Russian Science Foundation

Building research excellence in Russia:

prioritising research and linking government, researchers and businesses

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Current Profile

The Russian Science Foundation was founded by the decree of the President of the Russian Federation in 2013, and its activities are regulated by a special federal law.

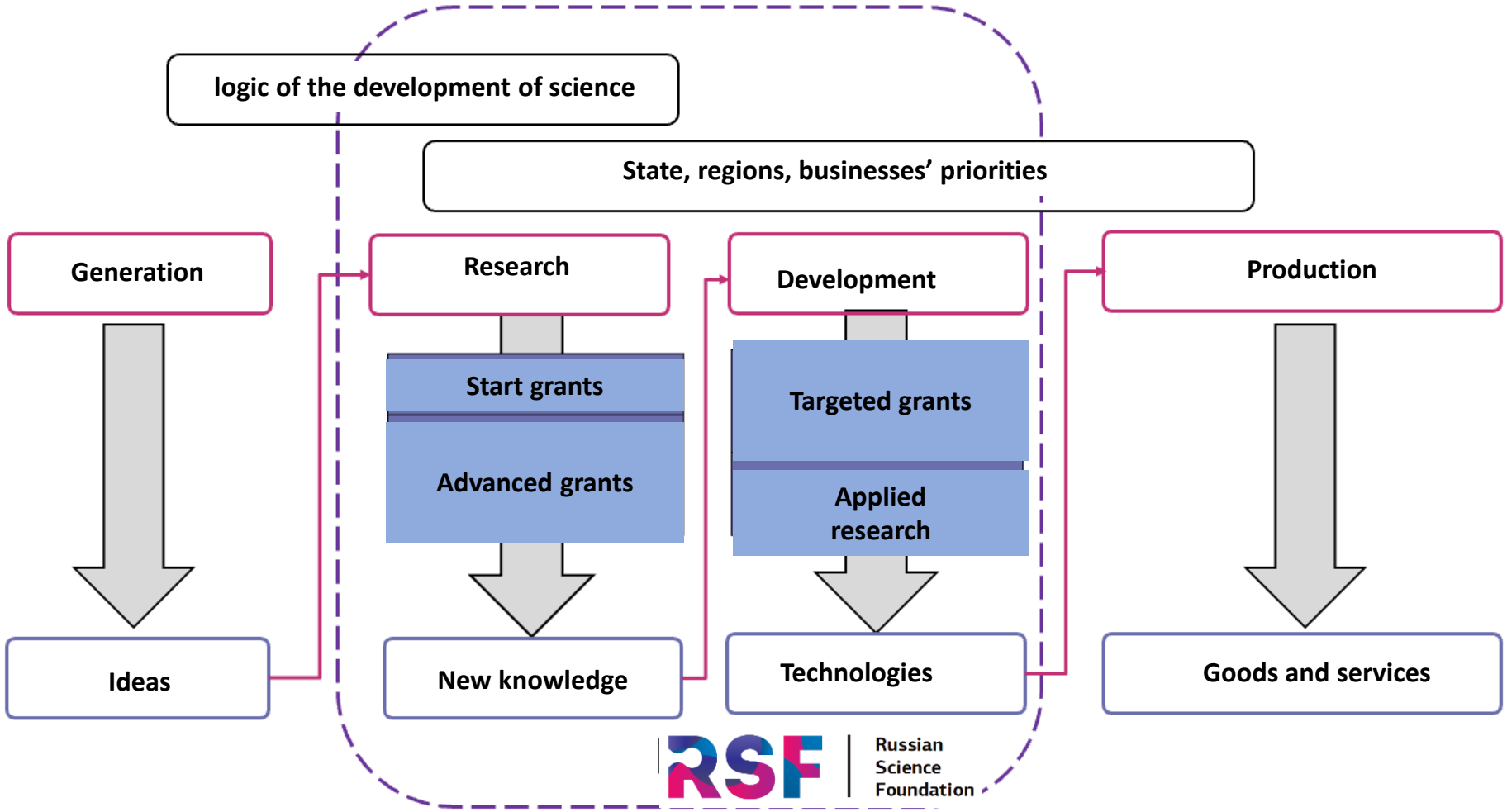
The RSF funds cutting-edge research projects in all branches of frontier science, including humanities. Since 2025, RSF funds applied research too.

We offer various funding programs for 2-8 years for all career stages of researchers. The size of grant ranges from 1.5 to 100 million Russian rubles per year.

2026 budget: 39 billion Russian rubles ($ 487 million)

In 2025, more than 8,800 projects were funded, engaging 55,300 researchers, including some 38,900 young scientists (70,3%), from 600 host organizations in Russia

RSF scope of activity



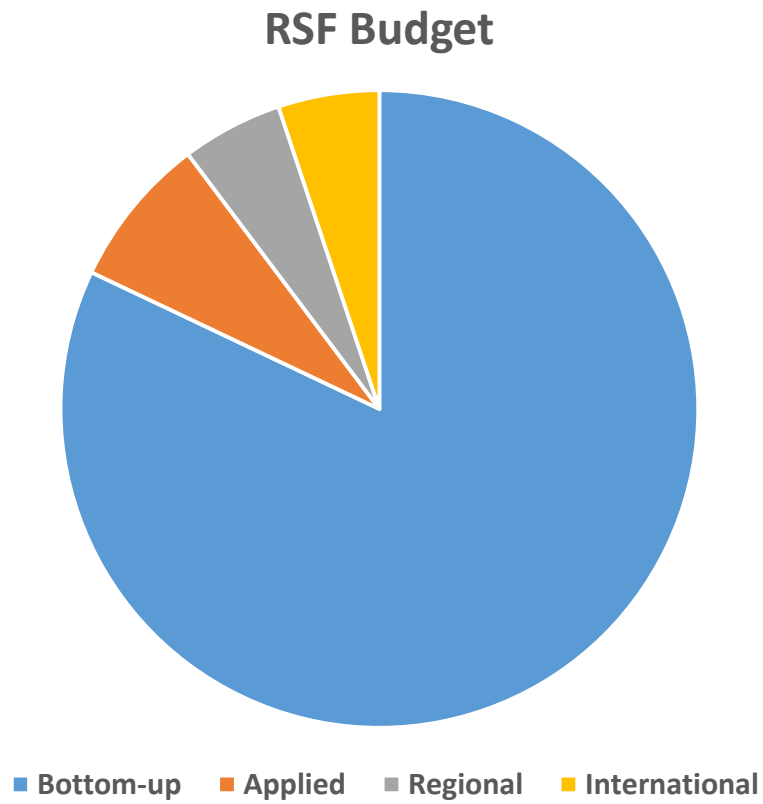
Prioritizing research

1st level President	Strategy for Scientific and Technological Development (2024)	Smart transport and telecommunications; Smart healthcare and medicine; New Materials; Plant and Animal Bio-Technology; Clean Energy; Artificial Intelligence; Safe Food; Climate Change; Societal challenges
2nd level, Government	9 National technological leadership projects	Industrial support for transport mobility; New materials and chemistry; Unmanned aviation systems; Means of production and automation; New health-preservation technologies; Technological Support for Food Security; New Nuclear and Energy Technologies; Space technologies; Bioeconomy
3rd level, Region	Regional development programs (68 Russian regions)	**Kuzbass example**: energy and rational natural resource management; advanced processing of hydrocarbon and mineral raw materials; ecology and waste recycling; medicine; agricultural sciences; biology and life sciences; biotechnology; Earth sciences; mining sciences; physics and geophysics; mathematics, computer science, and systems sciences; artificial intelligence; metallurgy and materials science; chemistry and materials-related sciences; mechanical engineering and robotics; urban planning; humanities, social sciences, psychology, and cognitive sciences; culture and the arts
4th level, Business	Business strategy	**Gazprombank example**: neurotechnologies and microelectronics in medicine

Logic of science development

Bilateral programs

Prioritizing research



Global Partnerships

	Start of cooperation	Calls released	Projects funded	Total cumulative funding by 2026 (million, RUR)
Department of Science and Technology, India (DST)	2015	5	105	1912
National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC)	2020	6	255	4084
Belarusian Republican Foundation for Fundamental Research (BRFFR)	2021	4	89	1308
Iran National Science Foundation (INSF)	2023	3	30	418
Vietnam Academy of Science and technology (VAST)	2023	3	18	266
Ministry of Economy and Development of Mongolia (MED)	2023	2	29	418
Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (MOST)	2025	1	-	-
National Foundation for Science and Technology Development (NAFOSTED)	2025	1	-	-

The RSF actively encourages international research cooperation. The Foundation participates in a number of bilateral funding schemes that provide assistance to the outstanding Russian researchers to participate in collaborative research projects with their top international peers based on the principles of excellence, parity funding, credible independent peer-review and mutual trust. In 2026, the RSF provided funding for 329 international collaborative projects in total amount of US$ 27 million. In 2027, we expect to fund 355.

Thank you
and welcome to cooperation!

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