

Russia: Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR)

The national call announcement for Russia is expected to be published in the second half of April 2020 on RFBR website at:

https://www.rfbr.ru/rffi/ru/contest/n_812/o_2105352

Russian applicants should submit a national proposals to RFBR through KIAS system (<http://kias.rfbr.ru>) from 23 July 2020 15:00 (Moscow time) and no later than 23:59 (Moscow time) 31 August 2020.

Giving the limited time frame available for the preparation of the project proposal, please find below some information that may help to guide the preparatory process. Please note that the final information for release may vary. Applicants are also advised to visit RFBR website to learn more about ongoing international calls.

I. Eligibility for Russian applicants

Who can apply:

- Any Russian citizen(s);
 - Foreign citizen(s) or apatride(s) holding a status of Russian Federation resident for tax purposes.
- thereafter - Russian researchers.

RFBR will fund only one Russian research team per each selected project. Russian research team may consist from 2 to 10 Russian researchers. Despite Russian researchers may have different affiliation, in case the project will be among selected for funding, RFBR grant award to Russian research team should be managed through only one Russian research performing legal entity. Therefore Russian researchers participating in a single project should agree beforehand through which legal entity they will manage grant award and appoint a person (Russian research team Leader) to be responsible for acting on behalf of Russian research team in communication with RFBR including management of grant award.

Despite several Russian researchers who seek for RFBR funding support can present themselves as multiple principle investigators in a certain project proposal submitted via the <https://bfgo.org/> website in response to CRA "Towards Sustainability of Soils and Groundwater" call, they jointly will be treated by RFBR as a single Russian research team only. In this case all Russian

researchers presented as principle investigators in certain proposal submitted via the <https://bfgo.org/> website have to be included as members of Russian research team in national application for that particular project submitted via KIAS RFBR. To the contrary, if some Russian researcher is not listed as principle investigator in a project proposal submitted via the <https://bfgo.org/> website, it will be possible to additionally include that person to Russian research team on the stage of applying with national application via KIAS RFBR. Please also note that Russian research team leader may only be a person stated as principle investigator in a respecting project proposal submitted via the <https://bfgo.org/> website.

The project duration should be 3 or 4 years.

II. Support

Within each selected international consortium, funding of the participating researchers is provided by their respective national funding organization in accordance with their standard award terms and conditions. RFBR provides funding only for Russian research teams.

The funding of each Russian research team may be expected between 3 000 000 – 5 000 000 roubles per each project implementation year. The number of supported projects will strongly depend on number of applications, quality of proposals, and available budgets of RFBR and other Belmont Forum CRA “Towards Sustainability of Soils and Groundwater” Partner Organizations.

The participants of research projects should aim towards equal international collaboration, both in terms of workload and funds requested, involvement of early-career researchers in project implementation is encouraged.

Detailed list of eligible costs is stated in official national call announcement (paragraph 7.4).

III. Application

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instructions on procedure.

IV. Contact Information

More details on application and funding procedures and on respecting deadlines are published in RFBR national call announcement at https://www.rfbr.ru/rffi/ru/contest/n_812/o_2105352. If any issues are still have to be clarified, please address National Contact Points below for further details:



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