

NRFU RESEARCH FUNDING:

General overview and challenges at wartime



Can you imagine
that in the 21st century
a missile could hit
a home, office,
or laboratory

Before October 10, 2022, this used
to be an office. The NRFU office...

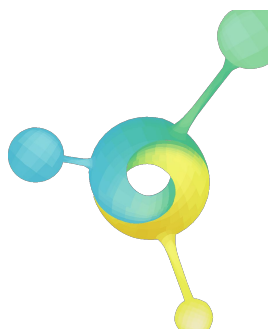


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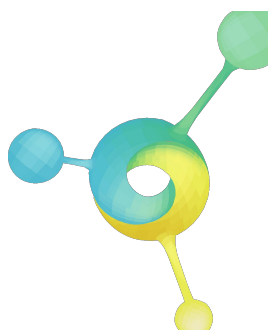


The National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU)

Is a unique Ukrainian state budgetary non-profit organization the main purpose of which is grant support for fundamental and applied research in natural, technical, social and humanitarian sciences.

We support basic and applied research as well as developments in priority areas of science and technology.



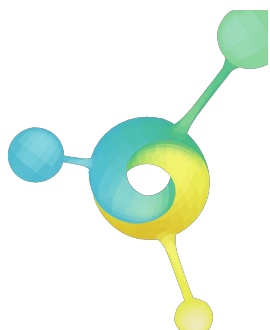


The NRFU grant season in 2022 was suspended because of the war

In early March 2022, **100%** of the 2022 grant budget allocated to the NRFU was redirected to cover the defense needs. Thus, none of the competitively selected research projects in that year could be financed and implemented.

For 2023, the allocated budget makes **60,5%** of the total sum necessary to finance the previously selected projects and the projects of the new and suspended calls.



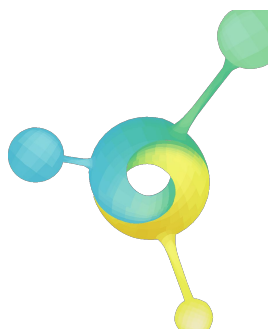


3145 education
institutions have suffered
bombing and shelling,

415 of them have
been destroyed completely.

Over **50** research
institutions have been
damaged or destroyed.





Estimates show around

40%

**of the country's research workforce
has been affected by the war.**

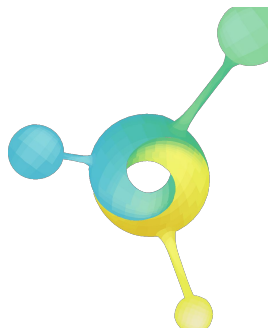
Many of those researchers are fighting on
the frontline.

Some have been killed.

Others are missing.

A vast majority are displaced, either internally or abroad.

**Official statistics of human losses for
researchers are not available.**



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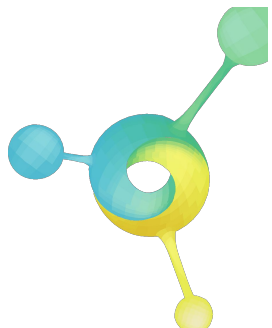
Ukrainian researchers flee trauma and terror of war

Refugees often find aid and jobs, but many remain to fight Russian invaders.



**Every story
must be heard**

Konstantin Belikov appeals to the world research community near a shelled house in Kharkiv.



Analysis of needs of researchers

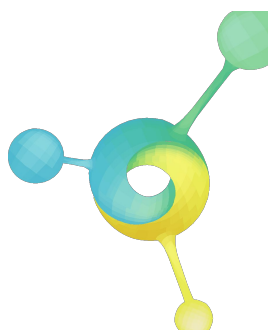


Most pronounced personal needs:

- Financial assistance
- Basic needs (secure place to stay and work, stable power, heat and water supply, etc.)
- Involvement with new social contacts

Most pronounced needs related to research activity:

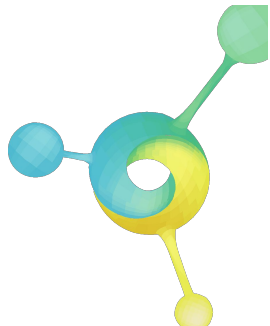
- Resumption of NRFU funding
- Joining/Launching research projects that can be done now/in the nearest future
- Access to scientific literature and databases
- Professional communication with team members/colleagues
- Remote collaboration
- Mobility programs for researchers



Appeal to the world research community

- Communication with Ukrainian institutions and assessment of available ways to support Ukrainian researchers.
- Providing financial support to Ukrainian research community.
- Launching international collaborations.
- Inclusion of Ukrainian researchers into running programs (hop-on facilities).
- Involvement in the development of a long-term plan for the recovery of Ukrainian science, including its infrastructure.
- Support of the initiative 'Remote research positions for Ukrainian scholars'.
- Scientific sanctioning of researchers affiliated to universities and research institutions in Russia and Belarus.





Needs of the NRFU

- **Partnerships**
- **Information and communication support**
- **Institutional support**
- **Financial support of calls launched by the NRFU**
- **Reviewers**



Currently, the NRFU seeks to implement grant financing of competitive projects that were successful in our calls before the war through the toolkit of the **fundraising campaign**.

We ask all our foreign colleagues to support Ukrainian research by joining it.



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