

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/Organizing Party** 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>, www.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. **Prize Participant** means the author (co-authors) of the Project who meets all the requirements specified in Section 4 of these Regulations, and who is mentioned in the Application for participation in the Prize submitted via the Website:

- in case of self-nomination, the Application shall be submitted by the author (group of authors) themselves, who becomes (become) both the Applicant and the future Prize Participant after the Application has been checked by the Organizing Party in accordance with Paragraph 5.8 hereof.
- in case of the Project's nomination by a third party (Applicant), the future Prize Participant shall be the author (co-authors) of the Project, whose data is stated in the Application, and who must meet the criteria of Section 4 hereof. Should an Application be submitted by a group of authors, all members of the group must meet the requirements set out in Section 4 hereof.

1.6. **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 5.2 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 Organizing Party). The Organizing Party 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 Organizing Party.

1.7. **Applicant**

- in case of self-nomination, Applicant means an individual (or a group of authors) who is (are) the Author (Authors) of the Project and who personally submits (submit) 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's author (co-authors). In this case, the Prize Participant shall be the author (co-authors) of the of the Project, whose data is stated in the Application, after the Application has been checked in accordance with Paragraph 5.8 hereof.

1.8. **Project** means research outcome, design concept, know-how, layout, or another result of the Participant's research activity submitted by the person who filled out the Application for consideration of the Prize Organizing Party with the purpose of passing the Prize Stages and getting the Money Prize.

- 1.9. **Organizing Committee** means the executive body of the Prize.
- 1.10. **Scientific Committee** means the advisory body of the Prize.
- 1.11. **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. The Expert may be a member of the Scientific Committee.
- 1.12. **Prize Category/Category** means a list of categories annually approved by the Organizing Committee in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Prize and the needs of the Russian scientific community and used in the competitive procedures.
- 1.13. **Prize Winner/Laureate** means a Prize Participant who took first place 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.
- 1.14. **Co-Laureate** means an individual who is a member of the Project authors' team and meets all the requirements for the Prize Participant in accordance with Section 4 hereof. If the Prize Participant is recognized as a Laureate, the Co-Laureates receive a portion of the Money Prize in accordance with Section 4.2 hereof.
- 1.15. **Money Prize** means a monetary prize awarded in each Category of the VYZOV National Prize for Future Technologies; it is awarded to the Laureate (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 Prize Award Regulations and is formed from funds provided by the partners and benefactors of the Prize.
- 1.16. **Prize Stages** means the stages of the Prize aimed at determining the Laureates, namely the Qualifying Stage and the Final Stage.
- 1.17. **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 from the shortlist of Prize Participants.
- 1.18. **Final Stage** means the Prize Stage, at which the Organizer prepares the Prize executive/advisory bodies and Prize Laureates for the Prize Ceremony. The Final Stage may include interviews, filming, and other similar activities involving the Laureates.
- 1.19. **Prize Ceremony** means an in-person 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 Organizing Party. The date and the location of the Prize Ceremony may be changed by the decision of the Organizing Party.

2. Goals and Objectives of the Prize

- 2.1. **The goal of the Prize** is to turn scientific discoveries and scientists into symbols of true success in modern Russia and add extra impetus to the scientific community to bring the quality of life of Russian citizens to a new level. **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 in Russia.

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: Vision

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 Participants

4.1. The Engineering Solution, Breakthrough, Scientist of the Year, and Vision 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 consecutive days 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 requires individual participation. An Application submitted by an individual who developed a Project in a team shall contain information about up to 2 additional members of the team of authors (co-authors), and all members of the team must meet the requirements for Prize Participants specified in these Regulations.

In this case, if the Prize Participant who developed the Project in a team of authors becomes a Laureate, the Money Prize is paid in the following proportion: 50% in favor of the Laureate declared in the Application as the Author of the Project, and 50% in favor of the remaining 1 or 2 members of the team of authors of the Project (co-authors) declared in the Application as members of the author's team.

4.3. The Prize Participant must have no subordinate, kinship and/or commercial relationship with the Organizing Party, the members of the Organizing Committee, the members of the Scientific Committee, or members of any other bodies within the VYZOV Foundation for the Development of Scientific and Cultural Relations. The Prize Participant must have no kinship and/or commercial relationship with them.

4.4. 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.

4.5. 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.

4.6. 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.

4.7. The Prize Participant who became a Laureate must keep this information secret starting from the moment they received it until the announcement of the Laureates at the Prize Ceremony. The Prize Participant must, at the request of the Organizing Party, sign a non-disclosure agreement.

4.8. 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.

4.9. The Prize Participant who became a Laureate must personally attend the Prize 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 Prize Ceremony their representative (a close relative) whose powers must be confirmed by a notarized power of attorney.

4.10. In the event of a change in contact information, the Prize Participant is obliged to provide new contact information to the Organizing Party 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 name;
- *required field*: Full name of the Project's author;
- *required field*: Place of work of the Project's author;
- *required field*: Position of the Project's author;
- *required field*: Phone number of the Project's author;
- *required field*: Email address of the Project's author;
- *required field*: Date of birth of the Project's author;
- *required field*: Country of residence of the Project's author (the country in which the Project author spends more than 50% of the time);
- full names of up to 2 other members of the Project team – Project's authors (co-authors) (if applicable);
- *required field*: Region and Photo;
- *required field*: Result description;
- *required field*: Short description (1-2 sentences) of the discovery or fundamental achievement of the submitted Project (main competitive advantage);
- *required field*: Information about research papers, monographs, and scholarly articles published by the Project's author / members of the Project team (10 best publications over the last 10 years and up to 4 publications older than 10 years in Q1/Q2 journals, as well as books/monographs published over the last 10 years);
- *required field*: Information about patents obtained by the Project's author / members of the Project team (patents related to the research submitted for the Prize with up to 10 best patents obtained over the last 10 years highlighted separately);
- information about awards received by the Project's author / members of the Project team over the last 10 years;
- Google Scholar / WoS ResearcherID / Scopus AuthorID / ORCID / RSCI;
- summary of the main achievements of the Project's author/ Project team in their research and development over the last 10 years;
- information about the previous places of employment and positions held by the Project's author;
- *required field*: status of the Project's author with regard to the Application: "self-nomination" (the Application/Project is submitted directly by the Project's author / member of the Project team) or "nomination" (the applicant is not a future Prize Participant);
- *required field in case of self-nomination*: Contact details of an expert who can provide a short letter of recommendation for the Project's author after the completion of the Qualifying Stage, including their full name, place of work, position, and email address;

- *required field in case of nomination:* Full name of the Applicant (an individual who can be a member of the Scientific Committee, or a legal entity), their place of work, position, phone number, and email address;
- *required field:* Obligation of the Applicant, if they become a Laureate, to personally attend the Prize Ceremony or, if there is a valid reason preventing them from attending supported by mandatory documents, send an authorized representative (a close relative), whose powers are confirmed by a notarized power of attorney;
- *required field:* Obligation of non-disclosure of information about the Applicant's nomination to third parties;
- *required field:* Consent to (acceptance of) the Personal Data Processing Policy of the websites <http://премиявызов.пф>, www.vyzovprize.com;
- *required field:* Consent to the terms of the Terms of Use of the Websites <http://премиявызов.пф>, www.vyzovprize.com.

The Application may also be accompanied by electronic files at the discretion of the applicant.

5.3. The Application must be written and submitted in Russian and contain no grammatical or spelling errors. All 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 Prize Participants at any time through any available communication channels.

5.4. The contact details of the Prize Participant (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 Participant's participation in the Prize.

5.5. The Application must meet the nomination criteria of the Category for which it 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 understands 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. Each Applicant (an individual or a team of authors in 1 Category) may submit only one Application in one Category in each year of the Prize.

5.8. The Applicant or the Project's author (if the applicant is not the Project's author) shall acquire the status of a Prize Participant once the Application has been checked by the Organizing Party and the following facts have been established:

- the User is registered on the Website;
- the Application is 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's author (if the applicant is not the Project's 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 or 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 (Prize Participants) does not agree to

this (refuses 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 or by email to supplement the Application with new results and submit it next year or resubmit the 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 Section 1.13 hereof, the money prize shall not be awarded in this Category.

6. Prize Stages and Prize 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 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 to the Organizing Committee.

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.

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 announcement of the Laureates at the Prize Ceremony.

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 Stages shall not be made public.

6.1.8. The founders and the President of the VYZOV Foundation for the Development of Scientific and Cultural Relations 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 Laureates are first announced at the Prize Ceremony. After the Prize Ceremony, the results of the Prize are posted on the Website.

6.2. Final Stage

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

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

- respond to emails, calls, and messages from the representatives of the Organizing Party as soon as possible;
- agree with the Organizing Party on the convenient date, time, and location of interviews, filming, and other similar activities;
- provide representatives of the Organizing Party (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 Organizing Party;
- 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 Prize 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 he/she is a "VYZOV Prize Laureate" on his/her 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, he (she) must indicate his (her) status as "VYZOV Prize Laureate" along with other academic degrees and titles (if any) when describing his (her) 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 Organizing Party sending a written notice (recommendation) on the need to bring his (her) public presentation into compliance with these Regulations;
- other measures determined by the Organizing Party, provided they do not contradict the legislation of the Russian Federation.

6.3. Prize Ceremony

6.3.1. The location of the Prize Ceremony shall be finalized by the Organizing Party 30 days before the Ceremony.

6.3.2. The Organizing Party shall prepare the venue for the Prize Ceremony and provide it with everything necessary.

6.3.3. The Prize Ceremony may be attended by the Laureates, members of the Prize Bodies, Experts, representatives of the Organizing Party, media representatives, and other persons accredited by agreement with the Organizing Party. Access is provided by personal accreditation or by entry lists. Persons who are not on the lists cannot attend the Prize Ceremony.

6.3.4. The presence of all Laureates at the Prize Ceremony is **mandatory**. The Laureates must attend the Prize 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. Visitors of the Prize 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/Organizing Party

7.1.1. The Organizing Party is the permanent administrative body of the Prize.

7.1.2. The Organizing Party shall:

- annually develop and submit for the approval of the Organizing Committee the Prize Regulations and the Prize Presentation Regulations;
- organize and manage Application submission, Prize Stages, and the Prize Ceremony;
- provide technical support and manage the content of the Website;
- provide information support of the Prize to Participants and Laureates;
- annually approve the members of the Organizing Committee;
- ensure interaction between the Prize Bodies;
- resolve all administrative, technical, and organizational issues arising in connection with the Prize.

7.2. Organizing Committee

7.2.1. The Organizing Committee is the executive body of the Prize.

7.2.2. The Organizing Committee is formed and the members of the Organizing Committee are appointed for the period of the Prize by an internal order of the VYZOV Foundation for the Development of Scientific and Cultural Relations.

7.2.3. The Organizing Committee is composed of up to 50 members, including the representatives of the Organizing Party and state authorities, heads of state-owned corporations and non-profit organizations, heads and representatives of research institutes and higher education institutions, and members of the business community. The list of members of the Organizing Committee is posted on the Website.

7.2.4. The Organizing Committee shall:

- provide organizational, technical, and information support for the activities and events of the Prize;
- annually approve the Prize Regulations, Prize Presentation Regulations, and Categories, and make decisions to change them;
- annually elect the Chairman of the Scientific Committee and their Deputy for a term of 1 year with the right to extend this term for another year up to 3 times;
- together with the Chairman of the Scientific Committee and their Deputy form the Scientific Committee for a term of up to 4 years;
- attract partners and benefactors;
- annually approve the budget of the Prize;
- supervise the operation of the Prize Bodies and the Organizing Party during all Prize Stages, the Application period, and the Prize Ceremony;
- form an order with a list of Laureates based on the list of Laureates provided by the Scientific Committee for announcement at the Prize Ceremony and publication on the Website;
- carry out other activities in accordance with the internal regulations on the Organizing Committee of the VYZOV Foundation for the Development of Scientific and Cultural Relations.

7.3. Scientific Committee

7.3.1. The Scientific Committee is the advisory body of the Prize. The Scientific Committee acts independently of other Prize Bodies, the bodies of the VYZOV Foundation for the Development of Scientific and Cultural Relations, and any other third parties.

7.3.2. The Scientific Committee is formed jointly by the Organizing Committee, the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, and their Deputy. The Scientific Committee is formed for a term of up to 4 years and operates during the period of the Prize.

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

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

7.3.4. 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 send the list of Laureates to the Organizing Committee;
- invite Experts at all Prize Stages;
- carry out other activities and duties specified in these Regulations.

7.3.5. 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.

7.3.6. 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. A conflict of interest is a situation where personal interest (either direct or indirect) 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 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 Committee with the deprivation of the right to further participate in the Prize awarding 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 presentation of Money Prizes to Laureates is set forth in the Prize Presentation Regulations.

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 Prize Participant when filling out the Application;
- invalid contact details of the Prize Participant;
- receipt by the Organizing Party, in accordance with the procedure established by these Regulations, of the Prize Participant's application to withdraw from the Prize;
- 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 Organizing Party 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 Organizing Party in whole or in part for non-commercial purposes on resources related to the Prize and/or to the Organizing Party. 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 Organizing Party 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 Organizing Party 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 Organizing Party is not expected to make a profit through the use of the Project;
- the Organizing Party 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 Organizing Party 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 Organizing Party'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 Prize Ceremony, shall be borne by Prize Participants, Laureates, and Experts on their own and at their own expense.

Transportation expenses related to the participation of the Laureates in the Prize Ceremony (particularly, the cost of travel to the host city and accommodation) are borne by the Organizing Party. The Organizing Party 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 Organizing Party 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 in accordance with the procedure for posting the Regulations 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 Organizing Party in a timely manner.

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

12.5. The Organizing Party 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 Organizing Party 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 Organizing Party 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, 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 Organizing Party using the contacts listed on the Website.

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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 National Prize for Future Technologies and/or as part of the Prize Ceremony

Moscow, ____ . ____ . 2025

Passport holder state your country of citizenship and full name
_____ (passport
issued on _____,
registered at _____ the _____ address:
_____),
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 National Prize for Future Technologies** (hereinafter referred to as the **Prize**) **and/or as part of the Prize 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 National Prize for Future Technologies
and confirmation of Laureate responsibilities

Moscow, ____ . ____ .2025

Passport holder state your country of citizenship and full name

(passport
issued on _____,
registered at _____ the address:
_____),

hereinafter referred to as the **Participant**, being the author (co-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 at the Prize Ceremony.

b) should the Participant be recognized as a Laureate, they shall attend the Prize Ceremony in person on the date and at the place additionally determined by the Prize Organizing Party (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 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 Organizing Party, 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 Organizing Party 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 Organizing Party, 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 Organizing Party 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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