



**PROGRAMME**  
**on Co-operation in Science and Technology**  
**between**  
**The Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia**  
**and**  
**The Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the**  
**Republic of Armenia**

The Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation (SRNSFG) and the Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties").

recognizing the importance of science and technology in the development of their national economies.

wishing to strengthen and develop scientific and technological cooperation on the basis of Memorandum of Understanding between SRNSFG and the Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia (MoU) signed on 20 October 2022,

agreed to cooperate as follows:

**Article 1**

**Preamble**

The Parties shall encourage and support co-operation in the field of science and technology between research entities, universities and research institutes of Georgia and Armenia according to the provisions of this Programme and the existing legislation and regulations of each country.

## **Article 2**

### **Forms of cooperation**

The co-operation will have the following forms in particular:

- 2.1. Implementation of joint research and development projects including exchange of research results and exchange of scientists and specialists;
- 2.2. Cooperation under EU programmes such as “Horizon Europe” and “Erasmus +”.
- 2.3. Other forms of scientific and technological co-operation which may be mutually agreed upon, including joint participation in the international science and technology programmes.

## **Article 3**

### **Areas of Mutual Interest**

Considering priority objectives for their respective countries, the Parties will develop cooperation in the following fields of common interest:

- a) Natural Sciences
- b) Engineering and Technology
- c) Medical and Health Sciences
- d) Agricultural Sciences
- e) Social Sciences and Humanities (special emphasis on Armenian studies and Georgian studies)

Other areas of interest may be included by mutual written consent.

## **Article 4**

### **Joint Research and Development Projects**

In accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of the MoU, the joint research and development projects will be implemented as follows:

- 4.1. The Parties will publish simultaneously a Call for Proposals once in two years.

4.2. Project proposals have to provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the composition of each research team and the intended time schedule.

4.3. Project proposals prepared in English using the special "Project Proposal Form for Joint Research and Development Projects" (Annex) should be submitted for evaluation and approval simultaneously to the SRNSFG and The Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia. Proposals will be independently evaluated and approved by each of the two Parties, following their own rules and regulations, and only those proposals which are approved by two Parties will be supported. The execution period of a joint research project will be two years. The total duration of visits in one direction of a specific project should not be more than two months a year.

4.4. Each Party sets its own rules for the reporting of scientific visits.

4.5. Reporting on Joint Research and Development Projects shall be made in compliance with internal rules and regulations of the Parties- Within two months after completion of the execution period, Final Report presenting the work carried out and the results obtained, will be prepared in English jointly by the two research teams and submitted to SRNSFG and The Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia.

4.6. Funding of Joint Research and Development Projects may cover expenses for exchange and research and will be made in compliance with the internal rules and regulations of the Parties. It is desirable but not essential to fund the two sides equally.

## **Article 5**

### **Financial Support**

5.1. The number of supported projects will be decided on the basis of budget availability of both Parties.

5.2. The financial conditions for the approved joint research projects shall be as follows: the Parties will annually provide up to 5000 USD (in equivalent AMD and GEL) for each project.

5.3. Travel (international and domestic), accommodation and per diem costs for participants shall be borne by the sending Party.

## **Article 6**

### **Dissemination of Resulting Information**

6.1. Scientific and technological results and any other information derived from the cooperation activities under this Programme, will be shared, announced, published or commercially exploited with the written consent of both cooperating partners and according to the international agreements concerning intellectual property rights to which both Parties are signatories.

6.2. Scientists, specialists and institutions of the third countries or international organizations may be invited, upon written consent of the both cooperating partners, to participate in projects and programmes being carried out under this Programme. The cost of such participation shall normally be borne by third countries, unless both sides agree otherwise in writing.

## **Article 7**

### **Implementation and Legal Aspects**

7.1 This Programme is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Parties and does not constitute an agreement binding upon the States of the Parties under international law. No provision of this Programme shall be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Parties.

7.2. Any disputes related to the interpretation or implementation of this Programme shall be settled through consultations between the Parties.

7.3. With respect to the co-operation activities established under this Programme, each Party shall take, in accordance with its laws and regulations, all necessary measures to ensure the best possible conditions for their implementation.

7.4. This Programme shall not affect the validity or execution of any obligation arising from other international treaties or agreements concluded by either Party.

7.5. This Programme may be amended at any time through mutual consent of the parties, in writing.

## Article 8

### Initiation and Termination

8.1. This Programme will enter into force on the date when it is signed by both Parties.

8.2. This Programme will remain in force for a period of five years and shall automatically be renewed for further periods of five years, unless either Party notifies in writing its intentions to terminate this Programme.

8.3. The termination will come into effect in six months from the receiving date of the written notification. The termination of this Programme shall not affect the projects or programmes undertaken under this Programme and not fully executed at the time of the termination of this Programme.

Done on June <sup>7</sup>-----, 2023, in two original copies, each in English, Armenian and Georgian, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretations the English text will prevail.

For

**Shota Rustaveli National Science  
Foundation of Georgia**

**Erekle Astakhishvili**

For

**The Science Committee of Ministry of  
Education, Science, Culture and Sports  
of the Republic of Armenia**

**Sargis Hayotsyan**

<b>The Science Committee of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia</b>	<b>MESCSSC- SRNSFG Call 2023 Project Proposal</b>	<b>The Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia</b>
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<b>Project title:</b>	
<b>Research area:</b>	
<b>Nature and type of research:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fundamental</li> <li>• applied</li> <li>• theoretical</li> <li>• empirical</li> </ul>	
<b>Keywords:</b>	
<b>Project coordinator:</b>	<b>Project Co-coordinator:</b>
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
<b>Surname:</b>	<b>Surname:</b>
<b>Middle name:</b>	<b>Middle name:</b>
<b>Institution:</b>	<b>Institution:</b>
<b>The number of members of the research group:</b>	<b>The number of members of the research group:</b>
<b>Salary amount:</b>	
<b>Overhead costs:</b>	
<b>Required total amount:</b>	
<b>Project coordinator's signature:</b>	
<b>Signature of the head of institution:</b>	

## **PROJECT**

Submit the Proposals in English up to 12 pages including graphs, drawings, photographs and the list of References

### **1. Annotation**

### **2. Review on the Current State of Knowledge about the Research Problem**

### **3. Project Aims and Objectives**

### **4. Research project**

### **5. Means of Implementation; Methods**

### **6. Calendar plan**

### **7. Achievements of the Group in the given field, available and necessary material resources**

### **8. The Current State of the Collaboration between the Research Teams and the Expected Results**

### **9. Quantitative and Qualitative Indicators of the Expected Results (publications, conferences, use of innovative capacity (technological investment, demonstration sample, prototype, etc), management of intellectual property (patent, copyright, etc))**

### **10. References**

## INFORMATION ABOUT PROJECT COORDINATOR

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Published	The number of scientific articles
	monographs (number)
Scientific articles published in 2018-2023 (authors, title, journal, year, volume, pages) (No more than 10)	1)
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	<i>(add additional lines if necessary)</i>
Received foreign grants	1)
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## INFORMATION ABOUT TEAM MEMBER

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Qualification (graduated specialist, master's degree)	
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# COST ESTIMATE

Project code \_\_\_\_\_

1. SALARIES ( including income tax)						
First name/Last name/ Middle name	2024			2025		
	Monthly amount	Number of months	Required amount	Monthly amount	number of months	required amount
1)		12			12	
2)		12			12	
3)		12			12	
4)		12			12	
<b>Total:</b>						
2. OTHER EXPENSES, including (all costs should be justified in the budget narrative)						
2.1. EQUIPMENTS, MATERIALS AND SERVICES				2024	2025	
1)						
2)						
...						
<b>Total:</b>						
2.2 MOBILITY				2024	2025	
1)						
2)						
...						
<b>Total:</b>						
2.3. OVERHEAD EXPENSES				2024	2025	
BUDGET NARRATIVE (up to 500 words)						
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED				2024	2025	

Project coordinator \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Name/ Last name)

Head of Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Name/Last name)

Chief Accountant of Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Name/Last name)