

**BRICS STI Framework Programme  
Response to COVID-19 pandemic coordinated call  
for BRICS multilateral projects 2020**

**National Annex:** Russian Foundation for Basic Research, Russian Federation

This Annex is referring only to Russian research teams acting as a part of international consortia who intend to apply for RFBR funding.

RFBR National call announcement is expected to be published in early July on RFBR website at [https://www.rfbr.ru/rffi/ru/contest/n\\_812/o\\_2109209](https://www.rfbr.ru/rffi/ru/contest/n_812/o_2109209)

Russian Foundation for Basic Research intends to fund basic research projects under all 5 thematic areas of the call:

1. Research and development of new technologies/tools for diagnosing COVID-19.
2. Research and development of COVID-19 vaccines and drugs, including repurposing of available drugs.
3. Genomic sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 and studies on the epidemiology and mathematical modelling of the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. AI, ICT and HPC oriented research for COVID-19 drugs design, vaccine development, treatment, clinical trials and public health infrastructures and systems.
5. Epidemiological studies and clinical trials to evaluate the overlap of SARS-CoV-2 and comorbidities, especially tuberculosis.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

- Any Russian citizen(s);
- Foreign citizen(s) or apatriote(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. All Russian researchers must step in to agreement between individuals and RFBR on the use of digital signatures for digital interactions.

**FUNDING PRINCIPLES**

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 the Russian researchers. RFBR will provide funding between 3.000.000 - 5.000.000 RUB per project per year. The total number of projects selected for funding will be a subject of number of high-quality proposals received, evaluation and budget available of BRICS STI FP member organizations supporting this call.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Russian team coordinator must not have any currently ongoing international projects funded by RFBR where he/she is also acting as Russian team coordinator, and therefore must not have any uncompleted obligations on submission of final project reports. Russian team coordinator may not be a head of Russian research performing legal entity which is selected as organization receiving funds for the proposed project (see FUNDING PROCEDURES section below).

Each international consortium must include partners from at least three participating countries (including Russia). Researchers outside BRICS countries can participate in the research project at their own expense and are not considered as a partner from participating country.

## **FUNDING PROCEDURES**

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.

For further details and instructions please visit this national Call announcement page [https://www.rfbr.ru/rffi/ru/contest/n 812/o 2109209](https://www.rfbr.ru/rffi/ru/contest/n_812/o_2109209)

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