You can help Ukraine now: the NRFU invites reviewers for competitive research proposals

The National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU) is kindly inviting you to take part in peer review of project proposals submitted within Calls for Project Proposals.

The NRFU is Ukraine's only public grant-making agency for fundamental and applied projects in all fields of research and developments. Established in 2018, it made its first competitive awards in 2020 and has continued even during the war, but at a reduced level. The NRFU grant season in 2022 was suspended because of the russian invasion. In early March 2022, 100% of the 2022 grant budget allocated to the National Research Foundation of Ukraine was redirected to cover the defense needs. Over the course of the three years since 2020, it has made 216 competitive grants to Ukrainian researchers for a total of \$33,683,812/EUR28,743,721.

One of the critical needs of the NRFU at the present time, apart from money, is to expand the number of international experts who are willing to review NRFU proposals. The role of international reviewers is extremely beneficial to such young democracy like Ukraine.

Becoming an international reviewer for NRFU is an easy way for members of the global scientific community to help Ukraine at this critical time by simply doing what they already do well — evaluating proposals. By volunteering as an NRFU foreign expert, you can be sure that you are contributing to the future of research and development of Ukraine by helping to select and support the best researchers for support, not only through the grant support but also by bringing them closer to the global scientific community and its standards.

It is easy to register with NRFU as an international expert in the web-based system at <a href="https://grants.nrfu.org.ua//">https://grants.nrfu.org.ua//</a>. Your personal account will be then generated.

Registration guidelines can be found here.

To get acquainted with the **NRFU Procedure of call selection**, please follow this: <u>link</u>.

A guide for reviewing call proposals in the NRFU web-based system is available: here.

We hope that you will agree to assist the NRFU, and by doing so to assist Ukraine and Ukrainian research in general, at this critical time.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any additional information:

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Kind regards,

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