CALL FOR PROPOSALS
INCOMING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM 2024/2

For Establishing Research Groups and Developing Professional Careers in Research Institutions of the Republic of Armenia
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(INTEGRATION GRANT)”

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Call for Proposals

1.1. The Call for Proposals “Incoming Research Fellowship Program 2024/2 (Integration Grant)”, (hereinafter ‘Call for Proposals’) is carried out in accordance with the Order № 308-Ա/2 dated March 5, 2024, issued by the Minister of Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter ‘Minister’).

1.2. The Call for Proposals is organized by the Higher Education and Science Committee of the Ministry of Science, Education, Culture, and Sports of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter ‘Committee’), being guided by the Order for Contractual (Thematic) Funding of Scientific and Technical Activity established by the RA Government Decision №1122 dated November 17, 2001.

1.3. The Call for Proposals aims to establish new scientific subdivisions in prospective and cutting-edge research areas under the supervision of foreign scientists under the umbrella of the organizations carrying out a program within the framework of basic funding for scientific and technical activities from the state budget of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter ‘Organization’).

1.4. The Call for Proposals covers all research fields of scientific and technical activities (listed in Annex №2.1).

1.5. The procedure of the present Call implies submitting an application (hereinafter ‘Application’), which shall include the description of the scientific project (hereinafter ‘Project’) and other supporting documents/data.

1.6. The submitted Project (Annex №2.2) shall be ambitious, competitive, promising, and feasible.

1.7. The publications presented within the current Call for Proposals shall be indexed in international scientific databases (“Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE)”, “Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI)”, “Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)”, “Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)”), or published as a book chapter/paper in a scientific periodical issued by a publisher indexed in the Web of Science Book Citation Index, or published in periodicals listed in the portal “SCImago Journal & Country Ranking” with an at
least Q4 index, and an equivalent of an at least Q2 SJR (SCImago Journal Rank) indicator (hereinafter ‘International Scientific Database’ or ‘ISD’) for conference proceedings. As for the Monograph/Collective Monograph/ Scientific Work (hereinafter ‘Monograph’), it shall consist of at least 5 author’s sheets and be issued by one of the publishers included in the “Web of Science Book Citation Index”.

1.8. The terms of the Call for Proposals shall define the application procedure, the stages, and criteria of Application evaluation, as well as funding and reporting procedures for the selected Projects.

2. Purpose

2.1. The purposes of the present Call for Proposals are as follows:
- Foster domestic and international collaboration;
- Increase the scientific and technical capacity of the respective hosting Organization;
- Involve researchers from the Diaspora and overseas;
- Engage young researchers and PhD students;
- Promote the integration of young scientists into the international research area;
- Improve the scientific environment;
- Create new, competitive, and prospective scientific subdivisions;
- Strengthen the impact of research on socioeconomic development;
- Improve competitiveness in science.

3. Timeframes

3.1. The Projects approved for funding shall be carried out within 60 months.

3.2. The submission deadline for the Call for Proposals via the Online Application System is June 14, 2024, 18:00, Yerevan time (GMT+4).

3.3. The deadline for the submission of the paper-based documents to the Committee is June 21, 2024.

3.4. Contracts shall be signed within 10 days after the announcement of the results of the Call.

3.5. Implementation Reports shall be submitted by the last working day of every 12th month since the commencement of the Project.

3.6. The Project shall commence and be implemented within the timeframes specified in the Contract.

4. Group

4.1. The Project is developed and implemented by a group of 2-5 researchers (hereinafter ‘Group’) consisting of a principal investigator from abroad (hereinafter ‘PI’) and group members.

4.2. The members of the Group can hold any citizenship.
4.3. The PI and the members of the Group should be either citizens or residents of the Republic of Armenia and reside in Armenia during the whole implementation of the Project.

4.4. The Group shall have a Foreign Partner or Collaborator (hereinafter ‘Collaborator’).

4.5. The Group shall be represented only by the PI.

5. The PI

5.1. The Application shall be submitted by the PI of the Group.

5.2. The PI of the Group shall:

- be born after January 1, 1974;
- have received a scientific degree after January 1, 2004;
- neither have studied nor worked in the Republic of Armenia for a cumulative period of 12 months during the last 4 years by the announcement of the Call.

5.3. The PI of the Group shall be either a citizen or a resident of the Republic of Armenia and reside in Armenia during the whole implementation of the Project.

5.4. The PI of the Group shall have publications in the particular research field published during the last 5 years (2019-2024) which meet the following criteria:

*For research fields #1-5 (NS, ET, MS, AS, and SS) listed in Annex 2.1:*

- 4 ISD-indexed publications;
- or have an h-index (Hirsch) of at least 10, according to the SCOPUS Scientific Database (https://www.scopus.com/freelookup/form/author.uri).

*For research field #6 (AH) listed in Annex 2.1:*

- 2 ISD-indexed publications;
- or 1 Monograph.

*For the specialties included in Research Field #6, 1 Monograph is tantamount to 4 ISD-indexed publications.*

5.5. If any of the submitted publications are included in Beall’s list (https://beallslist.net/) of predatory and fraud publications or journals, the Professional Expertise Board established for the evaluation of the Applications (hereinafter ‘Board’) shall decide on further admissibility of the Application for scientific expertise.

5.6. The PI is responsible for the formation of the Group and the successful implementation of the Project.

6. Group Members

6.1. The members of the Group can be both citizens of the Republic of Armenia or hold any other citizenship.

6.2. The members of the Group should be either citizens or residents of the Republic of Armenia, as well as reside in Armenia during the whole implementation of the Project.

6.3. The Group shall contain:
- at least 3 Group Members (including the PI) for research fields #1-5 listed in Annex 2.1,
- at least 2 Group Members (including the PI) for research field #6 listed in Annex 2.1.

6.4. At least 2 Group Members shall be born after January 1, 1989. Undergraduate students who are in their third year or above are eligible.

The age threshold of the Group Members can be extended in the following cases:
- in the case of military service - for 2 years;
- in the case of parental leave - for 1 year for each child.

6.5. For research fields #1-4 (listed in Annex 2.1), Group Members can be first-year undergraduate students majoring in the fields related to the scientific and technical field of the Project and awarded at least a 3rd-level diploma at the republican-level School Subject Olympiad in their 11th and 12th school grade.

6.6. At least one of the young Group Members shall not be involved in any program funded within the basic funding of scientific and technical activities from the state budget of Armenia.

6.7. Group Members (including the PI) shall not be involved in more than one Application within the present Call for Proposals and shall not be among the recipients of the following grants:
- “Support Program for Advanced Research”;
- “Starting Grant for Research Groups and Consolidator Grant for Laboratories (Subdivisions) - 2021”;
- “Starting Grant for Research Groups and Consolidator Grant for Laboratories (Subdivisions) - 2023”;
- “Incoming Research Fellowship Program – 2022 (Integration Grant)”;
- “Incoming Research Fellowship Program – 2023 (Integration Grant)”;
- “Incoming Research Fellowship Program - 2023/2(Integration Grant)”;
- “Incoming Research Fellowship Program – 2024 (Integration Grant)”;
- “Adjunct Research Professorship Program (Remote Laboratory) - 2022”;
- “Adjunct Research Professorship Program (Remote Laboratory) - 2023”.

7. Foreign Partner (Collaborator)

7.1. The Group shall have a Foreign partner (Collaborator).

7.2. The Collaborator of the Group shall:
- hold a scientific degree;
- carry out research activities in any foreign research institution in the Project-related field.

7.3. The Collaborator of the Group shall have an h-index (Hirsch) of at least 15, according to the SCOPUS Scientific Database (https://www.scopus.com/freelookup/form/author.uri), for research fields #1-4 listed in Annex 2.1, and at least a 3 h-index for research fields #5-6
listed in Annex 2.1, or at least 8 ISD-indexed publications in the particular research field published during the last 5 years.

7.4. The Collaborator shall not be regarded as a member of the Group, and no remuneration shall be envisaged for their activities.

7.5. The Collaborator shall provide the PI of the Group with their academic CV and a Confirmation Letter restating their awareness of the Project content, the scope of their responsibilities, envisaged joint events (scientific experiments, meetings, and seminars), as well as their consent to their involvement in research activities.

7.6. At least one of the publications published as an output of the Project shall list the Collaborator as a co-author.

7.7. During the whole period (60 months) of the Project implementation, the Collaborator must spend a cumulative period of no less than 25 days annually at the hosting Organization in the Republic of Armenia, as well as host Group Members in their respective foreign scientific institution for a cumulative period of no less than 25 days.

7.8. The Collaborator shall not be involved in more than one Application under the present Call.

8. Organization Eligibility

8.1. The Organization shall be among those implementing the program funded within the basic funding of scientific and technical activities from the state budget of the Republic of Armenia.

8.2. The Organization shall provide access to its infrastructure and equipment.

8.3. The Organization shall support the implementation of the Project.

8.4. The Organization must provide the PI with the scientific board conclusion of the Organization (or, in the case of higher education institutions, that of a particular department) regarding the Project's relevance, importance, and correspondence to the Organization's scope of activities.

8.5. The Organization shall include the PI of the Group in a program of basic funding of scientific and technical activities at least throughout the completion of the Project.

8.6. By the 24th month of the implementation of the Project, a new scientific subdivision (group, laboratory, department) shall be established under the umbrella of the Organization within the basic funding of scientific and technical activities, ensuring the involvement of the PI (Head of the Subdivision) and Group Members (Employees of the Subdivision). The total workload of the employees involved in the Project shall comprise no less than 120 hours per week (3 Full-time Equivalent, FTE).

8.7. The Head of the Organization provides the PI with a reference letter confirming their awareness of the conditions of the Call and expressing their readiness to allocate the financial resources from the basic funding of the Organization to comply with the provisions specified in Subparagraphs 8.5 and 8.6 of the present Call.
8.8. The Head of the Organization covers the expenses aimed at creating necessary conditions for the implementation of the Project at the expense of financial resources envisaged in the “Overhead Costs” subsection of the “Other Expenses” section of the Financial Estimate (hereinafter ‘Estimate’).

8.9. The equipment, materials, and services necessary for the implementation of the Project shall be purchased in the manner prescribed by the RA Law “On Procurements” in conformity with the regulations of public-needs-oriented procurements.

8.10. The equipment and devices purchased shall be included in the balance sheet of the Organization, and the right of disposal thereof shall belong to the Organization, including subsequent use thereof for statutory purposes, i.e., for carrying out research activities.

8.11. A Contract shall be signed between the Organization, the Committee, and the PI of the Project for the use of the amounts of financial assistance provided by the state in the form of a grant for the implementation of contractual projects of scientific and technical activities (hereinafter ‘Contract’).

9. Expected Results

9.1. By the 35th month since the commencement of the Project, the Group Members shall present the following publications with an indication of the Organization as the author’s affiliation and containing the note stipulated in Subparagraph 9.5. of the Call.

- For research fields #1-5 (listed in Annex 2.1):
  - At least 4 ISD-indexed publications;
- For research field #6 (listed in Annex 2.1):
  - At least 2 ISD-indexed publications;
  - Or 1 Monograph.

9.2. In the case of failure to comply with the provisions of Subparagraph 9.1. of the Call by the 35th month since the commencement of the Project, it may be decided to terminate the funding of the Project upon the conclusion of the Board.

9.3. After the completion of the Project (for an overall period of 60 months), the Group Members shall present the following publications with an indication of the Organization as the author’s affiliation and containing the funding acknowledgment statement as outlined in Subparagraph 9.5. of the Call.

- For research fields #1-5 (listed in Annex 2.1):
  - A minimum of 10 ISD-indexed publications, at least 2 of which shall be in Q1 journals and another 2 - in Q2 journals.
- For research field #6 (listed in Annex 2.1):
  - A minimum of 5 ISD-indexed publications, at least 2 of which shall be in Q1 journals and another 2 - in Q2 journals.
  - Or 2 Monographs.
For the specialties included in Research Field #6, 1 Monograph is tantamount to 4 ISD-indexed publications.

9.4. In at least 5 publications produced as an output of the Project for research fields #1-5 listed in Annex 2.1, and at least 3 publications for research field #6 listed in Annex 2.1, the PI shall be either the first, the last, or the corresponding author, or credited in any equivalent capacity. At least one of the publications published as an output of the Project shall involve the Collaborator as a co-author.

9.5. In all publications produced as an output of the Project, it is necessary to indicate the funding received from the Committee as follows:

*This work was supported by the Higher Education and Science Committee of RA (Research Project № _____)*

Attention: Without the aforementioned notes, the publication shall not be considered as a Project Output and, therefore, shall not be included in the report.

9.6. As an output of the Project, the Group is expected to apply for an international grant (at least one submitted grant). The grant budget for research fields #1-5 should amount to at least AMD 25,000,000; for research field #6 - at least 15,000,000 AMD.

9.7. Within the frames of the Project’s implementation, all Group Members are expected to ensure the creation and dissemination of popular science materials about the Project or their particular field of science (interviews, publications in popular science journals, creation, and distribution of video materials, organization of discussions for general audience, etc.). The Board shall consider these dissemination efforts when evaluating and accepting the Project’s final report.

9.8. Both successful compliance and noncompliance with the provisions of Subparagraphs 9.1., 9.3. and 9.4. shall respectively affect the evaluation score of the future applications submitted by the Group Members to the upcoming Call for Proposals announced by the Committee. Particularly, the amount of 5 percent of the final evaluation score shall be subtracted from (in the case of noncompliance) or added to (in the case of compliance) the evaluation score of the applications submitted in the future with the involvement of PI (irrespective of their future capacity), and the amount of 1 percent of the final evaluation score - for the future applications with the involvement of each Group Member. The score shall be affected by a maximum amount of 5 percent of the total score. The reduction of the final expertise score of future applications submitted by the Group Members for subsequent Calls for Proposals shall cease to apply once the Committee is duly notified about the compliance with the provisions of Subparagraphs 9.1. and 9.3.
II. PROCEDURE FOR COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

10. Submission of the Application and Supporting Documents

10.1. The Application shall be filled in and submitted by the PI via the Online Application System [https://irf-armenia-2024.hesc.am/](https://irf-armenia-2024.hesc.am/). The Application deadline for the Call for Proposals is June 14, 2024, 18:00, Yerevan time (GMT+4).

10.2. The following paper-based documents shall be presented to the Committee after online submission:

- PI’s application letter (Annex 2.3);
- Estimate;
- the scientific board’s conclusion of the host Organization (or the university faculty), which shall contain information regarding the Project’s relevance, importance, and correspondence to the Organization’s scope of activities;
- a confirmation letter by the Head of the host Organization under Subparagraphs 8.5. and 8.6. of the present Call;
- for those Group Members who are undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students, references from their universities are required with an indication of specialty and the year of study;
- the copies of diplomas envisaged under Subparagraphs 5.2. of the present Call;
- the academic CVs of the Group Members,
- the academic CV and the Confirmation Letter of the Collaborator.

10.3. Other documents may be required if necessary.

10.4. By June 21, 2024, a representative of the Organization (Scientific Secretary or another authorized person) shall submit to the Committee all the required paper-based documents of the Applications submitted from their Organization in one package, accompanied with a letter by the Head of the host Organization under Annex 2.4. (22 Orbeli Brothers St., 9th floor, 906 room).

10.5. Should there be any further inquiries regarding the Call for Proposals, please contact the relevant department of the Committee at scexpert@hesc.am or by dialing +37410210140/108.

Attention: The Committee shall consider only those applications that are submitted via the online system. The applications that have not been submitted in accordance with the aforementioned procedure or deadlines shall not be considered.

11. Estimate

11.1. The Estimate consists of two sections: “Remuneration” and “Other Costs”. The “Other Costs” section includes “Equipment, Materials and Services”, “Travels”, “Consolidation of Group/Laboratory”, and “Overhead Costs” subsections.
11.2. The maximum amount of funding for the whole duration of the Project is as follows: AMD 148,000,000, AMD 125,000,000, AMD 102,000,000, and AMD 79,000,000 for 5-, 4-, 3- and 2-member Groups, respectively. In the case of the PI’s relocation to the Republic of Armenia with family member(s) – the maximum amount of funding shall be AMD 157,000,000, AMD 134,000,000, AMD 111,000,000, and AMD 88,000,000 for 5-, 4-, 3- and 2-member Groups, respectively.

11.3. For the “Remuneration” section of the Estimate the following gross amounts shall be considered:

- The maximum monthly salary for the PI shall be AMD 600,000 gross, and in the case of their relocation to the Republic of Armenia with family member(s) - AMD 750,000 gross;
- The advisable average monthly salary of the Group Members (excluding that of the PI) shall be AMD 300,000 gross.

11.4. If the total remuneration is less than the above-mentioned amount, the surplus can be used in the “Other Costs” section of the Estimate.

11.5. No remuneration is envisaged for the Collaborator of the Group.

11.6. For the “Equipment, Materials, and Services”, “Travels”, and “Overhead Costs” subsections of the “Other Costs” section of the Estimate, an amount of AMD 25,000,000, AMD 20,000,000, AMD 15,000,000, and AMD 10,000,000 for a total of 60 months shall be considered for 5-, 4-, 3- and 2-member Groups, respectively. The amount of funding envisaged for those costs can be increased at the expense of the surplus mentioned in Subparagraph 11.4.

11.7. The expenses for purchasing scientific equipment, materials, and services necessary for the research may be envisaged under the “Equipment, Materials, and Services” subsection of the “Other Costs” section of the Estimate. A contract for services may be signed only with legal entities upon the consent of the Committee.

11.8. The purchase of scientific equipment shall not be envisaged for the last year of the Project implementation.

11.9. The costs for the implementation process and presentation of the proceedings of the Project at international conferences and mutual visits of the Collaborator and the Group Members may be envisaged under the “Travel” subsection of the “Other Costs” section of the Estimate.

11.10. When calculating daily and accommodation costs of the study visits, it is necessary to be guided by the Decree of the Government of the Republic of Armenia №2335-Ն dated December 29, 2005.

11.11. An amount of AMD 15,000,000 may be allocated to the improvement of the laboratory/group infrastructure and other Project-related costs for the first 12 months
under the “Consolidation of Group/Laboratory” subsection of the “Other Costs” section of the Estimate.

11.12. Up to AMD 2,500,000 may be requested within a period of 60 months under the “Overhead Costs” subsection of the “Other Costs” section of the Estimate.

11.13. All subsections of the Estimate shall be justified in the Budget Estimate Narrative.

11.14. Justification and distribution of the Estimate may be amended upon the recommendation of the Board and the consent of the PI.

III. APPLICATION CONSIDERATION AND EVALUATION

12. Conformity of Applications to the Terms of the Call

12.1. The Committee shall consider the following circumstances:
- Compliance of the submitted Applications with the terms of the Call;
- Whether the Application contains publications included in Beall’s list (https://beallslist.net/) of fake and predatory publishers or journals.

12.2. The Application shall not be considered if:
- it does not contain all the required documentation;
- it does not meet the Call’s criteria;
- its content is identical to one of the research projects funded, currently or previously, from the state budget of the Republic of Armenia.

12.3. The results of the examination shall be provided to the Board members.

12.4. The Board shall consider and approve the list of Applications subject to Scientific Expertise.

12.5. The PIs of the Groups whose Applications do not meet the criteria specified in the Call shall be duly notified about not being shortlisted for the Scientific Expertise stage.

13. Scientific Expertise

13.1. The Board, in cooperation with the Committee, shall elaborate and approve the evaluation sheets and the procedure for the first and second stages of Scientific Expertise of Applications.

13.2. Pursuant to the provisions of the RA Law “On Scientific and Technical Expertise”, the Committee, the Board, or the experts shall be prohibited from providing any information regarding the Applications’ content, Scientific Expertise process, and the results thereof to a third party.
14. **The 1st Stage of Scientific Expertise**

14.1. During the 1st Stage of Scientific Expertise, the **Board** shall consider the Extensive Summary (Annex 2.5) of the **Project**, the PI’s track record, their academic **CVs**, and the **Organization’s** and **Collaborator’s** compatibility with the **Project’s** purposes. Subsequently, based on the Board members’ consensus, the shortlist of eligible applications for the next stage of Scientific Expertise shall be formed.

14.2. The **PIs** of the groups that have not been shortlisted as a result of the 1st Stage of Scientific Expertise shall be duly notified.

15. **The 2nd Stage of Scientific Expertise**

15.1. At the 2nd Stage of Scientific Expertise, the following aspects of the **Application** shall be evaluated by the Experts: the **Project** (Annex №2.2), the current state of research on the topic, relevance and prospects, the implementation feasibility at the **Organization**, compatibility with the research trends in the particular area, the validity of the scope and timespan of the **Project**, significance of the international cooperation, the qualifications and professional compliance of the PI, the **Collaborator**, and the **Group Members** in terms of the **Project** objectives, the disposal and dissemination of scientific results, **Estimate** justification, as well as other issues related to the peculiarities of the current **Call**. At this stage, the Board shall also conduct interviews with the **PIs of the Groups**.

15.2. The **Application** shall be reviewed by at least 2 independent experts. A **Board Member** is also entitled to act as an independent expert.

15.3. For each **Application**, the expert shall fill out the Expert Evaluation Sheet.

15.4. The maximum score of the Interview shall not exceed 50% of the maximum evaluation score of the **Application**.

15.5. If the scores of two experts differ by 30 percent or more from the maximum evaluation score of scientific expertise, the **Application** shall be subject to further examination by a third expert.

16. **The 2nd Stage of Scientific Expertise (Interview)**

16.1. The **Board** shall conduct interviews with the **PIs of the Groups**.

16.2. Each member of the **Board** shall fill out an Interview Evaluation Sheet for each **Application**.

16.3. The maximum score for the Interview amounts to 50% of the maximum evaluation score for the **Application**.

17. **Evaluations Results**

17.1. The total score of scientific expertise shall be calculated as the sum of the arithmetic mean of the Evaluation Scores of 2 experts and the Interview Score. If the **Application** has been evaluated by 3 experts, the final **Application** score shall be calculated as the sum of the arithmetic mean of two of the closest scores submitted by 3 experts (in the case of equal
difference between 3 experts’ scores – the arithmetic mean of two higher scores) and the arithmetic mean of the Interview scores.

17.2. Based on the final evaluation results of the Applications shortlisted for the 2nd Stage of Scientific Expertise, the Committee shall form the Application Ranking List in descending order and further submit it to the Board for consideration.

17.3. The Board approves the Application Ranking List and presents the recommended threshold score for each research field for the consideration of the Chairman of the Committee.

17.4. Based on the volume of allocations from the Republic of Armenia’s state budget for the contractual (thematic) funding of scientific and technical activities, the Committee shall determine the threshold score for each of the research fields and shall submit the draft order listing the Applications eligible for funding and the amount of funding to the Minister’s approval.

17.5. The list of Applications eligible for funding and the amount of funding thereof shall be approved by the Order of the Minister.

17.6. The list of Applications eligible for funding as a result of the Call shall be published on the official website of the Committee.

17.7. The Committee shall duly provide each Head of the Organization with the Approved Applications List for their respective Organization.

17.8. The Committee shall provide the PIs with the Expertise results and the threshold score.

IV. OTHER PROVISIONS

18. Contract Signing

18.1. The Committee, the Organization, and the PI of the approved Application shall sign a Contract.

18.2. To ensure the monthly remuneration of the PI and Members of the Group, the Organization shall sign contracts in the manner prescribed by the RA ”Civil Code”, and the copies thereof shall be submitted to the Committee.

18.3. The Contracts shall be signed within 10 days after the announcement of the results of the present Call.

18.4. The Projects shall commence and be implemented within the timeframes outlined in the Contract.

19. Reporting

19.1. The PI of the Group shall submit an Interim Implementation Report to the Committee every 12th month (by the last working day) since the commencement of the Project. Based on the reports, the Board shall decide on the continuation of funding of the Project.
19.2. By the 35th month (by the last working day) since the commencement of the Project, the PI of the Group shall submit a triennial report to the Committee, which shall include the description of anticipated intermediate results of the Project (as outlined in Subparagraph 9.1). Based on those reports, the Board shall decide whether to terminate the Project’s funding or continue it for another 24 months.

19.3. By the 60th month (by the last working day) since the commencement of the Project, the PI of the Group shall submit the Final report to the Committee, as a result of which the Board shall issue a conclusion on the acceptance of the report.

19.4. During the implementation of the Project, the Committee is entitled to initiate monitoring of the Project and present the results to the Board.

19.5. While deciding on the continuation of funding of the Project, the Board shall take into consideration the results of the monitoring.

19.6. The Committee reserves the right to publish the abstracts and reports of the funded Projects either in a paper-based or electronic format.

20. Additional Information

20.1. Should the submitted Project and the reports based thereon include intellectual property or patent rights objects, the PI shall comply with the Laws of the Republic of Armenia “On Copyright and Related Rights” and “On Inventions, Utility Models and Industrial Designs.”

20.2. The PI shall be allowed to redistribute the financial means envisaged in the “Other Costs” section of the Estimate by submitting an appropriate justification and receiving the Committee’s written permission thereto.

20.3. During the implementation of the Project (no earlier than 12 months after the commencement), the PI is entitled to apply to the Committee with a proposal to increase the number of the Group Members by a maximum of 2 performers under the age of 35 holding a qualification relevant to the Project, along with an appropriate justification. In the case of an increase in the number of Group Members, the value of the Contract signed between the PI, the Organization, and the Committee shall increase by AMD 1,800,000 gross per each new Group Member (for the period of 12 months).

20.4. The Group Members involved in the Project under Subparagraph 20.3 shall not be employees of any Organization carrying out a program within the framework of basic funding for scientific and technical activities from the state budget of the Republic of Armenia.

20.5. The PI of the Group may apply to the Committee with a request to make an equivalent change of the Collaborator or a Group Member, providing an appropriate justification. In the case of a change in the list of Group Members, a copy of the newly signed contract with the new member under the grant project shall be submitted to the Committee.

20.6. The PI may apply to the Committee with a request to reduce the number of Group Members by one, providing an appropriate justification. In the case of a reduction in the
number of **Group Members**, an Agreement shall be concluded on changing the Contract price.

20.7. The **PI** may apply to the **Committee** to suspend the remuneration of a **Group Member** for a period of up to 3 months, presenting the appropriate justification. In the case of failure to reinclude or substitute a **Group Member** within the three-month period, the number of the **Group Members** shall be reduced by one, and an Agreement on the change of the Contract price (including the amount of three months' remuneration) shall be signed. In the case of the inclusion of a **Group Member**, the amount increased in the subsection "Remuneration" of the **Estimate** can be redistributed by the **PI** of the **Group** between the subsections of the **Contract**.

20.8. The absence of any **Group Member** from the Republic of Armenia for 2 or more months must be agreed upon in writing with the **Committee**.

21. **Termination of the Project Funding**

The **Committee** is entitled to terminate the funding of the **Project** in the following cases:

- Interim reports have not been submitted within the established timeframe, or the **Board** has issued a negative conclusion on the acceptance of the report;
- A redistribution of financial means has been made in the “Other Costs” section of the **Estimate** without the **Committee's** written permission thereto;
- A change has been made in the list of the **Group Members** without the **Committee's** written permission thereto,
- The absence of any **Group Member** from the Republic of Armenia for a period of two months or more without the **Committee's** written permission thereto,
- The provisions of Subparagraphs 8.5 and 8.6 of the present **Call** failed to be fulfilled. Moreover, such noncompliance shall also affect further **Applications** from the **Organization** in the amount determined in the conclusion of the **Board** formed for the next **Calls for Proposals**,
- The provision of Subparagraph 9.1. of the present **Call** failed to be fulfilled.
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## Project
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1. **Annotation**


3. **Project Aims and Objectives**

4. **Research Project**

5. **Scientific Methods of Project Implementation**

6. **Calendar Plan (by quarters or Gantt Chart)**

7. **Group Members' Achievements in the Mentioned Field**

8. **Research Group Development Prospects (risks and opportunities)**

9. **Background for International Cooperation, Expediency and Feasibility of the Foreign Partner's Involvement**

10. **Quantitative and Qualitative Indicators for the Expected Results** (publications, conference proceedings, use of innovative methods, such as technological investment, demonstration, sample, prototype, etc., management of intellectual property (patent, copyright, etc., fostering international cooperation, prospects for collaboration)

11. **References**
Annex №2.3

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TO THE ATTENTION OF

MR. LEVON FARMANYAN
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
RA HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE

From ______________________________

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Applicant _______________________ (_________________________)

(Signature) (Name, Surname)

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