDN scientific project grant support system that are conducted in parallel as part of the same competitive campaign.

1.8.3 The competition for each category may be declared invalid if there are submitted applications:

- For category A – less than 5;
- For category B – less than 2.

## **2. Timing for the competition**

2.1 Submission of applications for the competition is carried out in the period from the date of announcement of the competition until 18:00 15.09.2025. Printed (abbreviated) application forms are submitted to the Research Division (Moscow, Miklukho Maklaya St., 10, cor. 2, office 821), electronic (full) versions

of applications are sent to the e-mail address [grants\\_science@pfur.ru](mailto:grants_science@pfur.ru) with the subject line "Application for the competition D.2-2026 < First name of the project leader>».

2.2 The results of the competition will be announced no later than 01.12.2025.

### **3. Minimum requirements for contestants**

3.1 Scientific research teams may participate in the Competition regardless of citizenship and the existence of current employment relations with RUDN (Clause 1.8).

#### 3.1.1 Project direction:

- Fundamental – experimental or theoretical activities aimed at acquiring new knowledge about the fundamental patterns of the structure, functioning, and development of humans, society, and nature;
- Applied – aimed at applying new knowledge to achieve practical goals and solve specific tasks;

The direction is determined by the Project Leader and indicated in the corresponding field of the application form (Forms 1 and 2, Clause 1.4).

3.2 The composition of the Project's research team must comply with the following requirements:

3.2.1 The number of members in the research team, including the Project Leader, must be no fewer than 4 and no more than 7 persons<sup>3</sup>.

3.2.2 The number of researchers aged 39 years or younger throughout the entire Project implementation period must constitute at least 50%<sup>4</sup> of the total number of team members (including the Project Leader, students, and/or postgraduate students<sup>5</sup>).

3.2.3 The number of students and/or postgraduate students in the research team throughout the entire Project implementation period must constitute at least 30%<sup>4</sup> of

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<sup>3</sup>The team may include both current employees (teaching and research staff / research personnel of RUDN, including those employed part-time externally) and full-time students and/or postgraduate students of RUDN, as well as researchers who are not employed by RUDN at the time of application submission (including the Project Leader). In the event that the Project is supported following the results of the competition, such researchers shall be employed by RUDN in accordance with the procedures established by the University (see Clause 8).

<sup>4</sup> When calculating the number of team members aged 39 years or younger, as well as the number of students/postgraduate students/residents, rounding must be performed upwards to the nearest whole number. For example, if the total number of members in the research team is 5 [the proportion of researchers aged 39 or younger (50%) equals 2.5], then the number of researchers aged 39 or younger must be at least 3. For the same team, [the proportion of students/postgraduate students/residents (30%) equals 1.5], the number of students/postgraduate students/residents must be at least 2.

<sup>5</sup> For projects in the medical field, the involvement and inclusion of residents in this category is permitted, subject to requirements analogous to those applied to postgraduate students.

the total number of team members.

3.3 Requirements for the Project Leader for the period from January 1, 2021, until the date of application submission:

3.3.1 Possession of an academic degree and publications in journals (conference proceedings) indexed in the scientific citation databases WoS and/or Scopus:

- For Project Leaders of natural science and technical fields (fundamental/applied) – at least 5 publications in journals ranked within the 1st or 2nd quartile according to JIF, SJR, SNIP metrics;
- For Project Leaders of social sciences and humanities fields (fundamental) – at least 4 publications in journals ranked within the 1st or 2nd quartile according to JIF, SJR, SNIP metrics;
- For Project Leaders of social sciences and humanities fields (applied) – at least 3 publications in journals ranked within the 1st or 2nd quartile according to JIF, SJR, SNIP metrics.

3.3.2 Experience in managing R&D projects<sup>6</sup> – at least 1 project.

3.3.3 Experience participating in R&D projects<sup>6</sup> (excluding item 3.3.2) – at least 1 project.

3.3.4 Possession of registered intellectual property results (hereinafter referred to as “IPR”)<sup>7</sup>:

- For Project Leaders of fundamental research – this requirement does not apply;
- For Project Leaders of applied research – at least 2 registered IPRs.

3.3.5 Experience working at a higher education institution, research organization, or real-sector economic organization whose area of activity corresponds to the Project’s theme – at least 3 full years.

3.4 Requirements for the research team:

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<sup>6</sup> Considered are grants from Russian and foreign scientific foundations for conducting R&D / experimental development, state assignments for performing R&D / experimental development, and contract-based R&D / experimental development. R&D / experimental development projects funded by foreign scientific foundations or jointly funded by Russian and foreign scientific foundations shall be counted with a coefficient of x2. Not considered are participation in competitions and grants funded by RUDN resources (such as the “5-100” Priority Project Program, previous stages of the RUDN Scientific Project Grant Support System competitions, initiative topics of R&D / experimental development), as well as the attraction of funds from educational activities (such as continuing education programs, etc.).

<sup>7</sup> The list of intellectual property results (IPR) accepted for consideration (Article 1225 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation) includes: inventions, utility models, industrial designs, computer programs, databases, integrated circuit topologies, and trade secrets (know-how).

3.4.1 For each Project participant holding an academic degree, it is mandatory to have at least 3 full years of work experience at a higher education institution, research organization, or real-sector economic organization whose field corresponds to the Project's theme.

3.4.2 Students and postgraduate students included in the research team must be full-time students and postgraduate students of RUDN University.

3.4.3 For members of the research team who do not hold an academic degree and are not full-time students or postgraduate students of RUDN, it is mandatory to have higher education in the Project's field and at least 3 full years of work experience at a higher education institution, research organization, or real-sector economic organization whose field corresponds to the Project's theme. If such a team member does not meet the age criterion of being a researcher aged 39 or younger, the Project Leader must provide a written justification for their inclusion in the research team.

3.4.4 A researcher cannot serve as the Project Leader if they:

- Are the leader of a Project supported by the RUDN Scientific Project Grant Support System, which is not completed as of December 31, 2025;
- Were the leader of a Project supported by the RUDN Scientific Project Grant Support System that was terminated early by the decision of the Management Board due to violation of implementation conditions, if less than 2 years have passed since the early termination decision;
- Were the leader of a Project supported by this Competition and successfully completed it, if less than 2 years have passed since the Project completion date.

3.4.5 A researcher cannot be a member of the research team (including as Project Leader) if, at the time of application submission, they are participating in the implementation of two<sup>8</sup> Projects supported by the RUDN Scientific Project Grant Support System that are not completed as of December 31, 2025.

3.4.6 To avoid conflicts of interest, the involvement of family members and close relatives of the Project Leader as members of the research team is not allowed; nor employees of RUDN who are in direct administrative subordination to the Project Leader; nor employees of external organizations providing co-financing for the Project if such employees hold positions responsible for decision-making on the Project's co-financing within those organizations.

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<sup>8</sup> Except for a Project (including leadership of such Project) supported under the competition for the implementation of interdisciplinary R&D / experimental development by research teams of the main academic and research units of RUDN University (RUDN Mega-Grant), competition code U.4.

#### **4. 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.

4.2.1 By submitting an application to the competition, the Project Leader agrees to the terms and conditions of the competition.

4.2.2 If, at the time of submission of the Project to the Competition, the name of the main educational or research unit (hereinafter referred to as MEU or RU, respectively) where the Project will be carried out is known, the Project Leader shall notify the head of the respective MEU or RU about the submitted Project, which shall be confirmed by a note in Forms 1 and 2 of the Project information (Appendix 2), signed by the head of the PAU or PRU. Notification is not required for Projects whose leaders are not current employees of RUDN.

4.3 The application shall include:

a. Information on the project (Annex 2)

b. Information about the project leader and members of the research team (except for undergraduate and postgraduate students) (Appendix 3)<sup>9</sup>;

For each member of the research team (including the supervisor):

c. Screenshots of the first pages of users in scientific citation databases (Scopus, WoS, РИИЦ - if available) with information on publications and citations (for undergraduate and graduate students - if available), providing the possibility of unambiguous identification of the user in these databases when assessing publication activity.

d. Scan-copy of the document on awarding the degree of candidate of sciences / doctor of sciences / PhD. In the absence of an academic degree - a scan-copy of the diploma of higher education (for students - a certificate of full-time study at RUDN, for postgraduates - a certificate of full-time study at RUDN and a copy of the diploma of higher education)<sup>10</sup>.

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<sup>9</sup> The information provided in Appendix 3 must be presented to the extent necessary and sufficient to confirm the qualification of a member of the research team during the external expert evaluation of the Project. For students / postgraduate students / residents, this form is submitted only if the specified team members have independently obtained scientific results without co-authorship from other members of the research team, or if it is planned to employ the given student / postgraduate student / resident in the position of Junior Research Fellow, provided that the individual meets the requirements of the Qualification Handbook for Executive, Specialist, and Other Employee Positions (approved by Order No. 37 of the Ministry of Labor of Russia dated August 21, 1998, as amended on March 27, 2018) and RUDN Order No. 114-p dated January 30, 2024, "On the Approval of Criteria for Confirming the Scientific Research Experience of Students Required for Employment as a Junior Research Fellow."

<sup>10</sup> For students and postgraduate students, an electronic version of the certificate in PDF format, certified by an electronic digital signature (EDS), must be submitted. This certificate is obtained by submitting a request through the student's personal account on the RUDN MFC portal at <https://lk.rudn.ru/mfc>. If, at the time of application submission, the full names of the students and postgraduate students—intended participants of the Project—are not known (applicable to Project Leaders who are not current employees of RUDN), the Project Leader shall indicate the anticipated number of

e. Scan-copy of the main page of the ID document), only for members of the research team who are not employed at RUDN at the time of application submission.

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

g. Consent for personal data processing (Appendix 4), only for members of the research team 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<sup>11</sup> 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 for personal data processing for the members of the research team 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 leader. The application is submitted in an envelope with the competition code, full name of the project leader and the name of the proposed RUDN MEU or RU, on the basis of which the project is planned to be implemented.

4.5 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 research team.

4.5.1 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 D.2-2026<Leader'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 for personal data processing for the members of the research team who are not current employees of RUDN (Appendix 4).

The documents for each team member shall be combined into a separate file

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students and postgraduate students in the team in Appendix 2, Form 2, Section 2.8, in accordance with Clause 3.2.3.

<sup>11</sup> Other documents not specified in Clause 4.4 are not to be submitted in printed form.

in the order of the list in 4.5.2, the file shall be named by the last name of the team member.

4.5.3 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.

4.5.4 Electronic versions of the project information (Annex 2) and the Questionnaire of the project participants (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.

4.5.5 The total volume of the content of the Project (Appendix 2 of Form 2, 3, 4) should not exceed 16 A4 pages. Violation of this condition leads to the removal of the application from the competition

4.6 A project will be accepted for consideration only after a hard copy and electronic application form has been received by the RD.

## **5. Evaluation of applications**

5.1 Preliminary assessment of projects for compliance with the basic requirements of the competition documentation (p.3, p.4) is carried out by the RD. The list of projects to be sent to external experts for evaluation is approved by the decision of the RUDN STC.

5.2 The qualitative (scientific) content of each application is evaluated independently by two external experts. Members of RUDN International Scientific Councils (ISCs), experts of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), and scholars whose scientific activity corresponds to the subject matter of the Project may be engaged as independent experts. Current employees of RUDN may not serve as experts. Information about the experts is confidential.

5.3 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.

5.4 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;
- The qualifications of the project leader and research team correspond 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.

5.5 After receipt of expert opinions, the RD 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 score is determined as the sum of the total scores assigned by both external experts and the scores given by the RU. Projects for which external clients have expressed interest in the outcomes and are prepared to provide co-financing from their own funds are noted separately.

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

5.8 The list of projects recommended for support by the STC is considered at the meeting of the SC, 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.

## 6. Funding Terms

6.1 The Project is financed from RUDN extra-budgetary funds and / or other sources of funding of the RUDN University Development Programs. The amount of funding allocated by RUDN for one stage (one year) of the Project:

- For A category Projects (natural sciences and technical directions) - 8 000 000 rubles.

- For A category Projects (social and humanitarian directions) - 7 000 000 rubles.

- For B category Projects (all direction) – 6 000 000 rubles.

6.2 Projects shall be financed in accordance with the approved project estimate within the approved budget.

6.3 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<sup>12</sup> (not more than 10% of the total amount of project stage financing).

6.3.4 Payroll.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> This includes the possibility of covering publication fees in open access journals (Open Access), provided that the requirements of RUDN Order No. 1202-p "On Restrictions for Publishing Scientific Articles in Open Access Journals" are observed.

<sup>13</sup> Including guarantees established by the legislation of the Russian Federation, such as contributions for mandatory pension insurance, mandatory health insurance, mandatory social insurance in case of temporary disability and maternity, and mandatory social insurance against occupational accidents and diseases.

6.4. Conditions for the distribution of RUDN financing of the project:

➤ pts. 6.3.1 – 6.3.3:

- for Projects of natural sciences and technical directions - not less than 30% of the total Project financing from RUDN;

- for Projects of social and humanitarian directions – not less than 15% of the total Project financing from RUDN;

➤ pts. 6.3.4:

- for Projects of natural sciences and technical directions – no more than 70% of the total Project financing from RUDN;

- for Projects of social and humanitarian directions – no more than 85% of the total Project financing from RUDN;

6.4.1 Redistribution of the total amount of funding from RUDN across all stages of the Project from the areas specified in subparagraphs 6.3.1–6.3.3 to the area specified in paragraph 6.3.4 is not permitted.

6.4.2 If the share of expenses for the areas specified in subparagraphs 6.3.1–6.3.3 exceeds the minimum established value for the first stage of the project, a proportional increase in the share of expenses for the area specified in paragraph 6.3.4 is allowed for subsequent stages of the project.

6.4.3 Starting from the second stage of project implementation, if there is no need to allocate RUDN funding for the areas specified in subparagraphs 6.3.1–6.3.3, or if, for objective reasons, the expenditure in these areas is less than the minimum established values (taking into account 6.4.2) of the total RUDN funding, the Project Leader must indicate the justified reasons for the reduction of expenses in the relevant field of the application form (Form 2, section 2.7 and Form 3, breakdown of planned costs section 5). In this case, if the proposed project is supported based on the results of the Competition, the Management Committee may decide to reduce the total amount of RUDN funding for the project by the amount not planned to be spent in the areas specified in subparagraphs 6.3.1–6.3.3.

## **7. Conditions of the project realization**

7.1 The project implementation period:

- For A category Projects – 3 years.
- For B category Projects – 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.

7.2 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 leader (research team)

and the head of the subdivision<sup>14</sup>, on the basis of which the project is implemented.

7.3 The head of the research team independently initiates the start of the Project realization by sending a memo to the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research to open the research topic, agreed by the head of the structural subdivision, on the basis of which the project is implemented (MEU and/or RU). The deadline for submission of the memo is approved by the order on summarizing the results of the competition.

7.4 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 leader sends a memo to the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research, agreed by the Head of the MEU and/or RU, with justification of the reason for refusal to implement the Project. The decision to revise the results of the competition shall be made by the SC of the RUDN University Development Programs.

7.5 After the opening of the research topic, the employment of members of the research team is carried out (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.

7.8.1 The delivery and commissioning dates of the equipment for A category Projects shall be:

- no later than 30 calendar days prior to the start date of the reporting period for Projects of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year of implementation;
- no later than 90 calendar days prior to the start date of the reporting period for Projects of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of implementation.

7.8.2 The delivery and commissioning dates of the equipment for B category Projects shall be:

- no later than 30 calendar days prior to the start date of the reporting period for Projects of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of implementation;
- no later than 90 calendar days prior to the start date of the reporting period for Projects of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year 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 for consideration.

7.10 The decision to continue work on the Project for the next stage is made based on the review of annual reports on the Project's implementation at a meeting of the RUDN Scientific and Technical Council (STC) with the participation of Project Leaders. In case of identified violations, the report is additionally reviewed

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<sup>14</sup> clause 6.1.5 of the Regulations

by the Management Board.

7.11 Monitoring of the Project's implementation is carried out twice during each stage of the Project.

7.11.1 Upon completion of the first half of the Project stage, the Project Leader shall submit to the MEU or RU current information on the status of the Project, ongoing activities, and the planned timeline for achieving the key results of the Project stage. The results of the interim monitoring are reviewed at a meeting of the STC with the participation of the Project Leader.

7.11.2 The report on the results of the entire Project stage is prepared by the Project Leader and submitted to the MEU or RU annually, no later than 15 calendar days before the end date of the Project stage. The deadlines for preparing and submitting the report are established by the order approving the winners of the competition.

7.12 A certified registration card of the Project in the EGISU R&D system must be attached to the report on the results of the Project stage as a mandatory annex.

## **8. Employment of participants of supported projects**

8.1 The head of the project, supported by the results of the Competition, who has a position in a foreign university or research center, is obliged to ensure his/her personal presence at RUDN for at least 60 calendar days per year cumulatively. Employees working in the Russian Federation provide their personal presence in accordance with the terms and conditions of the labor contract, at the appropriate share of the rate.

8.2 All members of the research team of the supported project are employed at RUDN in accordance with the labor legislation with the conclusion of an employment agreement in the format of an effective contract on a full-time or part-time basis, in which the obligations to fulfill KPIs are fixed. Employment is carried out within the framework of the research topic open for the project implementation.

8.3 The Project leader:

- of A category shall be employed by the Project at their main place of work as a researcher at a share of rate 1.0 with a fixed salary not exceeding 250 000 rubles per month;
- of B category shall be employed by the Project at internal part-time basis or a combination of positions with a fixed salary not exceeding 250 000 rubles per month. (based on a rate of 1.0(equivalent to full-time))

Other members of the project's research team, if there is a valid employment contract with RUDN, conclude an additional employment contract in the format of an effective contract on a part-time (internal part-time) basis or an addendum to the employment contract (combination of positions), if there is no valid employment contract with RUDN, conclude an employment contract in the format of an effective contract on a part-time (external part-time) or full-time (main place of

work) basis.

8.4 The employment contract shall be concluded for the period:

- For A category Projects - until the end date of the Project implementation approved by the order on summarizing the results of the competition.
- For B category Projects - for up to 1 year with the possibility of concluding an employment contract for the next period no more than 1 year, approved by a decision to extend the implementation of the scientific projects.

8.5 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 according to the decision SC 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.

8.6 within 30 calendar days from the date of approval of the competition results a participant of the research team has not concluded an employment contract on his/her own initiative, the head initiates the procedure for making changes in the composition of the research team. In case of non-compliance with this condition, RUDN has the right to declare the winner the project that took the next place in the rating after the winning project, or to initiate a new competition.

8.7 Changes in the composition of the research team regarding the positions of researchers<sup>15</sup> are carried out in accordance with the current legislation<sup>1</sup> и local documents adopted at RUDN.

8.7.1 In order to include a researcher in the research team when applying for a part-time job for a period of no more than one year and/or to replace a temporarily absent researcher, who, in accordance with the law, retains his place of work, the head of the research team sends a memo to the head of the research division before this researcher goes to work. The memo must be accompanied by information about the newly included members of the research team in the questionnaire format (Appendix 3). The newly included member of the research team must meet the requirements established by Section 3 of this competition documentation, and in case of replacement, have comparable scientometric indicators and experience of scientific activity on the subject of the Project in relation to the excluded member of the team. The decision to change the composition of the research team is made by the STC.

8.7.2 In order to be included in the research team of a researcher when applying for a part-time job for a period of more than one year or for the main place of work, the Project leader initiates the procedure for announcing a competition for filling the positions of scientific workers in accordance with the current legislation and local documents adopted at RUDN<sup>16</sup>.

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<sup>15</sup> Chief Research Fellow, Leading Research Fellow, Senior Research Fellow, Research Fellow, Junior Research Fellow.

<sup>16</sup> Rector's Order № 412 of 04.05.2016. "On Approval of the Regulations on holding a competition for the positions

8.7.3 The replacement of the head may be carried out in exceptional cases by decision of the SC in accordance with the current legislation<sup>1</sup> и local documents adopted at RUDN.

8.8 RUDN is obligated to:

8.8.1 Provide workplaces, possibility to access the available 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 research 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.

## 9. Key performance indicators (KPIs) of the Project

9.1 The Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for each Project are established for each year of the Project's implementation and are recorded in the annex to the employment contract of the Project Leader and members of the research team.

9.2 Project KPIs are selected and set by the project leader independently in accordance with the scoring and rating system of indicators (hereinafter - SRS) (Table 1).

Table 1: Project KPI scoring and rating system

№	KPI	Distribution of points per unit
1.	WoS/Scopus Publications (Article/review)	SNIP 95% / JIF / SJR
1.1	top 1% [1 article]	40 points
1.2	top 5% [1 article]	30 points
1.3	top 10% [1 article]	20 points
1.4	Q1/Q2 [1 article]	10 points
2.	Registration of RIA	
2.1	International patents	1 RIA = 40 points
2.2	Patent for invention	1 RIA = 30 points
2.3	Patent for utility model, industrial design	1 RIA = 15 points
2.4	Computer program, database, topology of integrated circuits	1 RIA = 5 points
3.	Approbation at the international STE	
3.1	with WoS / Scopus publication (Q1/Q2)	1 participation = 10 points
3.2	with WoS / Scopus publication (Q3/Q4/b.c.)	1 participation = 3.3 points
4.	Attracting external financing [thousand rubles]	300 thousand rubles = 10 points

9.3 Rules for independent selection (setting) of KPIs by the project leader.

9.3.1 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).

9.3.1.1 For the first year of implementation of Category A Projects, it is allowed to set the KPIs at a level of no less than 20% of the minimum total established value. For subsequent stages of the project, KPIs must be set in equal proportions.

9.3.1.2 For the first year of implementation of Category B Projects, it is allowed to set the KPIs at a level of no less than 35% of the minimum total established value.

9.3.1.3 For both categories, the rules set out in 9.3.1.1 and 9.3.1.2 do not apply to KPI-2: the annual volume of attracted external funding must be no less than the minimum established amount.<sup>17</sup>

9.3.2 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.

9.3.3 If in accordance with the direction of the project (fundamental/applied) a certain KPI is not mandatory (minimum value is not set), the leader 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.

9.3.4 For correctness of scoring during the preliminary assessment of projects by the scientific department (clause 5.1) for each declared indicator the project leader gives an explanatory comment (tables 2.1, 2.2 column 5)<sup>18</sup>. In case of absence of commentary, the indicator rating will be calculated by the lowest value of points for the indicator unit.

9.3.5 Indication in the application of KPIs less than the minimum established values (**including the sum of points - Table 1, Table 2.1, 2.2, line 7**) leads to rejection of the project at the preliminary stage of consideration.

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<sup>17</sup> For example, for a Category A project in the natural sciences and technical fields (applied research): the total KPI score over 3 years of project implementation is 465 points. Thus, for the first year of the project, the Project Leader may set the KPIs at 20% of this value, i.e., no less than 93 points. Taking into account the requirement for the annual fulfillment of KPI-2 in an amount not less than the minimum established (1,500 thousand rubles for natural sciences and technical fields), which, according to the KPI Rating System (Table 1), corresponds to 50 points, the remaining 43 points must be covered through the mandatory KPIs for applied research (KPI-3 and KPI-4), the optional KPIs (KPI-1 and KPI-5 for the first year), as well as by exceeding the minimum value of KPI-2.

<sup>18</sup> For example: for publications of research results and presentations at scientific and technical events, the journal should be indicated along with its quartile ranking and whether it is in the top 1%, 5%, or 10%; for intellectual property results (IPRs), the type of IPR planned for development and registration, as well as the commercialization plan, should be specified; for attracting external funding, the planned funding sources should be indicated, etc.

Table 2.1 Mandatory KPIs for application projects

No n/a	KPI	Units of measurement	Minimum KPI values	Commentary for the project leader
1.	2.	3.	4.	6.
Scientific work				
1.	KPI-1 Publication of articles in WoS/Scopus journals	Article	undetermined <sup>19</sup>	Planned journals, quartiles of editions, belonging to top 1,5,10% Q1
2.	KPI-2 Attracting external financing	Thousand rubles	at least 1500 annually– for natural sciences and technical directions  at least 700 annually – for social and humanitarian directions	Planned sources
3.	KPI-3 Approbation of R&D results at international STEs	Participation with publication	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	Planned types of RIA
5.	KPI-5 Registered RIAs	Registration of RIA	at least 1 (starting in the 2nd stage)	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	application	N.2 (for the final stage)	-

<sup>19</sup> Here and thereafter means that the minimum value of the indicator is not established by the competition requirements but may be set independently by the project leader to ensure that the total rating score of the application reaches the minimum established threshold (Tables 2.1, 2.2, clause 7).

	date of the project implementation)			
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	<b>Minimum sum of points on SRS (Table 1)</b>			<b>The total number of KPI points for all stages of the project, selected according to Table 1, must be no less than the specified value.</b>
7.	<b>A category Projects</b>	<b>points</b>	<b>465</b>	
	<b>B category Projects</b>	<b>points</b>	<b>250</b>	
<b>Personnel potential</b>				
8.	Composition of the research team	people	4 - 7	
9.	Researchers up to and including 39 years of age	%	50	(including 1 researcher from a third-party organization for the position of a researcher for at least a share of a rate 0.5)
10.	Undergraduate and/or graduate students as part of a research team	%	30	

Table 2.2 Mandatory KPIs for projects fundamental directions

<b>№ n/a</b>	<b>KPI</b>	<b>Units of measurement</b>	<b>Minimum KPI values</b>	<b>Commentary for the project leader</b>
1.	2.	3.	4.	6.
<b>Scientific work</b>				

1.	<b>KPI-1</b> Publication of articles in WoS/Scopus journals	article	at least 1	Planned journals, quartiles of editions, belonging to top 1,5,10% Q1
2.	<b>KPI-2</b> Attracting external financing	Thousand rubles	at least 1500 annually – for natural sciences and technical directions at least 700 annually – for social and humanitarian directions	Planned sources
3.	<b>KPI-3</b> Approbation of R&D results at international STEs	Participation with publication	at least 1	Planned STEs, quartiles of publications with publication of results
4.	<b>KPI-4</b> Filing an application for RIA registration	Application for registration	undetermined	Planned types of RIA
5.	<b>KPI-5</b> Registered RIAs	Registration of RIA	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	N.2 (for the final stage)	-
7.	<b>Minimum sum of points on SRS (Table 1)</b>			The total number of KPI points for all stages of the project, selected according to Table 1, must be no less than the specified value.
	<b>A category Projects</b>	<b>points</b>	<b>495</b>	
	<b>B category Projects</b>	<b>points</b>	<b>270</b>	
<b>Personnel potential</b>				
8.	Composition of the research team	people	4 - 7	
9.	Researchers up to and including 39 years of age	%	50	(including 1 researcher from a third-party organization for

				the position of a researcher for at least a share of a rate 0.5)
10.	Undergraduate and/or graduate students as part of a research team	%	30	

#### 9.4 Rules for KPI fulfillment in project implementation.

##### 9.4.1 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<sup>20</sup>. 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/>) or SCIMago Journal Rank (SJR) metric (<https://www.scimagojr.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.

9.4.1.2 The publications must include 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 No. <R&D project number>,” for publications in Russian: “Публикация выполнена в рамках Проекта <номер темы НИР/НИОКР> Системы грантовой поддержки научных Проектов РУДН”). Omission of the reference to the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System is permitted only if required by the editorial policy of the scientific journal, provided that the publication also does not include references to other sources of support for the research on which the publication is based.

9.4.1.3 To indicate the affiliation of publications to RUDN, use the affiliation: Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University) and/or Peoples Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University), Российский университет дружбы народов, Российский университет дружбы народов имени Патриса Лумумбы. The organization’s address should be listed as: 117198, Moscow, ul. Miklukho-Maklaya, 6; 6 Miklukho-Maklaya St, Moscow, 117198, Russian Federation.

9.4.1.4 The author (co-author) of the publication must be a member of the research team who was included in the team before the date of submission of the publication to the journal. The publication must be submitted to the journal after the date the competition results were finalized.

<sup>20</sup> The list of scientific journals for publishing the results of research carried out within the framework of RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System projects is available at <https://www.rudn.ru/science/library> in the “Incentivizing High-Quality Publications.” section.

#### 9.4.2 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<sup>21</sup> can be considered as attraction of external financing of the project. 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<sup>22</sup>. The head of the grant, indicated as attracting external funding for the project, must be a member of the research team, included in the research 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. The R&D contract must contain an indication of the Project<sup>23</sup>. The head of the contractual R&D indicated as attracting external funding for the Project must be a member of the research team, included in the research 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.

d) Contracts for the provision of scientific and technical services carried out within the framework of the Project implementation, provided that the contract is concluded after the date of the Competition results announcement. The contract for scientific and technical services must include a reference to the Project. The leader under the scientific and technical services contract, indicated as external funding for the Project, must be a member of the research team included in the team before the contract is signed.

#### 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 research team of the project who was included in the research 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.

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<sup>21</sup> 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 MEU funds aimed at the implementation of initiative R&D are not considered.

<sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> For example: For example: "The Customer instructs, and the Contractor undertakes obligations to perform research work in accordance with the requirements and conditions of this Agreement on the topic: "... (hereinafter referred to as "R&D"), **performed as additional financing for the project "name of the Project supported by the Competition"**, or another wording reflecting the connection contractual research with the project, agreed upon by the R&D customer and the relevant services of the RUDN.

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<sup>24</sup> - 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 research team, who was included in the research 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 research team, participation in STE can be replaced by 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.

#### 9.4.5 Project staffing capacity.

9.4.5.1 The project leader is obliged to ensure compliance with the requirements for the composition of the research team in terms of the minimum number of researchers, researchers up to and including 39 years of age, undergraduate and postgraduate students<sup>25</sup>.

9.4.5.2 In case a member(s) of the research team during the project implementation reaches the age of 40 years, the head of the research team (project) decides to change the composition of the team in order to comply with the requirement for the share of researchers up to and including 39 years of age in the team.

9.4.5.3 For students 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 meet the requirement for the number of students and (or) postgraduates in the team (except for the case of continuing studies at the next level of higher education: enrollment in a master's / postgraduate program). In this case, a student / postgraduate student who has completed his/her studies (or expelled) may retain his/her place in the research team in the status of a researcher up to the age of 39 years inclusive.

9.5 Obligations to fulfill KPIs specified in the project are assumed by the MEU and/or RU, on the basis of which the project is implemented, over and above the

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<sup>24</sup> If 2 or more RIAs are registered as a result of the project implementation, the total volume of commercialization is taken into account.

<sup>25</sup> When calculating the number of members of the team, rounding should be performed towards a larger integer. For example: if the total number of members of the research team is 5 people [the proportion of researchers under 39 years of age (70%) equals 3.5], in this case the number of researchers under 39 years of age should be at least 4 people. If the total number of members of the research team is 4 people [the share of undergraduate and/or postgraduate students (40%) equals 1.6], the number of undergraduate and/or postgraduate students should be at least 2 people.

plan established for the relevant MEU and/or RU by the University's Integrated Development Program.

9.6 If KPIs are not fulfilled<sup>26</sup> 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 MEU, on the basis of which the project is implemented, the project is submitted for consideration of the SC.

The amount of the refund in case of non-fulfillment of the KPI is calculated using the formula

$$S_r = (R_{u.i.} \times S_{sum.}) / \Sigma R,$$

where  $S_r$  – the amount of possible refund of the grant funds, in case of non-fulfillment of a specific indicator(s),  $R_{u.i.}$  – the rating of a specific indicator or the summary rating of several unperformed indicators in accordance with the SRS (table 1),  $S_{sum.}$  – the amount of funding allocated by the RUDN for the current stage of realization of the project (p.6.1) in terms of payroll (p.6.4),  $\Sigma R$  – the total rating of KPIs declared in the project.

9.6.1 In case the SC 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 leader addressed to the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research by the decision of the STC and/or SC and/or the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research.

9.7 In case of early termination of the project stage, unfulfilled KPIs of the project shall be included in the MEU and/or RU plan established by the University Comprehensive Development Program, on the basis of which the project is implemented.

## 10. Final Provisions

10.1 Amendments and additions to the competition documentation are accepted by the decision of RUDN STC or SC 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 [grants\\_science@pfur.ru](mailto:grants_science@pfur.ru) with the subject line "Request for clarification of the competition D.2-2026" 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.

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<sup>26</sup> Order No. 535-PPC dd. 30.06.2021 "On the approval of criteria, if not fulfilled, the projects of the RUDN Grant Support System will not be extended to the next stage of implementation, as well as applications for new competitions of the RUDN Grant Support System will be accepted for consideration".



## Form 2: Content of the research project<sup>5</sup>

<b>1. General information on the project</b>
1.1 Project Title
<i>Text</i>
1.2 Keywords
<i>Text</i>
1.3 Area of science and research focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OCED (<a href="http://oecd.org/science/inno/38235147.pdf">http://oecd.org/science/inno/38235147.pdf</a>): <i>specify</i></li> <li>• SNTR priority area: <i>specify</i></li> <li>• GRNTI (<a href="https://grnti.ru/">https://grnti.ru/</a>): <i>specify</i></li> </ul>
1.4 Research direction
Applied / fundamental ( <i>specify appropriate</i> )
1.5 Category of the Project (in accordance with p.1.8 of competition documentation)
A / B ( <i>specify appropriate</i> )
<b>2. Project description</b>
2.1 Purpose of the project
<i>Text (max. 500 characters)</i>
2.2 Project objectives
<i>Text (max. 500 characters)</i>
2.3 Description of the proposed scientific research / development
<i>Text not more than 10000 symbols, with pictures. Describes the relevance of the planned scientific research, its adequacy to the current state of world science, the possibility of obtaining new scientific results, theoretical and practical significance.</i>
2.4. Description of scientific approaches and methods used to solve the set tasks
<i>Text (not more than 5000 symbols)</i>
2.5. Description of the project's scientific background and related scientific results
<i>Text no more than 5000 characters, including literature sources</i>
2.6. Expected results of the scientific study
<i>Text no more than 5000 characters</i> <i>The planned <u>specific scientific results</u> of the project (new scientific knowledge, products, technologies, etc.) must be presented, broken down by project implementation stages. A description of the plan for achieving the project's key performance indicators (KPIs) for each year of implementation must be provided (Form 3 is attached to the justification).</i>
2.7 Scope and Content of Project Activities. Justification of the Requested Funding and Project Expenses.
<i>Text no more than 5000 characters.</i> <i>The section should include a description of the work plan for <u>each year</u> of the project implementation.</i> <i>A justification of the required expenses for each year should also be provided (Form 4, which includes a detailed breakdown of expenses for the <u>first year</u> of the project, is attached as an annex to the justification).</i>
2.8. Состав и квалификация научного коллектива Проекта (в соответствии с п.3 конкурсной документации)
<i>For each member of the scientific team (as a researcher) specify:</i> <i>Full name;</i> <i>Current place of employment and position;</i> <i>Education and specialty, academic degree, academic title;</i>

<sup>5</sup> Предоставляется в электронном виде в формате PDF.

<p><i>Status in the project's scientific team (project leader, responsible executor, staff member); Planned position in the project's scientific team (junior research associate, research associate, senior research associate, leading research associate, principal research associate, laboratory assistant, engineer) with indication of the planned employment rate and type of employment (primary place of work, internal/external part-time, combined positions); Professional level (experience with scientific publications on the project topic, patent registrations, authorship certificates, experience in managing and participating in R&amp;D activities, etc.).</i></p> <p><i>For undergraduate and postgraduate students in the team, if their names are not known at the time of application submission, indicate the planned number in accordance with p.3.2.3 of the CD.</i></p>	
<p>2.9 Name of the proposed host main training (MTU) or research (RU) unit of RUDN (if any) <i>Specified if known at the time of application submission</i></p>	
<p>2.10. Full name of the head of the proposed host main training (MTU) or research (RU) unit of RUDN (if any) <i>Specified if known at the time of application submission</i></p>	
<p>2.11. Equipment/consumables, etc. required for project implementation. <i>A list is provided indicating the approximate cost and the procurement plan specifying during which project phase the equipment acquisition is planned.</i></p>	
<p>« _____ » _____ 2025</p>	<p>Project Manager Full name, signature</p>
<p>To be completed by the head of the hosting academic/research department (if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have been informed about the scientific project submitted for the competition;</li> <li>• In case the project is supported following the results of the competition, I <b>agree / do not agree</b> to host the project at the base of &lt;name of the academic/research department&gt;.</li> </ul> <p>« _____ » _____ 2025</p>	<p>Head of the Academic/Research Department Full name, signature</p>

## Appendices<sup>6</sup>

Form 3: Planned key performance indicators of the project.

Form 4: Draft cost estimate of the main grant funds.

Form 5. Letter of Guarantee on Co-Financing (if applicable).

Consents to the processing of personal data<sup>7</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Scanned original documents signed by the concerned officials/individuals are attached.

<sup>7</sup> Only for project team members who are not employed at RUDN on the date of application (list).

### Form 3: Planned key performance indicators of the project <sup>8</sup>

№ n/a	KPI	Units of measurement	Stages of realization			Manager's comment
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 (Category A projects)	
<b>Scientific work</b>						
1.	<b>KPI-1</b> Publication of articles in WoS/Scopus journals	article				
2.	<b>KPI-2</b> Attracting external financing	Thousand rubles				
3.	<b>KPI-3</b> Approbation of R&D results at international STEs	Participation with publication				
4.	<b>KPI-4</b> Filing an application for RIA registration	Application for registration				
5.	<b>KPI-5</b> Registered RIAs	Registration 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	-			-
<b>Personnel potential</b>						
8.	Composition of the scientific team	people				
9.	Researchers up to and including 39 years of age	people				
10.	Undergraduate and/or graduate students as part of a research team	people				

#### **Project Manager**

Full name

Date

Signature

<sup>8</sup> An original hard copy signed by the project manager is provided.

Indication of KPI values less than the minimum established (including the sum of points) leads to rejection of the application at the stage of preliminary review (see clause 9.3 of the CD).

**Form 4: Draft Estimates of Expenditures of Core Grant Funds <sup>9</sup>**

№ n/a	Object of expenditure	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
		Thousand rubles			
1.	Labor remuneration fund (Total) <sup>10</sup>				
2.	Equipment (acquisition / modernization)				
3.	Consumables and accessories				
4.	Business trips				
5.	Scientific and technical services / works of third-party organizations				
6.	Other costs directly related to the project in progress				
7.	<b>Bottom line:</b>				

**Detailed breakdown of the planned labor costs for members of the research team for the 1st stage (year) of the project implementation:**

№ n/a	Full name, position in the scientific team, share of the bet	Annual Payroll Fund (thousand rubles)
1.		
2.		
...		
<b>Total for the stage</b>		

**Detailed breakdown of the planned expenses for the purchase (modernization) of equipment, materials, components, payment for scientific and technical services/works of third-party organizations, and other expenses directly related to the project for the 1st stage (year) of project implementation:**

№ n/a	Name	Quantity	Price per unit. (thousand rubles)	Amount (thousand rubles)
<b>1. Procurement (modernization) of equipment, materials, components</b>				
1.				
2.				
...				
<b>Total</b>				
<b>2. Travel of members of the scientific team</b>				
1.				
2.				
...				
<b>Total</b>				
<b>3. Payment for scientific and technical services / third-party works and other expenses</b>				
1.				
2.				
...				
<b>Total</b>				
<b>4. Other expenses directly related to the project implementation</b>				
1.				

<sup>9</sup> An original hard copy with the signature of the Project Leader is provided

<sup>10</sup> Including guarantees established by the legislation of the Russian Federation, deductions for insurance contributions for mandatory pension insurance, mandatory medical insurance, mandatory social insurance in case of temporary disability and in connection with maternity, mandatory social insurance against accidents at work and occupational diseases. The average salary of research staff - not less than 200% of the average salary in the city of Moscow

2.				
...				
<b>Total</b>				
5. The amount and justification of the remaining funds from the amount stipulated in clause 6.4 of the tender documentation (if any)				
<b>Project Manager</b>				
Full name				
Date				
Signature				

On the letterhead of the organization <sup>11</sup>

Rector of RUDN University  
Mr. Oleg A. Yastrebov

LETTER OF GUARANTEE

Dear Mr. Yastrebov!

We hereby confirm that \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of the organization)*

- expresses its interest in the results of the project \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ under the leadership of \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(project title as indicated in the application)* *(full name of the Project Leader)*

submitted for the competition for R&D by research teams led by leading scientists (D.2-2026) within the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System;

- in case this project is selected as a winner of the competition, the organization confirms its readiness to provide co-financing in the following amounts:

1st stage \_\_\_\_\_ RUB;  
2nd stage \_\_\_\_\_ RUB;  
3rd stage \_\_\_\_\_ RUB *(if applicable)*.

Information about the organization:

TIN (Taxpayer Identification Number):

PSRN (Primary State Registration Number):

TRRC (Tax Registration Reason Code):

Legal and mailing address:

Phone number:

Type of activity according to OKVED (Russian Classification of Economic Activities):

Head of the Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(position)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(initials and last name)*

Chief Accountant of the Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(position)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(initials and last name)*

Seal

<sup>11</sup> The original hard copy must be submitted, signed by the head of the organization (or an authorized representative with supporting documentation confirming their authority), and stamped with the organization's seal.

### Contest participant questionnaire

PROJECT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION	
Head / responsible executor / other team members (specify necessary)	
Personal data	
Surname First Name Patronymic	
Date of birth	
Citizenship (for persons with a second citizenship, please specify separated by commas)	
Education	
Education, name of university and year of graduation	
Academic degree, name of the university, year of obtaining the degree	
Place of residence	
Country	
Mailing address	
Phone number	
E-mail	
Main place of work/last place of work	
Full name of the organization, years of work	
Position	
Years of work (including up to months)	
Country	
Mailing address	
Phone number	
Fax	
E-mail	
Previous jobs (including internships from / month)	
Full name of the organization, years of work	
Position	
Years of work (including up to months)	
Country	

Mailing address				
Phone number				
Fax				
E-mail				
<b>Profiles in scientific citation databases</b>				
ResearchGate (account link)				
Google Scholar (account link)				
Scopus Author ID (or account link)				
Researcher ID Web of Science				
ORCID ID				
SPIN code of the author in РИИЦ				
<b>Scientific metrics</b>				
Number of publications (total / for the period <b>from 01.01.2021</b> )				
WoS				
Scopus				
РИИЦ (if available)				
Number of citations (total / for the period <b>from 01.01.2021</b> )				
WoS				
Scopus				
РИИЦ (if available)				
Hirsch Index (WoS / Scopus / РИИЦ)				
<b>Scientific achievements and work experience of a member of the scientific team</b>				
<b>1. Scientific achievements of a member of the scientific team</b>				
1.1. Scientific activity of a member of the scientific team, his/her main scientific achievements (list)				
• ...				
• ...				
• ...				
1.2. Prizes and awards of a member of the scientific team (international, state)				
№ n/a	Name of award/award	By whom issued	Year receipts	Achievement for which the prize/award is presented
1.				
2.				
...				

1.3. Key publications on the **direction of the project subject** (not more than 10, separately emphasize articles co-authored by the head and members of the research team) **(for the period from 01.01.2021)**

№ n/a	Edition	Authors (in the order given in the publication)	Title publications	Type of publication	Year, volume, issue	DOI
1.						
2.						
...						

1.4. RIAs and applications for registration of RIAs in the **direction of the project subject** (separately allocate RIAs co-authored by the head and members of the scientific team) **(for the period from 01.01.2021)**

№ n/a	Name of patent, year of issue	Authors (with indication of the patentee)	Output data
1.			
2.			
...			

1.5. Conferences on the **direction of the project subject** **(for the period from 01.01.2021)**

№ n/a	Name of the conference	Place and time	Authors and title of the report	Type of presentation (plenary, regular, oral/poster)
1.				
2.				
...				

1.6. Participation in scientific projects (grants) of Russian and foreign scientific foundations, contractual R&D, fulfillment of R&D under the state assignment **(for the period from 01.01.2021)**

№ n/a	Fund (source of funding)	Project name, project number by fund classification	Years of implementation, amount of financing	Position (executor/manager)
1.				
2.				
...				

1.7 Additional information about yourself

1.8 Need for submission (for manager)

a place in RUDN dormitory or a one-room apartment in RUDN dormitory  
(underscore needed)

1.9. Consent of the invited Russian or foreign member of the scientific team:

I, the undersigned, confirm that I agree with the terms and conditions of participation in this competition, do not claim confidentiality of the scientific materials submitted in the application, and give my consent to the processing of my personal data.

(FULL NAME)

« \_\_\_\_ » \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

ТИПОВАЯ ФОРМА СОГЛАСИЯ  
на обработку персональных данных

Я, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
(далее -Субъект)  
(фамилия, имя, отчество субъекта персональных  
данных)

в соответствии с п. 4 ст. 9 Федерального закона от  
27.07.2006 № 152-ФЗ «О персональных данных»,  
зарегистрирован по адресу:

\_\_\_\_\_  
документ, удостоверяющий личность:

\_\_\_\_\_, (наименование  
документа, №, сведения о дате выдачи документа и  
выдавшем его органе)

(представитель субъекта персональных данных:  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
(фамилия, имя, отчество представителя субъекта  
персональных данных)

Зарегистрирован по адресу:

\_\_\_\_\_  
документ, удостоверяющий личность:

\_\_\_\_\_,  
(наименование документа, №, сведения о дате выдачи  
документа и выдавшем его органе)

Доверенность от "\_\_\_" \_\_\_\_\_ г. № \_\_\_\_\_ (или

реквизиты иного документа, подтверждающего  
полномочия представителя субъекта персональных  
данных)

даю письменное согласие свободно, своей волей и в  
своем интересе, на обработку моих персональных  
данных (далее - ПДн) федеральному  
государственному автономному образовательному  
учреждению высшего образования «Российский  
университет дружбы народов имени Патриса  
Лумумбы» (далее – Университет, Оператор),  
находящемуся по адресу: 117198, г. Москва, ул.  
Миклухо-Маклая, д.6, в том числе совершение  
следующих действий (операций) или совокупности  
действий (операций) с использованием средств  
автоматизации или без использования таких средств с  
персональными данными: сбор, запись,  
систематизацию, накопление, хранение, уточнение  
(обновление, изменение), извлечение, использование,  
передачу (распространение, предоставление, доступ),  
обезличивание, блокирование, удаление,  
уничтожение персональных данных,

в целях исполнения обязательств, полномочий и  
функций, возложенных на Университет  
законодательством об образовании в Российской  
Федерации, трудовым законодательством, иными  
законодательными и нормативными актами, уставом  
Университета, установленных договорами или иными

STANDARD FORM OF CONSENT  
to personal data processing

I \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter  
referred to as the Subject)

(surname, first name, patronymic name of the  
Personal Data Subject)

in accordance with paragraph 4 of article 9 of Federal  
law "On personal data" as of July, 27<sup>th</sup> 2006, No 152-  
FZ,  
registered at the following place of residence:

\_\_\_\_\_  
national identity document:

\_\_\_\_\_,  
(the document type, No, information on the date of  
the document issue and on the authority that issued  
the document)

(Representative of the Personal Data Subject:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(surname, first name, patronymic name of the  
representative of the Personal Data Subject)  
registered at the following place of residence

\_\_\_\_\_  
national identity document:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(the document type, number, information on the date  
of the document issue and on the authority that issued  
the document)

Power of Attorney dated  
\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (or other  
document confirming the powers of the  
Representative of the Personal Data Subject)

**hereby** grant my written consent voluntary, by my  
own free will and in my own interest, on processing  
my personal data (hereinafter referred to as PD) to the  
Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of  
Higher Education "Peoples' Friendship University of  
Russia Named after Patrice Lumumba" (hereinafter  
referred to as the University, the Data Processor),  
located at: 6, Miklukho-Maklay st., 117198, Moscow.  
The PD processing shall include the following actions  
(operations) or the set of actions (operations)  
regarding the Personal Data processing with use of  
automated means or without such means: collection,  
recording, ordering, accumulation, storage,  
adjustment (updating or modifying), retrieval,  
utilization, transfer (dissemination, provision, access),  
de-personalization, blocking, removal, PD erasure.

**The Personal Data processing shall aim** to ensure  
the performance of obligations, powers and functions  
conferred upon the University under the legislation on  
education in the Russian Federation, labor laws, other  
laws and regulations, the University Charter,  
agreements and other transactions, and provide my  
legitimate rights and interests, as well.

законными сделками, а также соблюдения моих законных прав и интересов.

Университет, с моего настоящего согласия, имеет право передавать мои персональные данные, указанные ниже, третьим лицам (Пенсионный фонд, ФСС, ФМС, Налоговые органы, банки (при условии предоставления информации о банке), ФЦТ, ГУП МСР прочие лица) исключительно в целях исполнения обязательств, возложенных на Университет законодательством, договорами, соглашениями и иными законными документами, предусматривающими обеспечение прав и законных интересов субъектов ПДн, в налоговых, финансовых, образовательных и социальных правоотношениях, предоставления льгот и мер социальной поддержки, строго в соответствии с действующим законодательством Российской Федерации.

Перечень персональных данных: Фамилия, Имя, Отчество (при наличии); дата (число, месяц, год) рождения; пол; гражданство; данные документа удостоверяющего личность/паспортные данные (наименование, серия и номер, кем и когда выдан, срок действия); ИНН; адрес регистрации; адрес фактического проживания; номер (студенческий билет, табельный номер, логин и пароль для входа в корпоративную информационную систему, контактные данные: телефон, e-mail); адрес рабочего места; график работы; данные об имеющихся уровнях образования; данные о трудовой деятельности (трудовая книжка); должность; данные об отношении к воинской обязанности; данные о награждении правительственными наградами, присвоении почетных званий, присуждении ученой(ых) степени(ей), присвоении ученого(ых) звания(ий); страховое свидетельство государственного пенсионного страхования (СНИЛС); сведения о составе семьи; семейное положение; фото, кино- и видео изображения Субъекта; оформленные допуски; данные об обучении и истории перемещений (образовательная организация, факультет (институт/пр.), форма обучения, текущий статус, дата зачисления, предполагаемая дата окончания, дата отчисления, дата восстановления, справка об обучении и/или о периоде обучения (академическая справка) и т.д.);

Субъект дает согласие на включение в общедоступные источники информации в рамках функционирования информационных систем обеспечения и мониторинга учебного процесса, трудовых отношений, научной, организационной и финансово-экономической деятельности Университета, иной уставной деятельности.

Субъект согласен с тем, что указанные выше персональные данные будут передаваться с использованием информационно-телекоммуникационной сети «Интернет» третьим лицам, в том числе с использованием трансграничной передачи данных на территории иностранных государств, не обеспечивающих адекватной защиты прав субъектов персональных данных.

The University, under my written Consent shall have the right to transfer my Personal Data to third parties indicated below (

Pension Fund, Social Insurance Fund, the Interior Ministry Directorate General for Migration, tax authorities, banks, given the information about the Bank being provided), Federal Testing Center, State Unitary Enterprise Moscow Social Register, other persons) solely for the purposes to fulfil the obligations conferred upon the University by legislation, treaties, agreements and other legal instruments that ensure the protection of the rights and legitimate interests of Personal Data Subjects through legal aspects of tax, financial, educational, and social relations, benefits and social support provision, strictly in accordance with the current legislation of the Russian Federation.

The Personal Data content: surname, first name, patronymic (if any); date (day, month, year) of birth; sex; citizenship; national identity document data /passport details (type, series and number, when and by what authority it was issued, expiry date); TIN; registration at place of residence; address of actual residence; student ID, employee ID (clock number), login and password for the corporate information system; contact information (telephone, e-mail); the address of the workplace; work schedule; data on education levels; data on employment (employment record book); job position; data on military duty; data on government awards, honorary titles, academic degree (s) and title (s); pension insurance certificate; information about family composition; marital status; photo, filming and video images of the Subject; security clearances; data on training and transfers (educational organization, faculty (institute/etc.), form of education, current status, date of enrollment, expected date of graduation, date of expulsion, date of readmission, certificate on academic studies (on the period of training), etc.

The Subject shall grant the consent for his/her Personal Data inclusion in publicly available sources of information within the information systems operation for providing and monitoring the educational process, labor relations, scientific, organizational, financial and economic activities of the University, and other statutory activities, as well.

The Subject shall grant the consent to his/her PD transfer to third parties via the Internet information telecommunication network including the use of cross-border data transfers on the territory of foreign States that do not provide adequate protection for the rights of Personal Data Subjects.

Данное Соглашение может быть отозвано Субъектом на основании направленного в адрес Оператора письменного заявления в установленном порядке. Субъект предупрежден о последствиях отзыва настоящего Соглашения на обработку персональных данных.

Субъект ознакомлен с действующим Положением о защите, хранении, обработке и передаче персональных данных субъектов персональных данных в Университете и Положением о порядке обработки персональных данных работников Университета.

Субъекту разъяснены юридические последствия отказа предоставлять свои персональные данные в целях осуществления трудовой деятельности/обучения (прохождения подготовки в докторантуре).

Настоящее соглашение действует в течение срока достижения целей обработки персональных данных Субъекта в соответствии с законодательством Российской Федерации, в том числе, в течение срока хранения личного дела Субъекта.

Субъект по письменному запросу имеет право на получение информации, касающейся обработки его Данных.

The Subject may withdraw the Consent provided the written application has been sent to the Data Processor in due course.

The Subject hereby confirms he/she has been informed about the consequences of the Consent on Personal Data processing withdrawal.

The Subject has been made aware of the current Regulations on protection, storage, processing and transfer of Subjects' Personal Data at the University, and of the current Regulation on the University Employees' Personal Data processing.

The Subject has been explained the legal consequences of refusal to provide his/her personal data in order to implement work/training (training in doctoral studies).

The Consent is valid during the period for reaching the purposes of processing Subject's Personal Data in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, including the retention period of the Subject's personal file.

The Subject has the right to obtain information regarding the processing of his/her data upon his/her written request.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(собственноручная подпись Субъекта)  
/\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Subject written signature)  
/\_\_\_\_\_

«\_\_\_» \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 года

\_\_\_\_\_, 2025

**Project evaluation****Name of the project manager/ project title**

Compliance of the scientific team composition with the requirements of pts. 3.3-3.5 of the competition documentation \_\_\_\_\_ (complies / does not comply)

1. Evaluation of the project by experts						
1.1.	Parameters	Score	Evaluation criteria for each expert			
	Expert 1		70-63 - exceptionally high level definitely recommend; 62-55 is a very high level, recommend 54-49 is a fairly high level, recommend; 48-40 is an acceptable level, needs refinement; 39-0 - not to recommend.			
	Expert 2					
	Total under section					
2. Assessment of the potential and scientific background of the team						
	Criteria	Min requirements	Indicator value	Distribution of points per indicator unit	Criterion scores	
2.1.	Number of articles published in journals of the relevant subject area indexed in Web of Science (Article, Review, Letter, Note, Proceeding Paper)/Scopus (Article, Review, Letter, Note, Conference Paper) for 5 years, of which	Set out in clause 3 of the competition documentation				
2.1.1	top 1% WoS/Scopus			1 article = 0.4 points		
2.1.2	top 5% Scopus			1 article = 0.3 points		
2.1.3	top 10% WoS/Scopus			1 article = 0.2 points		
2.1.4	Q1/Q2 WoS/Scopus			1 article = 0.1 points		
2.2	Participation in international STE with WoS/Scopus publication for 5 years					
2.2.1	Q1/Q2				1 STE = 0.1 points	
2.2.2	Q3/Q4/b.c.				1 STE = 0.03 points	
2.3	Registered RIAs for 5 years, of which					
2.3.1	Right to a trade secret (know-how)				1 RIA = 0.01 points	
	Computer program, database, integrated circuit topology,				1 RIA = 0.05 points	
2.3.2	Patent for utility model, industrial design				1 RIA = 0.15 points	
2.3.3	Patent for invention				1 RIA = 0.3 points	
2.3.4	International patent				1 RIA = 0.4 points	
2.4	Prizes (awards) in the area of scientific activity for 5 years			1 unit = 0.1 points		
2.5	Number of citations in WoS / Scopus database for 5 years			1 citation = 0.005 points		
2.6	Participation in competitive R&D (RSF. RFBR, FTP, etc.), or in business contracts R&D for citizens of the Russian Federation for 5 years			1 project = 0.25 points		
2.7	Management of R&D projects (RNF. RFBR, FTP, etc.), or in			1 project = 3 points		

	business contracts R&D for citizens of the Russian Federation <b>for 5 years</b>				
2.8	Work experience in a leading higher education institution / scientific organization (full years) for the last 10 years			1 year = 0.05 points	
Total for section					
3.	<b>Evaluation of the expected results of project implementation</b>				
	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Min requirements</b>	<b>Indicator value</b>	<b>Distribution of points</b>	<b>Number of points by criterion</b>
3.1	WoS/Scopus Publications	see clause 9.3		JIF, SNIP (95%), SJR	
3.1.1	WoS/Scopus Top 1%			1 article = 40 points	
3.1.2	Scopus Top 5%			1 article = 30 points	
3.1.3	WoS/Scopus Top 10%			1 article = 20 points	
3.1.4	Q1 / Q2			1 article = 10 points	
3.2	Registration of RIA				
3.2.1	International patent			1 RIA = 40 points	
3.2.2	Invention			1 RIA = 30 points	
3.2.3	Utility model / industrial design			1 RIA = 15 points	
3.2.4	Computer program / database			1 RIA = 5 points	
3.3	Approbation at the international STE				
3.3.1	with WoS / Scopus publication (Q1/Q2)			1 participation = 10 points	
3.3.2	with WoS / Scopus publication (Q3/Q4/b.c.)			1 participation = 3.3 points	
3.4	Attracting external financing			300 thousand rubles = 10 points	
<b>TOTAL points</b>					

## EXPERT EVALUATION

<b>Applicant</b>	
<b>Project name</b>	
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Score</b>
Relevance of the project topic (including at the international level)	Score (1- 10)
<i>(text - justification of the evaluation, not more than 1000 characters)<sup>1</sup></i>	
Scientific novelty (originality) of the research (project), its theoretical and practical significance	Score (1- 10)
<i>(text - rationale for evaluation, no more than 1000 characters, includes evaluation:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>the level of scientific significance and relevance of the project topic;</i></li> <li>○ <i>the scale and complexity of the tasks set;</i></li> <li>○ <i>the degree of scientific novelty of the research;</i></li> <li>○ <i>authors' possession of information about the current state of research on the subject of the project;</i></li> <li>○ <i>proposed methods and approaches.</i></li> <li>○ <i>possibilities of practical use of the planned project results in the economy and social sphere;</i></li> <li>○ <i>compliance and completeness of the work plan with the project objectives.)</i></li> </ul>	
Matching the level of research and expected results of the project to the world level	Score (1- 10)
<i>(text - rationale for evaluation, no more than 1000 characters, includes evaluation:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>compliance of the expected results with the world level of research;</i></li> <li>○ <i>contribution of the project results in case of its successful implementation to the solution of specific tasks of the chosen scientific direction from the S&amp;T Development Strategy of the Russian Federation.)</i></li> </ul>	
Compliance of the proposed approaches and methods of the planned research with the project goal and objectives	Score (1- 10)
<i>(text - rationale for evaluation, no more than 1000 characters, includes evaluation:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>the likelihood that the project will be successful and deliver the planned results;</i></li> <li>○ <i>publications and other means of publicizing project results).</i></li> </ul>	
The qualifications of the project manager and scientific team correspond to the set goal and objectives of the project	Score (1- 10)
<i>(text - rationale for evaluation, no more than 1000 characters, includes evaluation:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>publication activity;</i></li> <li>○ <i>practical and educational activities in the stated area of research;</i></li> <li>○ <i>experience in leading and executing research projects;</i></li> <li>○ <i>the manager's ability to manage the project;</i></li> <li>○ <i>adequacy of selection of specialists of the scientific team.)</i></li> </ul>	
Relevance of the scientific and technical background to the objectives of project implementation	Score (1- 10)
<i>(text - rationale for evaluation, no more than 1000 characters, includes evaluation:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>availability of material and technical facilities;</i></li> </ul>	

<sup>1</sup> In these cells, the expert provides a written rationale for his or her ballpark score for the section of the expert report.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>use of collective use centers and unique installations and stands, information and other resources in project implementation;</i></li> <li>○ <i>the adequacy of the resources utilized to carry out the project;</i></li> <li>○ <i>feasibility of proposals for the purchase of equipment, as well as on planned business trips (expeditions) for project implementation. )</i></li> </ul>	
Assessment of the project potential (including market potential) and risks of its realization.	Score (1- 10)
<i>rationale for the assessment, not to exceed 1,000 characters, includes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>the reasonableness of the amount of funding requested from RUDN;</i></li> <li>○ <i>the amount of external financing to be raised;</i></li> <li>○ <i>commercial prospects for the use of the project results;</i></li> </ul> <i>potential consumers of the product created using the project results, competitiveness of the product created using the project results, experience in commercialization of the results.</i>	
The expert's conclusions (review - conclusion indicating the strengths and weaknesses of the project).	Final score (sum)
<i>(text - justification)</i>	
Summary	<i>Support / refuse support</i>
<i>(text - expert conclusion)</i>	

- 10 - exceptionally high level, definitely recommend
- 8-9 - very high level, recommend
- 6-7 - high enough level, recommend
- 4-5 - acceptable level, requires improvement
- 1-3 - not to recommend

I hereby confirm that during the evaluation of this Project, a conflict of interest has been excluded and the confidentiality of the materials under consideration has been preserved.

EXPERT

*position*

date

*NAME*  
signature

## Text of the announcement on the RUDN website

- **Organizer:** RUDN;
- **Direction:** science;
- **Format:** competition;
- **Type:** international;
- **Title:** Competition for R&D by scientific teams led by leading scientists (D.2-2026).
- **Submissions:** until 6:00 p.m. on 09/15/2025.
- **Place:** 10 Miklukho-Maklaya str. 10 bldg.2, office 821, Moscow.
- **Contact person:** Andrei Melnikov, e-mail: [grants\\_science@pfur.ru](mailto:grants_science@pfur.ru), in the subject line indicate "Application for the competition D.2-2026 <Abbreviated full name of the project manager>";
- **Brief note:** Detailed information about the competition can be found in the competition documentation and the Regulations on the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System.

### About the event

**The aim of the competition:** attracting leading world-class scientists with work experience in leading Russian and foreign universities and scientific organizations to conduct R&D on the basis of RUDN as leaders of scientific teams.

Scientific research (project) should be aimed at solving specific problems within the framework of one of the directions defined in paragraph 21 of the Strategy for Scientific and Technological Development of the Russian Federation (approved by Presidential Decree No. 145 of February 28, 2024 "О Стратегии научно-технологического развития Российской Федерации"), allowing to obtain significant scientific and scientific and technical results, to create national high-tech technologies.

The requirements for the contest participants, the content of applications (scientific projects), the procedure for expert evaluation of applications, the conditions of financing and implementation of supported projects, as well as the definition of performance indicators are set out in the competition documentation.

### Information:

- Competitive documentation (download);
- Application form - content of the scientific project (download);
- Questionnaire of the project participant (download);
- Согласие на обработку персональных данных / Consent to personal data processing (скачать);
- Regulations on the RUDN Scientific Projects Grant System (download).