

Appendix No. 1
to the minutes of the meeting of the Organizing
Committee of the All-Russian Award “For Fidelity to
Science”
dated _____ No. _____

APPROVED
by decision of the Organizing Committee
Of the All-Russian Award “For Fidelity to Science”
(Minutes dated _____ No. ____)

REGULATION on the All-Russian Award “For Fidelity to Science”

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The All-Russian Award “For Fidelity to Science” (hereinafter referred to as the Award) is given annually since 2015 for outstanding achievements in scientific communication, popularization of scientific achievements and upholding the prestige of scientific activity in the Russian Federation.

The organizer of the Award is the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as the Organizer).

The Organizer has the right to approve the main categories and introduce additional ones in coordination with the Award’s Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Organizing Committee).

This Regulation regulates the procedure for awarding the Award categories and shall be placed on the official information resource of the Award online at: <https://zavernostnauke.ru/> (hereinafter referred to as the Award Website).

2. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AWARD

2.1. The purpose of the Award is to popularize science and achievements of Russian scientists and to stimulate the media to widely cover Russian science.

2.2. Award Objectives:

2.2.1. Identification and support of projects aimed at popularization of scientific achievements, raising the prestige of professional scientific activity in Russia and the development of scientific communication;

2.2.2. Informational support for scientists, ensuring their wide presence in the media field;

2.2.3. Facilitation of communication between the journalistic and scientific communities;

2.2.4. Formation of a positive image of Russian science;

2.2.5. Support of modern forms of popularization of science;

2.2.6. Engaging young people in science.

3. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

3.1. “Application” means information entered on the Award website in accordance with the application form for participating in the competition for the Award;

3.2. “Applicant” means a person who has submitted an application for the Award;

3.3. “Competitor” means a person (author or a team of authors) proposed or nominated for the Award;

3.4. “Self-proposal” means submission of an Application by the Applicant himself/herself;

3.5. “Proposal” means submission of an Application on behalf of the Applicant by the Applicant's representative, or by another person unrelated to the Applicant. It is mandatory to inform the Applicant about the application for the Award. In case the Applicant is not informed about the participation, the Application shall be recognized as invalid;

3.6. “Nomination” means submission of an application from a member of the Organizing Committee. A member of the Organizing Committee has the right to nominate applicants on his/her own initiative, based on the recommendations of the members of the Expert Council and professional communities of science popularizers;

3.7. “Withdrawal” means withdrawal of the Application by the Applicant or his/her representative;

3.8. The “Competition Commission” means a body the main functions of which are as follows:

collecting Applications from Applicants, checking Applications for compliance with the requirements specified in clause 6.2. of this Regulation, and forming a list of Award nominees for evaluation by the Expert Council. The Competition Commission is formed and approved by the Organizer;

3.9. The “Screening Round” means a stage of the competition for the Award, at which the Competition Commission checks the applications for compliance with the requirements specified in paragraph 6.2. of this Regulation and determines the nominees;

3.10. The “Qualifying Round” means a stage of the competition for the Award, where the Expert Council determines the five finalists of the competition;

3.11. The “Final Round” means a stage of the competition for the Award, at which the Organizing Committee determines the laureates and diploma holders of the Award in each category;

3.12. “Nominee” means an applicant who has passed the Screening Round;

3.13. “Finalist” means a Nominee who has passed the Qualifying Round;

3.14. “Laureate” means a Finalist recognized by the Organizing Committee as a winner in the Final Round of the Award in one of the categories.

3.15. “Diploma Holders” means Finalists not recognized by the Organizing Committee as winners in the Final Round of the Award in one of the categories.

4. THE AWARD’S ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

4.1. The Organizing Committee is the executive body of the Award.

4.2. The Organizing Committee consists of representatives of the Organizer, representatives of the state authorities, heads of state corporations, public organizations, research institutes and educational organizations of higher education, as well as of the business community.

4.3. The Presidium of the Organizing Committee shall be formed from the members of the Organizing Committee.

4.4. The composition of the Organizing Committee and the Presidium of the Organizing Committee shall be approved by the Organizer for three years and shall be posted on the official information resource of the Award online at: <https://zavernostnauke.ru/> (hereinafter referred to as the Award Website).

- 4.5. The Organizing Committee shall perform the following functions:
- 4.5.1. Assist in informational, organizational and technical support of the Award-giving events;
- 4.5.2. Approve the Regulation on the Award and the Award categories;
- 4.5.3. Approve the composition of the Expert Council of the Award (hereinafter referred to as the Expert Council);
- 4.5.4. Determine the Laureates and Diploma Holders of the Award based on the results of the Final Round in accordance with clause 3.11. of this Regulation;
- 4.5.5. Assist in attracting partners and sponsors for the Award as agreed with the Organizer;
- 4.5.6. Performs other functions necessary for the implementation of the activities on the Award giving.
- 4.6. Members of the Organizing Committee shall carry out their activities on a non-paid basis.
- 4.7. In the course of their activities, the members of the Organizing Committee shall not disclose information related to the composition of the Finalists' applications and the determination of the Award laureates.
- 4.8. A member of the Organizing Committee shall not be bound by labor, employment, official or commercial relations with the Competitors in the category in which the Organizing Committee member votes.

5. EXPERT COUNCIL OF THE AWARD

- 5.1. The Expert Council shall be the expert and analytical body of the Award.
- 5.2. The composition of the Expert Council shall be approved by the Organizing Committee for three years and shall be posted on the Award Website.
- 5.3. The Expert Council shall perform the following functions:
- 5.3.1. Examining and evaluating applications of the Award nominees;
- 5.3.2. Voting for the nominees' applications in the Qualifying Round in accordance with clause 3.10 of this Regulation;
- 5.3.3. Ensuring that the rights of the Competitors are respected;
- 5.4. A member of the Expert Council shall not be bound by labor, official or commercial relations with the Competitors in the category in which the member of the Expert Council votes.
- 5.5. Experts, having given their consent to participate in the Expert Council, accept the terms of this Regulation and participate in the expert and analytical work of the Expert Council on a non-paid basis.
- 5.6. In the course of their activities, the members of the Expert Council shall not disclose information related to the composition of nominees' applications and the formation of the list of Finalists for the Award categories.

6. PROCEDURE OF THE COMPETITION FOR AWARD

- 6.1. Stages:
- 6.1.1. Acceptance of Applications. Announcement of the competition for the Award is carried out by the Organizer through the media and by publishing information on the Award Website. Applications that do not meet the requirements and (or) are sent after the deadline shall not be allowed to participate in the competition for the Award;

6.1.2. Screening Round. The Competition Commission checks Applications for compliance with formal requirements (if necessary, requests additional information from Applicants or co-Applicants) and forms a list of nominees in the Award categories for the Expert Council. The list of Applications and the list of nominees admitted to the Qualifying Round are not published. The Competition Commission has the right not to disclose the list of Applicants and nominees for the Award;

6.1.3. Qualifying Round. The Expert Council forms the list of Finalists for the Award categories by ranked-choice voting. Voting in the Qualifying Round shall be considered valid if more than 50% of the Expert Council members took part in it;

6.1.4. Final Round. The Organizing Committee determines the Laureates and Diploma Holders in each category of the Award by ranked-choice voting from the list of Finalists. Voting in the Final Round is considered legitimate if more than 70% of the list of the Organizing Committee members took part in it;

6.1.5. Approval of Results. The Chairman of the Organizing Committee approves the list of Laureates and Diploma Holders of the Award;

6.1.6. Award Distribution. A gala event at which the Laureates and Diploma Holders of the Award are announced.

6.2. Competitors are subject to the following restrictions:

6.2.1. Competitors are not eligible to serve as nominees in the categories in which they were already recognized as Laureates;

6.2.2. The Application for the Award must be submitted within the established deadlines. The posting of the Application shall be carried out by the Applicant in electronic form on the Award Website;

6.2.3. Materials submitted by Applicants for the Award may be used for non-commercial purposes on the Organizer's platforms and the Award Website;

6.2.4. The Competitor's Application shall conform to the Award's subject matter, as reflected in the category descriptions;

6.2.5. The Competitor's activities related to popularization of science should be conducted in Russian language (except for Competitors in the category "Russian Science for the World"). Information about the Competitor's activities must not be published on platforms that perform the functions of a foreign agent in accordance with Federal Law No. 255-FZ dated 14.07.2022;

6.2.6. A Competitor who is an individual must be a citizen of the Russian Federation;

6.2.7. A Competitor which is a legal entity must be registered in the Russian Federation;

6.2.8. A Competitor must not be included in the register of foreign agents in accordance with Federal Law No. 255-FZ dated 14.07.2022;

6.2.9. The Competitor's Application must not contain pseudoscientific or false information;

6.2.10. The contact information of the Competitor or the Competitor's official representative must be up-to-date until the end of the Award.

6.3. The procedure for accepting Applications and working with them is governed by this Regulation.

6.4. Competitors have the right to withdraw from the Award on any from its stages, notifying the Organizer in advance at least 3 (three) working days before the planned date of termination of participation in the Award, but not less than 7 (seven) working days before the Award Distribution.

6.5. There shall be no appeal against the results of the competition for the Award.

7. LIST OF AWARD CATEGORIES AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

7.1. List of categories of Block I “Popularizers of Science” of the All-Russian Award “For Fidelity to Science”:

7.1.1. “Science Press Service of the Year.” Teams of press services of universities and research organizations are nominated for their systematic and high-quality work in covering scientific achievements, research projects conducted at the university or research organization;

7.1.2. Evaluation criteria for the Scientific Press Service of the Year category:

- quality and depth of coverage of the development of Russian science;
- the significance of the press service's contribution to the field of popularization of science;

- frequency and regularity of publications (materials) on the development of Russian science;

- new formats of communication with youth;

7.1.3. “Science Journalist of the Year.” The award in this category is presented to a professional journalist for outstanding service and significant contribution to the popularization of science and comprehensive media coverage of scientists’ work;

7.1.4. Evaluation criteria for the category “Science Journalist of the Year”:

- quality and depth of coverage of the development of Russian science;
- the significance of personal contributions to the field of science popularization;
- frequency and regularity of publications (materials) on the development of Russian science;

- timeliness and relevance of publications (materials) on the development of Russian science;

- new formats of communication with youth;

7.1.5. “Digital Content Author.” The category is awarded to a talented author (blogger, TV presenter, online content creator) who has made a significant contribution to the popularization of science through the Internet and television;

7.1.6. Evaluation criteria for the category “Digital Content Author”:

- the scope of the project implementation;

- social and educational significance of the project;

- popularity of the individual (visibility);

- timeliness and relevance of content.

- new formats of communication with youth;

7.1.7. “Recognition Award”. The award in this category is presented to outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to the popularization of science and have become iconic figures for many generations.

7.1.8. Criteria for evaluating the Recognition Award category;

- the significance of personal contributions to the field of science popularization;

- popularity of the individual (visibility);

- the quality and credibility of the supporting materials.

- new formats of communication with youth;

7.2. List of categories in Block II “The Prestige of Science in Society” of the All-Russian Award “For Fidelity to Science”:

7.2.1. “Russian Science for the World” (in honor of Konstantin Ciolkovskij). This category recognizes international scientific and educational projects aimed at popularizing domestic science and higher education abroad, breaking stereotypes and forming an accurate picture of the achievements of Russian scientists in the world;

7.2.2. Evaluation criteria for the category “Russian Science for the World”:

- project relevance;

- uniqueness of the project;

- the scope of the project implementation;

- social and educational significance of the project;

- quality and reliability of supporting materials

- new formats of communication with youth;

7.2.3. “Working with Experience: Defending Historical Truth.” The award in this category is presented to an educational project aimed at preserving and popularizing reliable historical knowledge about outstanding Russian researchers, discoverers, political and public figures who contributed to the scientific and technological development of Russia.

7.2.4. Evaluation criteria for the category “Working with Experience: Defending Historical Truth”:

- project relevance;
- uniqueness of the project;
- the scope of the project implementation;
- social and educational significance of the project;
- the quality and credibility of the supporting materials;
- new formats of communication with youth;

7.2.5. “Khristofor Ledentsov Special Award.” The award is given for the significant contribution by private businesses and state corporations to the popularization of science and technology, as well as for the active engagement of young people in the scientific and technological sphere. The finalists are proposed by the Award’s partners - Rosatom, Rostec, Roscosmos and Gazprom - corporations that provide broad support for the development of Russian science and higher education, using private funds and resources to increase interest in scientific and technical disciplines. Several Laureates can be chosen in the category “Khristofor Ledentsov Special Award”.

7.3. List of categories in Block III “Science for All the Family” of the All-Russian Award “For Fidelity to Science”:

7.3.1. “Daniil Granin Special Award”. The award is given for outstanding projects aimed at creating an artistic image of a scientist in various media formats.

7.3.2. Evaluation criteria for the category “Daniil Granin Special Award”:

- project relevance;
- uniqueness of the project;
- social and educational significance of the project;
- the scope of the project implementation;
- new formats of communication with youth;

7.3.3. “Science for Children.” The category recognizes science and education projects in any format aimed at popularizing science and technology among children and adolescents.

7.3.4. Evaluation criteria for the category “Science for Children”:

- project relevance;
- uniqueness of the project;
- the scope of the project implementation;
- the quality and credibility of the supporting materials;
- social and educational significance of the project.
- new formats of communication with young adults, teenagers and children;

8. FINAL PROVISIONS

8.1. This Regulation shall govern the procedure for awarding all categories of the Award. Special awards (upon agreement with the Presidium of the Organizing Committee) may be given by agencies, state corporations and other organizations whose representatives are members of the Organizing Committee (no more than one category from per each agency, state corporation or other organization).

8.2. The amount of the monetary part of the Award is established annually and is formed from funds provided by partners and sponsors of the Award.

8.3. All expenses for participation in the Award (in particular, payment for Internet access, travel, accommodation, meals, other expenses) shall be borne by the Competitors themselves.

8.4. The Organizer or the Organizing Committee shall have the right to refuse to hold the Award in the case of determining the inexpediency of conducting certain stages of the Award, identifying the need to clarify the conditions of the Award, as well as in other cases. In case the Organizer or the Organizing Committee decide to refuse to hold or terminate the Award, the corresponding notice shall be posted on the Award Website.

8.5. The Organizer, as well as the Organizing Committee, shall not be liable for any possible losses, including lost profits, directly or indirectly related to participation in the Award, use of the Award materials, prizes received or in any other way related, directly or indirectly, to the organization, holding, and conclusion of the Award and (or) its individual stages.

8.6. Any questions related to the organization, holding, and conclusion of the Award or its individual stages should be directed to the Organizers at the contact information listed on the Award Website.