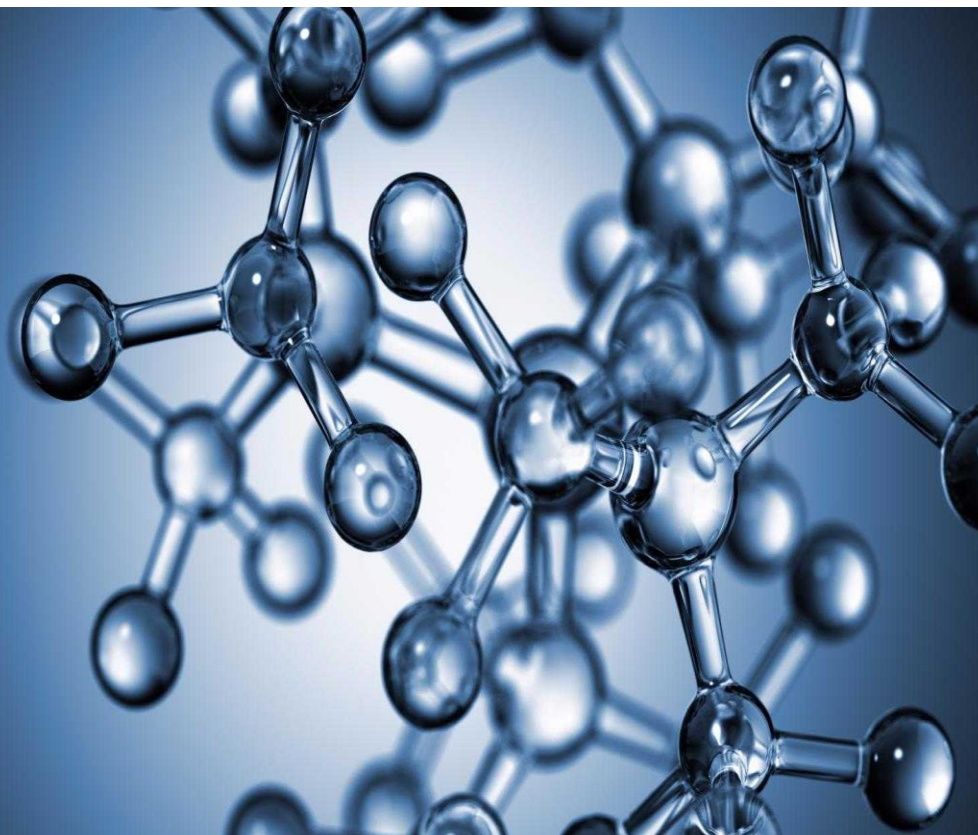


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Announced competitions and Programs

Inventor and research students competition "Leonardo da



Program for Inventor and research students competition "Leonardo da Vinci" aim is to support ongoing reforms at general educational institutions; to stimulate and improve learning process and raise pupils' interest towards learning; to raise interest towards innovation and technology; to develop creative thinking and practical skills.

Participation in competition can any person who are VII-XII graders at the general educational institutions (public and private schools).

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Young Scientists Research Grants



The current SRNSF aims to enhance the quality of research by supporting projects of young scientists, to promote their involvement in interdisciplinary scientific cooperation. Also, to help higher education institutions strengthen their scientific-research environment.

Eligibility: Citizen of Georgia with a PhD or equivalent degree who has been awarded the degree in the past 7 years before the announcement date of the call.

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PhD scholarships 2017

The main goal of the program is developing intellectual potential of the country and preparing high qualified science staff. Sub-goals of the program are: targeted use of intellectual potential existing in the universities, creating relevant conditions for the research, collaboration between PhD students and higher education institutions abroad. Objective of the project is identifying successful, talented, young researchers and contributing towards bringing his/her doctoral research project to international standards. This program will contribute to young researchers' integration in international projects and increase Georgia's scientific research quality.

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Announced call for 2017 MA research

MA research call is dedicated to support MA students to study in accredited Georgian Universities in order to advance their scientific research skills and improve the quality of academic research papers of MA studies in Georgia. Additionally, MA research call promotes building up improved research capacity in higher education institutions of Georgia.

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Announced a call for programme – ‘Science begins from School’

The competition aims at enhancing education quality at general educational institutions, integrating research in teaching process, increasing the popularity of science and encouraging pupils to engage in research. SRNSF call intends to introduce innovative approaches to the educational process, facilitate a pupil to get the comprehensive understanding of different subjects and increase the curiosity for science.

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Grants for networking in Brokerage Events or in Preparatory Meetings



One of the aims of the Eastern Partnership PLUS (EaP PLUS) project is to support the stronger interaction of EaP researchers with EU counterpart & their participation in H2020. The development of Grants for networking financially supports the participation of local researchers from research entities, industry, municipalities and SMEs.

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The Foundation announced a call for Research & Development Initiatives STCU & SRNSF 2017-20185

In accordance with the “Statement of Intent to Cooperate Between the Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (STCU) and the Georgian National Science Foundation (since February 2016- Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation - SRNSF), the STCU and the SRNSF jointly issue this 2017 call for proposals within the framework of the Targeted Research & Development Initiatives (TRDI) Program in the following priority areas:

1. Biotechnologies and Life Sciences
2. New Materials and Nanotechnologies
3. Information and Communications Technologies

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Foundation Activities



Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundations' International Supervisory Board Meeting

On February 23-24 held the 4th International Supervisory Board meeting. The Supervisory Board is a collegial body of the foundation which meets twice a year in order to guide and review the six month 's activity of the foundation and to discuss strategic issues and the action plan.

Representatives of the Foundation delivered the summary report to the Supervisory Board along with the achievements, challenges and changes made with a recommendation of the Supervisory Board. Discussion topics included revised terms of the calls, the new grant programs (MG, SRNSF-DAAD and SRNSF-VW joint grant program), the 2017 calls and budget.





Informational meeting with students

On February 10, at 16:00, an info day was held at the Conference Hall of Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation for grantees of MA Research Scholarships 2016. The meeting participants were explained management issues related to projects funded under SRNSF's calls.

In foundation held 5 informational meeting

GMUS - Renovated Grant management united system

Occurs working on creating international standards conformable "Grant management united system". United system is important for foundation mission, goal and tasks effective execution.

Put in motion of United system is planed since 2018 year, which will polish and make project registartion, evaluation and grants administration process more completed.

With that system will be possible efficient estimator of foundations administrative programs effectiveness , basis of it will give a glance existing programs, modification and renew.

System will be flexible tool for foundation and scientific society.





Internationalization of Science and International Relations

Launch Conference of Georgian Studies Programme at the University of Oxford

On 7th of February, the Launch Conference of Georgian Studies Programme was held at the University of Oxford.

The launch conference included attendees such as the Georgian Ambassador in the United Kingdom - Tamar Beruchashvili, Rector of Ilia State University – Giga Zedania, Director General of Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation – Marine Chitashvili. The Conference on Georgian Studies will be conducted annually.

Georgian Studies Programme was founded on 23th of October, 2015, at the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies of University of Oxford. Georgian Studies programme at University of Oxford is funded by Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, in the frame of supporting Georgian studies at foreign universities programme. As stated in the agreement between SRNSF and University of Oxford, 3 Georgian scientists will be admitted to the program annually.



Prof. Marja Makarow meeting with the representatives of Georgian society



With support of the tool for institutional building managed by the European Commission, Prof. Marja Makarow visited Georgia, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation. As part of her visit, Prof. Makarow aims to get acquainted with the Georgian STI system, with particular focus on Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation's activities, its programmes and targeted initiatives. After several missions to Georgia, Prof. Marja Makarow will develop recommendations on how to improve science management system in Georgia.

On January 11, an introductory meeting took place at SRNSF with participation of Georgian research centers and state universities. Parties exchanged information on current situation in Georgian research institutions and universities.

Meeting with the representatives of the U.S. Embassy in Georgia

Director General of the SRNSF and the representatives of the foundation met with the representatives of U.S embassy in Georgia on 16th of February. SRNSF, in collaboration with the Embassy, is planning to organize a conference regarding the popularization of science and innovation in Georgia. The conference will be held on 23rd of April. Invited guests from Georgian public and private sectors and the attendees of the conference will discuss the opportunities and challenges of Georgian research and innovation ecosystem and the strategy of Georgian science development.



Meeting with Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Georgia

10th of MArch held Meeting with Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Georgia H.E. Ji Yanchi took place at Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation. Ambassador Yanchi, Attaché Ms. Liu Yitong and SRNSF representatives attended the meeting. During the meeting participants discussed future cooperation between the National Natural Science Foundation of China and SRNSF. Meeting of SRNSF and the representatives of the National Natural Science Foundation of China is scheduled in April 2017.



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