

**2025 VYZOV PRIZE**  
**FOR FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES**  
**REGULATIONS**

**1. Terms and Definitions**

1.1. **Prize** means the VYZOV Prize for Future Technologies, a public competition held annually since 2023. The 2025 Prize is the **2025 VYZOV Prize for Future Technologies**, a public competition. The official language of the Prize is Russian.

1.2. **Regulations** means this document defining the 2025 Prize procedure, including the application procedure and the procedure for holding the Stages of the Prize.

1.3. **Prize Organizer/Organizer** means the VYZOV Foundation for the Development of Scientific and Cultural Relations (OGRN (Primary State Registration Number): 1237700439019, INN (Taxpayer Identification Number): 9731116769).

1.4. **Prize Website/Website** means the official websites of the Prize: <http://премиявызов.рф>, <https://vyzovprize.com/>. The Website contains the Regulations and other regulating documents pertaining to the Prize, as well as all relevant information about the Prize and its current stage. **Registration on the Website** is required for submitting an Application.

1.5. **Project** means scientific study, know-how, layout, or other result of the Project Author (and) Co-Author intellectual activity submitted by the person who filled out the Application for consideration of the Prize Bodies with the purpose of completing the Prize Stages and receiving the Money Prize.

1.6. **Project Author** means an individual who created (developed) the Project.

1.7. **Project Co-Author** means an individual who participated in the creation (development) of the Project together with the Project Author. No more than two Co-Authors are allowed to participate in the Project.

1.8. **Prize Participant** means the Project Author (Co-Authors) who meet(-s) all the requirements specified in Section 4 of these Regulations, and who submitted an Application or who is (are) mentioned in the Application for participation in the Prize submitted by the **Organizer** via the Website.

1.9. **Application** means an application for participation in the Prize submitted on the Website in the form of a questionnaire that meets the requirements of Section 5 hereof. Applications may be submitted **from February 21, 2025 up to and including May 21, 2025** (with the possibility of deadline extension at the discretion of the Organizer). The Organizer shall announce the start of the application acceptance period on the Website and in the media of their choice. The deadline for the Application submission may be extended with the consequential extension of the subsequent Prize Stages following the corresponding decision of the Organizer. Registration on the Website is required for submitting an Application.

1.10. **Applicant**

- in case of self-nomination, Applicant means the Project Author (Co-Authors) who personally submit(-s) an Application on the Website. In this case, the Applicant and the future Prize Participant shall be the same.
- in case of the nomination by a third party, Applicant means the third party (either an individual or a legal entity) who/that is not a future Prize Participant, yet who/that submits the Application on behalf of the Project Author (and) Co-Authors. In this case, the Prize Participant shall be the Project Author (Co-Authors) whose data is stated in the Application, after the Application has been checked in accordance with Paragraph 5.8 hereof.

1.11. **Scientific Committee** means the advisory body of the Prize.

1.12. **Expert** means a visiting expert in the respective Category with relevant expertise and achievements and at least 5 years of practical experience in the relevant field.

1.13. **Prize Category/Category** means a list of categories annually approved by the Organizer in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Prize and the needs of the Russian scientific community and used in the competitive procedures.

1.14. **Prize Winner/Laureate** means a Prize Participant who is the Project Author and who becomes the winner in the relevant Category based on the results of the relevant Prize Stages. The Prize Winner receives a Money Prize in one of the Categories and takes part in the Laureate Award Ceremony. There may be only one Laureate in each Category.

1.15. **Prize Co-Laureate/Co-Laureate** means a Prize Participant who is the Co-Author of the Project and who, together with the Prize Laureate, participated in the creation (development) of the Project that becomes the winner in the relevant Category based on the results of the Prize Stages. The Co-Laureate of the Prize receives part of the Money Prize in accordance with the established rules of the Prize distribution. There may be no more than two Co-Laureates in each Category, unless the Category criteria stipulate that this Category is individual.

1.16. **Money Prize** means a monetary prize awarded in each Category of the Prize; it is awarded to the Laureate (and) Co-Laureates in a specific Category for scientific achievements, research, technical solutions, and experiments that contribute to the development of future technologies, popularization of science, and personal contribution to the development of science. The amount of the Money Prize is determined annually in the Money Prize Regulations and is formed out of the funds provided by the partners and benefactors of the Prize.

1.17. **Prize Stages** means the stages of the Prize aimed at determining the Laureates (and) Co-Laureates, namely the Qualifying Stage and the Final Stage.

1.18. **Qualifying Stage** means the Prize Stage, at which the Scientific Committee studies and reviews the Applications, determines the Prize Participants, forms a longlist and a shortlist of Prize Participants in each Category, and determines the Laureates (and) Co-Laureates from the shortlist of Prize Participants.

1.19. **Final Stage** means the Prize Stage, at which the Organizer prepares the Prize executive/advisory bodies and Prize Laureates for the Laureate Award Ceremony. The Final Stage may include interviews, filming, and other similar activities involving the Laureates.

1.20. **Laureate Award Ceremony/Prize Ceremony** means an offline event, mandatory for attendance by all Laureates for the announcement of Laureates, Prize presentation, and distribution of Money Prizes. The provisional date of the Prize Ceremony is **December 19, 2025**. The location shall be additionally determined by the Organizer. The date and the location of the Laureate Award Ceremony may be changed by the decision of the Organizer.

## **2. Goals and Objectives of the Prize**

2.1. **The goal of the Prize** is to turn scientific discoveries and scientists into symbols of success in modern Russia and to create conditions for the practical implementation of future technologies. **The Prize is aimed at achieving social benefit.**

### **2.2. Prize objectives:**

2.2.1. To popularize science and the profession of a scientist, and ensure broad presence of the scientific and educational agenda in the media space.

2.2.2. To strengthen and facilitate international scientific communication.

2.2.3. To provide clear motivation for the younger generation (children, youth and students) and support their aspirations to pursue a career in science and technology.

2.2.4. To strengthen and promote international scientific communication.

## **3. 2025 Prize Categories**

### **3.1. Approved Categories for the 2025 Prize:**

#### **3.1.1. Category: Engineering Solution**

**Nomination Criteria:** Scientists and research teams (of no more than three team members) are nominated for **an important invention or creation of a new technology\***.

*\* for an important invention or creation of a new technology clearly associated with a developed engineering solution (for example, registered in the form of a patent for an invention or utility model) that has the potential to be used for the creation or development of a future technology (to be implemented within 3 to 10 years).*

The research (the engineering solutions) nominated for the Prize must be carried out in the territory of the Russian Federation. The engineering solutions must contribute to the development of Russian science, must be existing and have undergone testing at the time of the Application submission.

### **3.1.2. Category: Breakthrough**

**Nomination Criteria:** Scientists and research teams (of no more than three team members) are nominated for **research that solves an important scientific or technological problem\***.

*\* for research (presented, for example, in the form of a scholarly article or a series of articles) that solves an important scientific or technological problem and has the potential to contribute to the creation of a future technology (to be implemented within 3 to 10 years).*

The research nominated for the Prize must be carried out in the territory of the Russian Federation and contribute to the development of Russian science.

### **3.1.3. Category: Scientist of the Year**

**Nomination Criteria:** Scientists (individual Category) are nominated for their **cumulative personal contribution that changed the landscape of science and technology\***.

*\* contribution means research (in the form of scholarly articles or patents) that makes a scientific or technological breakthrough and can be used as a basis for the creation of a future technology within 3 to 10 years.*

The research – the results of scientific studies – nominated for the Prize must be carried out in the territory of the Russian Federation and contribute to the development of Russian science.

### **3.1.4. Category: Future**

**Nomination Criteria:** Scientists and research teams (of no more than three team members) are nominated for **scientific achievements that facilitate the development of science and technology\*** (awarded to Participants who are under 35 years of age at the time of submitting the Application).

*\* for scientific achievements with the results (presented in the form of a scholarly article or a series of articles) that have the potential to be used for the creation of an innovative technological solution within 3 to 10 years.*

The research nominated for the Prize must be carried out in the territory of the Russian Federation and contribute to the development of Russian science.

### **3.1.5. Category: Discovery**

**Nomination Criteria:** Foreign scientists and/or citizens of the Russian Federation who are non-residents of the Russian Federation, and research teams (of no more than three team members) are nominated for **an important discovery that facilitated the development of science and technology\***.

*\* for an important scientific discovery (presented, for example, in the form of a scholarly article or a series of articles) that facilitated the development of science and technology and has the potential to be used for the creation of a future technology to be practically implemented within 3 to 10 years.*

The research nominated for the Prize must be carried out outside of the Russian Federation and contribute to the development of international science.

3.2. The unified defining criterion for all the Categories shall be outstanding scientific or technological results that are likely to have a profound impact on science and technology over the approximately next 20 years. Preference is given to research conducted over the last 10 years. Only actively working scientists are awarded.

#### **4. Requirements towards Prize Participants**

4.1. The Engineering Solution, Breakthrough, Scientist of the Year, and Future categories are open to capable adult citizens of the Russian Federation who live in the Russian Federation for more than 183 days per year and are tax residents of the Russian Federation; their research must be carried out in the territory of the Russian Federation and contribute to the development of Russian science.

The Discovery Category is open to adult foreign citizens and capable adult citizens of the Russian Federation if they work for more than 183 days per year outside of the Russian Federation (non-residents of the Russian Federation), their research was carried out abroad and contributes to the development of international science.

4.2. The Prize Participant must have no subordinate relations (i.e. be either a supervisor or a subordinate) with the Organizer, the members of the Scientific Committee, or members of any other bodies of the Organizer. The Prize Participant must have no kinship and/or commercial relationship with them.

4.3. An individual cannot become a Prize Participant if, during the review of their Application, it becomes known that this very individual or other individual submitting the same Project has already been Laureate in the same Category in the year preceding the current year of the Prize.

4.4. An individual cannot become a Prize Participant if they are recognized as a person performing the functions of a foreign agent (recognized as a foreign agent) in accordance with Federal Law No. 255-ФЗ “On Control Over the Activities of Persons Under Foreign Influence” dd. July 14, 2022.

4.5. The Prize Participant is strictly prohibited from using their participation in the Prize (Application submission, participation in the Prize Ceremony, etc.) to commit any or all of the following illegal actions:

- placement and/or distribution of counterfeit materials;
- placement and/or distribution of political materials, statements, views, beliefs, etc.;
- placement and/or distribution of pornographic materials, as well as promotion of pornography and child erotica, and advertising of sexual services;
- distribution of any other prohibited information, including extremist materials, as well as materials aimed at infringing human rights and freedoms on the basis of race and nationality, religion, language, and gender, inciting to commit violent acts against persons, promoting animal cruelty, or calling for other illegal actions, including materials explaining the procedure for the manufacture and use of weapons, drugs, and their precursors, etc.;
- distribution of false information discrediting the honor, dignity, or business reputation of third parties.

4.6. The Prize Participant who became a Laureate (and) Co-Laureate must keep this information secret starting from the moment they received it until the official announcement of the Laureates by the Organizer. The official announcement may be made at the Laureate Award Ceremony, a press conference or any other event chosen by the Organizer. The Prize Participant must, at the request of the Organizer, sign a non-disclosure agreement.

4.7. The Prize Participant may submit an Application in the current year if this very Participant or another Participant with the same Project did not become a Laureate in the same Category in the year preceding the current year of the Prize.

4.8. The Prize Participant who became a Laureate must personally attend the Laureate Award Ceremony to receive the money prize. In exceptional cases, if there is a valid reason preventing them from attending (and mandatory documents confirming it), the Laureate may send to the Laureate Award Ceremony their representative (a close relative) whose powers must be confirmed by a notarized power of attorney.

4.9. In the event of a change in contact information, the Prize Participant is obliged to provide new contact information to the Organizer within one day following the day of the change.

## 5. Application Requirements, Application Submission and Acceptance Procedure

5.1. The Application must be submitted strictly during the Application period specified in these Regulations. Applications submitted after the deadline shall not be accepted or considered.

5.2. The Application shall be submitted in a specific Category on the Website in the form of a questionnaire containing the following fields:

- *required field*: Category in which the Project is submitted;
- *required field*: Project Author's last name;
- *required field*: Project Author's first name;
- *required field*: Project Author's patronymic (if any);
- *required field*: Project Author's place of work;
- *required field*: Project Author's position;
- *required field*: Project Author's contact phone number;
- *required field*: Project Author's email address;
- *required field*: Project Author's date of birth;
- *required field*: Project Author's citizenship;
- *required field*: Project Author's country of residence (the country in which the Project Author works more than 183 days per year);

*According to paragraph 4.1. of these Regulations, in the «Future», «Scientist of the Year», «Engineering Solution», «Breakthrough» Categories, the country of residence of the Author of the Project can only be the Russian Federation, and in the «Discovery» category it is necessary to select one country from the list.*

- *required field*: Project Author's region of residence;
- Project Author's academic degree;
- Link to the website of the engineering solution in the Engineering Solution category (specify a link to the website where you can view/buy the result of the Project submitted for the Prize, if it has already been implemented and/or is being sold);

*In case of Project Co-Authors (no more than two Co-Authors)*

- *required fields*: Last name, First name, Patronymic, Affiliation, Position, Contact phone number, Email, Academic degree;
- *required field*: Information about scientific publications published by the Project Co-Authors (up to 10 best publications pertaining to the Application that were published over the last 10 years in Q1/Q2 journals);
- Information about the patents obtained by the Project Co-Authors (patents related to the project submitted for the Prize with up to 10 best patents obtained over the last 10 years highlighted separately);
- Information about the awards received by the Project Co-Authors over the last 10 years;
- *required field*: Project Co-Authors IDs in scientometric databases:  
it is necessary to indicate an ID in at least one scientometric database: Google Scholar, WoS or Scopus.
- Summary of the main achievements of the Project Co-Authors in their research and studies over the last 10 years;
- Information about the previous places of work of the Project Co-Authors with the indication of the positions held
- *required field*: Project Name (achievements);
- *required field*: Project Description (Goals and objectives of the Project, description of the main results obtained, as well as the importance of solving significant problems of scientific and technological development. Shall end with a general formulation summarizing the achievements worthy of the Prize);

- *required field*: 1-2 sentences describing the discovery or fundamental achievement of the submitted Project (Main Challenge);
- *required field*: Information about scientific publications published by the Project Author (up to 10 best publications pertaining to the Application that were published over the last 10 years in Q1/Q2 journals; up to 4 best publications related to the Application, older than 10 years in journals Q1/Q2);
- Information about the patents obtained by the Project Author (patents related to the project submitted for the Prize with up to 10 best patents obtained over the last 10 years highlighted separately);
- Information about the awards received by the Project Author over the last 10 years;
- *required field*: Project Author's IDs in scientometric databases:  
it is necessary to indicate an ID in at least one scientometric database: Google Scholar, WoS или Scopus;
- Summary of the main achievements of the Project Author in their research and studies over the last 10 years;
- Information about the previous places of work of the Project Author with the indication of the positions held;
- *required field*: consent-commitment of the Applicant, Project Author/Co-Authors to non-disclosure of information about this nomination to third parties until the official announcement of the Laureates by the Prize Organizer;
- *required field*: Portrait Photo of the Project Author (and) Co-Authors;
- *additional section*: possibility to attach extra documents confirming achievements (scientific publications, patents, CV etc.);
- *required field*: status of the Project Author/Co-Author: "self-nomination" (the Application is submitted directly by the Project Author/Co-Author) or "nomination" (the Applicant is not a future Prize Participant);
- *required field in case of "self-nomination" status*: Contact details of an expert who can provide a short letter of recommendation for the Project Author (and) Co-Authors after the completion of the Qualifying Stage, including their full name (last name, first name, patronymic), place of work, position, and email address;
- *required field in case of "nomination" status*: Full name (last name, first name, patronymic) of the Applicant (an individual who can also be a member of the scientific committee of a certain organization, or a legal entity), their place of work, position, phone number, and email address;
- *required field*: Consent to (acceptance of) the Personal Data Processing Policy of the websites <http://премиявызов.пф>, <https://vyzovprize.com/>;
- *required field*: Consent to the terms and conditions of the Terms of Use of the Websites <http://премиявызов.пф>, <https://vyzovprize.com/>.
- *required field*: consent-commitment of the Project Author, should they become a Laureate, to personally attend the Laureate Award Ceremony or, if there is a valid reason preventing them from attending (must be supported by documents), to send an authorized representative (a close relative) whose powers are confirmed by a notarized power of attorney;
- *required field*: consent-commitment of the Applicant to confirm that in the event of the Application being submitted on behalf of the Author (and) Co-Authors of the Project, the Applicant shall submit all data, including personal data, upon their consent only and is responsible for informing the Author (Co-Authors) of the Project of all obligations.

The Application may also be accompanied by electronic files at the Applicant's discretion.

5.3. The Application must be written and submitted in Russian (in English – in the Discovery Category) and contain no grammatical or spelling errors. All the information provided in the Application must be accurate and reliable. The Application must not contain pseudoscientific or false information.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to request confirmation of the information specified in the Application by contacting Applicants and/or Project Author/Co-Authors at any time through any available communication channels.

5.4. The contact details of the or Project Author (and) Co-Authors (phone number, email address, website, social media pages) provided as part of the Application must be valid at the time of the Application submission and must remain valid until the end of the participation in the Prize.

5.5. The Application must meet the nomination criteria of the Category for which the Project was submitted.

5.6. A prerequisite for submitting an Application is the consent to the processing of personal data and the consent to the transfer of personal data to third parties for the purpose of processing the received Application in accordance with the Personal Data Processing Policy. The Applicant and Prize Participant understand that by using the Website and participating in the Prize they unconditionally accept all terms and conditions of the User Agreement and the Personal Data Processing Policy posted on the Website. The withdrawal of the relevant consents by the Applicant or Prize Participant implies immediate termination of participation in the Prize and the use of the Website.

5.7. An Application mentioning a particular Project cannot be submitted for multiple Categories.

5.8. The Applicant or the Project Author (and) Co-Author (if the applicant is not the Project Author/Co-Author) shall acquire the status of a Prize Participant once the Application has been checked by the Organizer and the following facts have been established:

- the User got registered on the Website;
- the Application was submitted in the form of a questionnaire in accordance with the requirements of this Section of the Regulations;
- the information provided in the Application is sufficient, accurate, and reliable;
- the Application was submitted within the Application period specified herein.

If at least one of the above facts is not established, the Application shall not be considered for participation in the Prize and the Applicant or the Project Author (and) Co-Author shall not become a Prize Participant.

5.9. The Application may be transferred from one Category to another by the decision/at the discretion of the Scientific Committee with the subsequent notification of the Prize Participant thereof personally by email. If the Prize Participant does not agree to the transfer (refuses to sign the Consent to the transfer), the decision on further consideration of the Application remains with the Scientific Committee.

5.10. Strong Applications in similar fields submitted in the same Category may be combined into one by the decision/at the discretion of the Scientific Committee with the subsequent notification of the Prize Participant thereof personally or by email. If the Prize Participant (-s) does (do) not agree to this (refuse to sign the Consent to the combination), the decision on further consideration of the Application remains with the Scientific Committee.

5.11. If an Application does not meet the requirements specified in the Regulations but is recognized as strong and promising by the Scientific Committee, the Prize Participant may be asked personally by email to supplement the Application with new results and submit it next year or resubmit the already submitted Application with additional data.

5.12. By the decision of the Scientific Committee and if all submitted Applications in a Category do not meet the criteria, conditions, and requirements specified in the Regulations and no Laureates are selected in accordance with paragraph 1.14 hereof, the money prize shall not be awarded in this Category.

5.13. The status of the Application on the Website (in the Participant's personal account) may change to: «Application submitted», «Application under review», «Application rejected», «Application in the competition», «Competition completed», «Laureate of the «VYZOV» Prize».

## **6. Prize Stages and Laureate Award Ceremony**

### **6.1. Qualifying Stage**

6.1.1. At the Qualifying Stage, the Scientific Committee:

- checks all received Applications for compliance with the requirements of the Regulations and the nomination criteria of the respective Categories;
- requests and receives additional information from Applicants, if necessary;
- selects Applications that fully comply with the requirements of the Regulations and the nomination criteria of the respective Categories, forms a list of Prize Participants, and determines a list of voters in each Category from among the members of the Scientific Committee;

- forms a longlist of Prize Participants in each Category from all Prize Participants by the rating voting in accordance with the Project evaluation criteria for further evaluation of the Projects at the subsequent Prize Stages. The voting is considered valid if more than 50% of the members of the Scientific Committee have cast their votes.

6.1.2. To be included in the longlist, the Project must meet the following criteria:

- all the required fields in the Application are filled in;
- the Application and the candidate fully comply with the requirements of the Regulations and the nomination criteria;
- the Project's author has registered patents and/or scholarly articles and monographs published in Q1 and Q2 journals over the past 10 years;
- the Project author's main achievements in research and development over the last 10 years significantly contribute to international and Russian science.

6.1.3. To form a shortlist at the next step of this Stage, the Scientific Committee:

- reviews and evaluates the Projects in each Category together with the visiting Experts;
- forms a shortlist of Prize Participants in each Category based on the results of evaluation by the rating voting in accordance with the Project evaluation criteria;
- forms a list of Laureates(and) Co-Laureates in each Category out of all Projects included in the shortlist by the rating voting in accordance with the Project evaluation criteria. The voting is considered valid if more than 70% of the members of the Scientific Committee have cast their votes;
- sends the list of Laureates(and) Co-Laureates to the Organizer.

6.1.4. The criteria for evaluating Projects at this Stage are as follows:

- impact and significance of the Project's results for science and/or technologies;
- the results' potential to contribute to the creation of new technologies and/or advancement of fundamental science;
- significance of the results for the development of the country's scientific and research potential.

6.1.5. In the course of their activities at all Stages, the members of the Scientific Committee must not disclose any information related to the content of Applications, evaluation of Projects authored by the Prize Participants, and selection of Prize Laureates (and) Co-Laureates.

The Scientific Committee at all Stages votes by secret ballot.

The members of the Scientific Committee must not share the results of their voting with third parties until the official announcement of the Laureates.

6.1.6. The Prize Participants understand and agree that the evaluation of Projects at all Stages is carried out based on the general principles of reliability and verifiability of the information provided, on the level of compliance of the Prize Participant's achievements and Projects with the criteria of the relevant Category, as well as on the basis of subjective assessments and personal views of the members of the Scientific Committee. **The evaluation results are not subject to appeal.**

6.1.7. The results of the Stage shall not be made public.

6.1.8. The founders and the authorized representatives of the Organizer are entitled to attend the meetings of the Scientific Committee at the Qualifying Stage. The representatives of the benefactors and partners of the Prize may also attend the meetings at the Qualifying Stage as observers, without the right to participate in discussions.

6.1.9. The official announcement of the Laureates shall be made by the Prize Organizer. It may take place at the Laureate Award Ceremony, a press conference or any other event chosen by the Organizer. Once the Laureates have been officially announced, the Prize results shall be posted on the Website.

## **6.2. Final Stage**

6.2.1. At the Final Stage, the Organizer prepares the Prize Bodies and Prize Laureates for the Laureate Award Ceremony. The Final Stage may include interviews, filming and other similar activities involving the Laureates.

6.2.2. If the Organizer asks the Laureate to take part in an interview, filming, or another similar activity prior to the Laureate Award Ceremony, the Laureate undertakes to:

- respond to emails, calls, and messages from the representatives of the Organizer as soon as possible;



- agree with the Organizer on the convenient date, time, and location of interviews, filming, and other similar activities;
- provide representatives of the Organizer (at the agreed date, time, and location) with access to office, work, scientific, residential, and other premises where the interview, filming, and/or another similar activity will be conducted;
- provide any information requested by the Organizer;
- sign a filming consent contained in Appendix No. 1 hereto.
- sign consent to the Prize participation contained in Appendix No. 2 hereto.
- Starting from the moment of the official announcement of the Laureates at the Laureate Award Ceremony and thereafter, the Prize Laureate shall add the status of “VYZOV Prize Laureate” to his/her name in any official presentation in the media (including, but not limited to, interviews, press releases, publications on information portals).
- The Prize Laureate shall publish (post and/or pin) information that they are a “VYZOV Prize Laureate” on their personal pages in social networks. The specific form of posting (text, banner, post, hashtag, etc.) shall be chosen by the Laureate, but must contain a mention of the status of “VYZOV Prize Laureate”.
- If the Prize Laureate participates in public events (conferences, seminars, scientific congresses, round tables, etc.) as a speaker, they must indicate their status as “VYZOV Prize Laureate” along with other academic degrees and titles (if any) when describing their merits and academic titles.

These obligations to mention the status of the Laureate shall be valid indefinitely for the entire period that the Laureate publicly positions him (herself) as a scientist, researcher, inventor, or person who has received the relevant award. If the Laureate ceases to engage in public activities, the indication of this status shall no longer be necessary.

6.2.3. The Laureate’s failure to comply with the requirements stipulated by these Regulations may result in:

- the Organizer sending a written notice (recommendation) on the need to bring his (her) public presentation into compliance with these Regulations;
- other measures determined by the Organizer, provided they do not contradict the legislation of the Russian Federation.

### 6.3. Laureate Award Ceremony

6.3.1. The location of the Laureate Award Ceremony shall be finalized by the Organizer 30 days before the Ceremony.

6.3.2. The Organizer shall prepare the venue for the Laureate Award Ceremony and provide it with everything necessary.

6.3.3. The following persons are invited to attend the Laureate Award Ceremony: Laureates, members of the Prize Bodies, Experts, representatives of the Organizer, media representatives, and other persons accredited by agreement with the Organizer. Access is provided by personal accreditation or by entry lists. Persons who are not on the lists cannot attend the Laureate Award Ceremony.

6.3.4. The presence of all Laureates at the Prize Ceremony is **mandatory**. The Laureates must attend the Laureate Award Ceremony personally or, if there is a valid reason preventing them from attending supported by mandatory documents, send an authorized representative (a close relative) whose powers must be confirmed by a notarized power of attorney.

6.3.5. Guests of the Laureate Award Ceremony are responsible for their health and their compliance with the rules and restrictions related to prevention of the spread of viral diseases.

## 7. Prize Bodies

7.1. Prize Organizer/Organizer

7.1.1. The Organizer is the permanent administrative body of the Prize.

7.1.2. The Organizer shall:

- annually develop and approve the Prize Regulations, the Money Prize Presentation Regulations and other necessary documents;

- organize and manage Application submission, Prize Stages, and the Laureate Award Ceremony;
- provide technical support and manage the content of the Website;
- provide information support of the Prize to Participants and Laureates;
- annually approve the Scientific Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the period of 1 year;
- ensure interaction between the Prize Bodies;
- resolve all administrative, technical, and organizational issues arising in connection with the Prize.

## 7.2. Scientific Committee

7.2.1. The Scientific Committee is the advisory body of the Prize. The Scientific Committee acts independently of other Prize Bodies, the bodies of the Organizer, and any other third parties.

7.2.2. The Scientific Committee is formed jointly by the Organizer, the Scientific Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Scientific Committee is formed for a term of up to 4 years and operates during the period of the Prize.

7.2.3. The Scientific Committee is composed of up to 25 members, including the representatives of Russian scientific community and science journalists.

7.2.4. The members of the Scientific Committee are listed on the Website.

7.2.5. The Scientific Committee shall:

- carry out the review, selection and evaluation of Applications and Projects at all Prize Stages;
- conduct the rating voting on Projects, form a longlist and a shortlist;
- determine the Laureates (and) Co-Laureates and send the list of Laureates (and) Co-Laureates to the Organizing Committee;
- invite Experts at all Prize Stages;
- carry out other activities and duties specified in these Regulations.

7.2.6. The members of the Scientific Committee may not personally submit Applications for participation in the Prize within three years after leaving the Scientific Committee.

## 8. Conflict of Interest of the Scientific Committee

8.1. The members of the Scientific Committee must avoid conflicts of interest. A conflict of interest is a situation where direct or indirect personal interest of a member of the Scientific Committee affects or may affect proper, objective and impartial consideration of Applications and evaluation of Projects.

8.2. When evaluating each Application, a member of the Scientific Committee is obliged to immediately declare any potential or actual **conflict of interest**.

8.3. To simplify the identification of conflicts of interest, a “traffic light system” is used:

8.3.1. “Red light” – presence of direct subordination, current joint grant, simultaneous joint article and current grant, family ties. In case of a “red light”, a member of the Scientific Committee is obliged to declare the conflict, not participate in the discussion and voting on the relevant Application and leave the voting room.

8.3.2. “Yellow light” – presence of joint scientific articles (without a current grant), employment by the same institution. In the case of a “yellow light”, the conflict is declared, and the Scientific Committee member may participate in the vote, being aware of the possible interest and maintaining objectivity.

8.3.3. “Green light” – no direct or indirect connections.

8.4. All members of the Scientific Committee are required to regularly update their declarations of possible conflicts as circumstances change.

8.5. Control and sanctions

8.5.1. The Chairman of the Scientific Committee checks the declarations. Should an unaccounted conflict of interest be identified, the Chairman has the right to apply the rotation of the Scientific Committee members, i.e. resort to temporary or permanent disqualification of a member and bar them from participation in the evaluation of Applications.

8.5.2. In the event of deliberate concealment of a conflict of interest, a member of the Scientific Committee shall be subject to disqualification and exclusion from the Scientific Committee with the deprivation of the right to further participate in the Application consideration and Project evaluation procedure.

8.5.3. All information on conflicts of interest is confidential and shall be used solely to ensure the objectivity of the consideration of Applications.

## **9. Money Prize Presentation**

9.1. The procedure for the presentation of Money Prizes to Laureates is set forth in the Money Prize Presentation Regulations.

9.2. The Money Prize is awarded to the Laureates (and) Co-Laureates, if any, in each of the Categories, based on the results of all Prize Stages. The amount of the Money Prize is established annually by the Organizer and is specified in the Money Prize Presentation Regulations.

9.3. Distribution of the Money Prize:

- if the Project is developed **individually**, the entire amount of the Money Prize shall be paid to the Prize Laureate;
- if the Project is developed **collectively** (together with Co-Authors):
  - 50% of the total amount of the Money Prize shall be paid to the Prize Laureate specified in the Application as the Project Author,
  - the remaining 50% of the total amount of the Money Prize shall be paid to one or two Co-Laureates specified in the Application as the Project Co-Authors. If there is only one Co-Author, he gets all 50%. If there are two Co-Authors, they share this share equally: 25% each.

## **10. Grounds for Disqualification of Prize Participants**

10.1. A Prize Participant may be disqualified and eliminated from further participation in the Prize Stages at any time on any of the following grounds:

- providing false information in the Application;
- providing forged documents;
- providing deliberately false information about the Project Author (and) Co-Author when filling out the Application;
- invalid contact details of the Prize Participant;
- receipt by the Organizer of the Prize Participant's request to withdraw from the Prize and recall their Application;
- violation of the procedure of registration on the Website or of the rules of the Website use stated in the User Agreement;
- withdrawal by the Prize Participant of their consent to personal data processing or personal data distribution in whole or in part;
- Prize Participant's non-compliance with any of the requirements of these Regulations;
- Prize Participant's usage of data from the sphere of pseudoscience in the Project, falsifying scientific research for the purposes of the Project and/or completing the Prize Stages, receiving the Money Prize;
- publication by the Prize Participant and/or their affiliates of information and data that violate the applicable laws of the Russian Federation;
- inclusion of the Prize Participant in the list of persons performing functions of a foreign agent, in accordance with Federal Law No. 255-ФЗ "On Control over the Activities of Persons under Foreign Influence" dd. July 14, 2022;
- establishment of the absence of sufficient intellectual rights to the Project submitted by the Prize Participant, violation by the Prize Participant of intellectual property rights of third parties;
- establishment of the fact that the Prize Participant has a criminal record (including expunged or expired convictions) or the fact that the Prize Participant has been convicted by court;
- public calls for extremist actions from the Prize Participant, both before and during the term of the Prize, as well as public incitement, justification or validation of extremism, social, racial, national or religious discord, humiliation of national dignity, propaganda of exclusivity, superiority or inferiority of people based on their attitude towards religion, social, racial, national, religious or linguistic affiliation or other reasons, propaganda and public display of Nazi symbols and attributes, or symbols and attributes confusingly similar to Nazi symbols and attributes;

- posting of information by the Prize Participant and/or by their affiliates on the Website, on Organizer's official pages on social networks, on any other resources through text messages, graphic and/or video images or otherwise, the content of which is offensive to applicants, supporters of the participants, or other persons, or may be regarded as such, as well as information that discredits participants, their supporters, or other persons, contains threats, calls for violence or commission of illegal, antisocial, immoral acts, as well as commission of any other actions that go against public order or morals;
- publication by the Prize Participant and/or by their affiliates of false, defamatory information about the Prize or about other Prize Participants, about members of Prize Bodies, or about people/organizations/institutions, etc., supporting the Prize and Prize Participants;
- any actions taken by the Prize Participant and/or by their affiliates, both before and during the Prize, expressed in posting, publication, public statements of any political views, opinions, political statements, etc.;
- any attempts by the Prize Participant and/or by their affiliates to contact members of the Prize Bodies, assert influence over them, etc.;
- disclosure of information about their nomination.

10.2. For the purposes of this Section of the Regulations, Prize Participant's affiliates shall mean individuals that may affect the actions of the Prize Participant, including family members, spouses, direct superiors, and other individuals defined as affiliates of the Prize Participant by the Organizer or by any member of the Prize Bodies.

10.3. The decision on disqualification of the Prize Participant shall be made by the Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee has the right to eliminate a person from participating in the Prize or disqualify a Prize Participant without explaining the reasons and without providing evidence, should there be any suspicions regarding the compliance with the grounds specified in paragraph 10.1 of these Regulations in relation to these persons.

10.4. The decision to disqualify a Prize Participant shall be sent to the Participant through any of the available communication channels, and shall take effect from the moment of its sending. Such decision is final and is not subject to appeal.

## **11. Intellectual Property**

11.1. The Prize Participant shall retain exclusive rights to the Projects and all of their components, fragments and elements, in full, throughout all Prize Stages.

11.2. The Prize Participant guarantees that they have full authorization (possession of exclusive rights or the appropriate permission from the rights holders) to submit Projects for participation in the Prize.

11.3. The Prize Participant shall bear responsibility for possible claims and actions of third parties related to exclusive rights, copyrights and/or associated rights. In case of claims made by third parties regarding the ownership of the rights to the Project submitted for participation in the Prize, the Scientific Committee has the right to withdraw such Project from consideration until clarification of all circumstances, or indefinitely without clarifying the circumstances.

11.4. Projects submitted by applicants and Prize Participants for participation in the Prize may be published and used by the Organizer in whole or in part for non-commercial purposes on resources related to the Prize and/or to the Organizer. Such use is carried out under the terms of a simple (non-exclusive) license provided with the following limitations:

- in case the Project has not been previously made public, the Organizer has the right to publish the Project in full or in part;
- allowed use of the Project in whole or in part: making it available to the public so that any person can access the Project from anywhere and at any time as they determine, its inclusion in collections of works, anthologies, reviews, presentations, reports in the context of other Projects;
- term of use: the entire term of protection of the exclusive right to the Project and/or to the results of intellectual activity that are integral parts thereof;
- territory of use: all countries of the world;

- the Organizer is relieved of the obligation to provide reports on the implementation of the granted simple (non-exclusive) license and/or on the use of the Project;
- fragmentary use may be anonymous, that is, without any specification of the author's name;
- the Organizer is not expected to make a profit through the use of the Project;
- the Organizer has the right to sublicense the Project to any third parties with the specified limitations.

11.5. The written form of the conclusion of the license agreement between the Prize Participant and the Organizer is considered to be effective from the moment of sending the Application with the attached Project and its description, since the authorization on the Website is equivalent to a simple electronic signature of the Applicant or Prize Participant and to the acceptance of the terms of the Organizer's public offer specified in paragraph 11.4 of these Regulations.

## **12. Final Provisions**

12.1. Participation in the Prize is free and requires no membership, organizational or any other fees. All costs for participation in the Prize (such as payment for internet access, food, and other expenses), except for transportation expenses related to the participation of the Laureates in the Laureate Award Ceremony, shall be borne by Prize Participants, Laureates, Co-Laureates and Experts on their own and at their own expense.

Transportation expenses related to the participation of the Laureates in the Laureate Award Ceremony (particularly, the cost of travel to the host city and accommodation) are borne by the Organizer. The Organizer shall unilaterally select the mode and dates of travel and type of accommodation.

12.2. The Prize Participant is entitled to refuse to participate in the Prize during the Application period or at any Prize Stage by notifying the Organizer thereof in writing at least three business days before the planned date of termination of participation in the Prize.

12.3. The Regulations are a regulatory document of permanent nature active during the period of the Prize. Changes made to the Regulations shall be posted on the Website. By continuing to participate in the Prize, the Participant unconditionally accepts such changes.

All relevant stakeholders bear sole responsibility for monitoring the changes made to the Regulations and other documents related to the Prize, the Website, and the Organizer in a timely manner.

12.4. The Regulations are approved, put into effect, amended, and declared invalid by the Organizer.

12.5. The Organizer is entitled to terminate the Prize at any time if certain Prize Stages are deemed inexpedient, if clarification of the terms of the Prize is required, as well as in other cases. If the Organizer decides to terminate or discontinue the Prize, a corresponding notice shall be posted on the Website, and from that moment, all competitive procedures shall be terminated.

12.6. The Organizer shall bear no responsibility for any possible losses, including the loss of profit, incurred by Prize Participants in direct or indirect connection with the organization, holding, and results of the Prize and/or individual Prize Stages, participation in the Prize, received Money Prizes, distribution of information about the Prize and/or Prize Participants, Laureates, Co-Laureates etc.

12.7. All questions related to the organization, carrying out, and results of the Prize and/or individual Prize Stages should be submitted to the Organizer using the contacts listed on the Website.

**Appendix No 1**  
**To the 2025 VYZOV Prize for Future Technologies Regulations**

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**CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING**

publication and further use of videos/photos with the Participant's image, including open facial images and recordings of the Participant's voice, produced within the framework of any of the Stages of the VYZOV Prize for Future Technologies and/or as part of the Prize Ceremony

Moscow, \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ . 2025

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\_\_\_\_\_ ),  
hereinafter referred to as the **Participant**,

**hereby grants** the VYZOV Foundation for the Development of Scientific and Cultural Relations (OGRN (Primary State Registration Number): 1237700439019, INN (Taxpayer Identification Number): 9731116769) (hereinafter referred to as the **Foundation**) **their consent to photography and filming (video recording or photography), publication and further use of videos/photos with the Participant's image** (hereinafter referred to as the **Image**), **including facial images and recordings of the Participant's voice, produced during any of the Stages of the VYZOV Prize for Future Technologies** (hereinafter referred to as the **Prize**) **and/or as part of the Laureate Award Ceremony**, in accordance with Article 152.1 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation. The Foundation shall have exclusive rights to the Image in accordance with Article 1270 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation from the moment the Image is created in an objective form. The Image may be used in any unrestricted way, both in full and in part, including shown on television, published on the Internet and/or transferred to any third parties at the discretion of the Foundation, and may also be used for the purpose of advertising/promoting/announcing the Prize, the Foundation and/or persons associated with the Foundation.

The Participant also grants consent to the Foundation to use any personal information related to the Participant for the abovementioned purposes (permission in accordance with Articles 150, 152.2 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation).

The Participant does not claim any remuneration for providing the consents specified in this document.

The Participant understands that the Foundation has the right to concede, transfer (alienate) the rights obtained through this Consent by the Foundation to any third parties in whole or in part, or otherwise dispose of the rights without obtaining the separate consent of the Participant and without paying any remuneration.

**Participant** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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**Appendix No 2**  
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**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATION**  
**in the VYZOV Prize for Future Technologies**  
**and confirmation of Laureate responsibilities**

Moscow, \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ .2025

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issued on \_\_\_\_\_,  
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hereinafter referred to as the **Participant**, being the Author of a scientific project (hereinafter referred to as the **Project**), who was nominated (or self-nominated) for participation in the VYZOV Prize for Future Technologies (hereinafter referred to as the **Prize**), and guided by the norms of the 2025 VYZOV Prize for Future Technologies Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the **Regulations**), hereby:

confirms their consent to participate in the Prize as a Participant and to fulfill all obligations established by the Regulations, including (but not limited to) the following obligations:

a) maintain confidentiality regarding the fact of the Participant's possible recognition as a Laureate of the Prize until the official announcement of the results.

b) should the Participant be recognized as a Laureate, they shall attend the Laureate Award Ceremony in person on the date and at the place additionally determined by the Prize Organizer (the VYZOV Foundation for the Development of Scientific and Cultural Relations (OGRN (Primary State Registration Number): 1237700439019, INN (Taxpayer Identification Number): 9731116769). The Laureate's non-attendance must be due to a valid reason supported by a documentary evidence; in this case, the Laureate shall ensure their participation in the Laureate Award Ceremony through a representative whose powers shall be confirmed with a notarized power of attorney.

c) comply with the requirements for mentioning the VYZOV Prize Laureate status in all official public presentations, including in the media, at conferences, in social networks, etc., in the manner prescribed by the Regulations.

d) if necessary, and following the request of the Organizer, sign additional documents on non-disclosure and/or consent to photo/video filming (if this has not already been done).

I hereby guarantee that I have read and express my agreement with all the criteria, requirements, restrictions and conditions of participation in the Prize, including the provisions on the prohibition of disclosing information about the results before the official announcement, as well as the ban on any actions (statements, publications, etc.) listed in the Regulations that may lead to the disqualification of the Participant.

I hereby confirm that if I am awarded the status of Prize Laureate, I will comply with all obligations established by the Regulations to mention the VYZOV Prize Laureate status indefinitely for the entire period of publicly positioning myself as a scientist, researcher or inventor.

I hereby understand that if I violate the requirements of the Regulations and/or the obligations assumed, the Prize Organizer and/or the Scientific Committee have the right to withdraw me from participation in the Prize and disqualify me as a Participant and/or Laureate using the measures specified in the Regulations.

I hereby confirm my consent to maintain the confidentiality of the information received from the Organizer, including information on the voting results, on the selection of the Laureates and any other

internal information, in the manner and within the timeframes specified in the Regulations or additionally announced by the Organizer or the Scientific Committee.

This Agreement shall be valid from the moment of its signing and for the entire period of participation in the Prize; in terms of obligations that remain in effect after the announcement of the Laureates (exclusive mention of the Laureate status, non-disclosure of information until the presentation of the Prize, etc.), it shall be valid indefinitely, in accordance with the Regulations.

**Participant** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /

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