

"ANM Postdoctoral Grants"

Regulations for the Call for Proposals "ANM POSTDOCTORAL GRANTS 2024"

I. General

1. The Regulations for the Call for Proposals "ANM POSTDOCTORAL GRANTS 2024" (hereinafter - the Regulations) have been developed in compliance with Sub-clause 2.8 of the "Implementation Regulations for the Second Round "Consolidation and Implementation Grants for Governance Changes" of Reforms 5.2 and of Investment 5.2.1.1.i "Research, Development and Consolidation Grants" of Reform 5.2.1.r "Higher Education and Science Excellence and Governance Reform" of Investment Direction "Ensuring the Change of the Higher Education Governance Model", approved on 5 December 2023 (Minutes No. 60, §59)) and the Internal and External Consolidation Plan of Riga Technical University submitted by the Ministry of Education and Science (hereinafter - the Consolidation Plan) the Project Nr. 5.2.1.1.i.0/2/24/I/CFLA/003 "Implementation of consolidation and management changes at Riga Technical University, Liepāja University, Rezekne Academy of Technology, Latvian Maritime Academy and Liepāja Maritime College for the progress towards excellence in higher education, science and innovation".
2. The Regulations define the procedure for the Postdoctoral Grant Implementer (hereinafter - Postdoctoral Researcher) to prepare and submit an Application for the ANM Postdoctoral Grant (hereinafter - Grant) at Riga Technical University (hereinafter - RTU).
3. The aim of the Grants is to create new knowledge and technological insights, promote excellence, foster cooperation with QS WUR TOP 500 universities, create new scientific team, promote the quality of higher education and science and the efficiency of resource investments, and strengthen the competitiveness of the Latvian economy.
4. Grants available for: 4.1.
External consolidation:
 - 4.1.1. for the cooperation of RTU Liepāja Academy (hereinafter - RTU LA) and RTU in scientific capacity building - up to 4 Grants;
 - 4.1.2. for the cooperation of Rezekne Academy of Technologies (hereinafter - RTA) and RTU in scientific capacity building - up to 7 Grants.
- 4.2. Internal consolidation:
 - 4.2.1. scientific capacity building of RTU - at least 5 Grants;
 - 4.2.2. scientific capacity building of RTU and RTU-LJA - up to 5 Grants.
5. The maximum total amount of the Grant eligible is EUR 3860.80 per month (including employer's compulsory social security contributions) for compensation costs and EUR 1000 per month for the costs of research and materials, training, networking events and research publicity at unit cost rates.
6. The Grant implementation period is from 12 to 14 months. Its implementation must be started no later than January 1, 2025.
7. During the Grant implementation period, the Postdoctoral Researcher shall be employed full-time (40 hours per week) at only one institution (RTU, RTU LA or RTA).
8. RTA, RTU LA and RTU LJA may be involved as Consolidation Partners in the implementation of the Grant.
9. The Postdoctoral Researcher shall have a Scientific Advisor who holds an elected academic position at RTU, RTA or RTU LA and supervises the implementation of the Grant.
10. The Head of the Unit where the Grant is to be implemented approves the submission of the Grant Application, takes responsibility for the achievement of the Project results and is accountable for its implementation.
11. For the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the Grants and decision-making, RTU shall establish a Research Project Board (hereinafter - RPB), approved by the Order of the Rector of RTU.

II. Conditions of Application

12. The Grant is open to researchers who have obtained their first PhD degree no earlier than 10 years before the deadline for submission of the Grant. This period may be extended by up to two years if the Postdoctoral Researcher has a valid reason:
 - 12.1. parental leave;
 - 12.2. temporary incapacity for work.
13. The Grant is open to Postdoctoral Researchers who have at least two (2) full-length publications or review articles, or book/book chapters in journals indexed in SCOPUS and Web of Science between 2021 and the time of submission of the Grant Application, published or accepted for publication (accompanied by an acknowledgment of acceptance for publication).
14. If the Postdoctoral Researcher does not hold an elected academic position at RTU, RTU LA or RTA, then the Unit shall create a new academic staff position or the Postdoctoral Researcher will be employed as a visiting researcher.
15. Minimum deliverables during the implementation of the Grant:
 - 15.1. published or accepted for publishing an original scientific article included in Q1 and Q2 quartile journals indexed in SCOPUS or Web of Science databases, and written with co-authors from QS WUR 2024 Top 500 universities;
 - 15.2. at least one new project application has been prepared and submitted by April 30, 2026 for international research programmes (Horizon Europe, etc.) and/or innovation support programmes involving collaboration with industry, as lead or collaborating partner;
 - 15.3. preferably an international patent applied for or obtained.
16. Expenditure that has been funded from other public or private funding sources is not eligible under the Grant. To avoid the risk of double funding, the Grant deliverables may only be funded by the Grant.
17. The topic of the Grant Application shall be in line with the Research Platforms priority research direction as identified in Section 4.2.6 of the Consolidation Plan:
 - 17.1. **Within the consolidation of RTU - RTU LA**, in accordance with Section 4.2.6.3 of the Consolidation Plan:

1. ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
1.1. Modelling dynamic systems 1.2. Use of renewable materials (including seaweed) for energy production (including biogas production; hydrogen production) 1.3. Circular economy 1.4. Use of renewable energy sources (including solar, wind, wave energy)
2. URBAN AREAS AND DEVELOPMENT
2.1. Open data for urban transformation 2.2. Content and provision of sustainable education 2.3. Dimensions of diversity at all stages of education 2.4. Excellence in education and governance for sustainable human capital capacity and quality of life 2.5. Regional governance 2.6. Sustainable society and social support system (including public responsibility and behaviour change, public engagement, influencing societal processes, security aspects) 2.7. Language, culture and new media arts in the context of regional, ecological and socio-economic sustainability
3. TRANSPORT
3.1. Marine and inland aquatorium robots 3.2. E-mobility (including civil and military defence technologies)
4. MATERIALS, PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGIES
4.1. Renewable materials (including seaweed) 4.2. Process monitoring (including environmental monitoring)

<p>5. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES</p> <p>5.1. Digital humanities (including data-driven research on Latvian Sign Language)</p> <p>5.2. Creative industries (including new media arts, automation tools for creative industries)</p> <p>5.3. Computer, information and environmental technologies for sustainable development</p> <p>5.4. IT solutions for statistics and data quality research (including medicine, environmental monitoring, etc.)</p> <p>5.5. Internet of Things and artificial intelligence applications</p> <p>5.6. E-learning technologies and governance</p>
<p>6. LETONICS (beyond RTU Research Platform topics)</p> <p>6.1. Children's and young people's language (including the development of Latvian language skills and use in a linguistically competitive environment)</p> <p>6.2. Language, literature, culture in the cultural space of Kurzeme in the Latvian, Baltic and Northern European context</p> <p>6.3. Functioning and learning modern languages and literature in a multicultural environment</p> <p>6.4. Exploring voice ergonomics</p>
<p>17.2. Within the consolidation of RTU - RTA, in accordance with Section 4.2.6.2 of the Consolidation Plan:</p>
<p>1. ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>1.1. Modelling socio-technical systems (e.g. for environmental and energy policy development)</p> <p>1.2. Sustainable and rational use of resources (e.g. opportunities for food waste reduction, dehydration of food products; optimal use of land for agriculture; use of clay as a natural resource for medicine, cosmetics; sustainability of hydro-ecosystems, impact of sapropel depletion on the lake ecosystem)</p> <p>1.3. Food production (development of new food products, processing of surplus food, organisation of residue-free food production, determination of food quality parameters, determination of nutritional values, selection of packaging)</p>
<p>2. URBAN AREAS AND DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>2.1. Regional economy and tourism</p> <p>2.2. Challenges and prospects for a region's economic growth</p> <p>2.3. Assessment of companies' performance</p>
<p>3. TRANSPORT</p> <p>3.1. Developing and improving micro-mobility vehicles</p> <p>3.2. Developing and improving the ecosystem for micro-mobility vehicle deployment in urban areas</p>
<p>4. MATERIALS, PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGIES</p> <p>4.1. Laser technologies (surface coatings, surface laser micro- and nano-structuring, medical and labelling applications; development of new laser devices; production of nanoparticles under water (or by other methods) using laser radiation)</p> <p>4.2. Methods for smart material creation, including photonics; modification of material surface properties (e.g. adhesion, obtaining hydrophilic and hydrophobic surfaces; antibacterial properties)</p> <p>4.3. Formation of nanostructured coatings of diamond-like carbon (DLC), corundum, etc.</p> <p>4.4. Development of UV and ozone disinfection equipment</p> <p>4.5. Development of new composite materials</p> <p>4.6. Functional materials (including the production of functional textiles by laser surface treatment)</p> <p>4.7. Development of machine learning algorithms (artificial neural networks) for obtaining and optimising markings on different surfaces</p> <p>4.8. Development of innovative technologies and methods and solutions for macro machining (cutting, welding, hardening and alloying)</p> <p>4.9. Development of biostimulation technologies</p>
<p>5. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1. Drones and their use in agriculture (e.g. for disease detection in apple orchards) 5.2. Scanning the Earth's surface 5.3. Mechatronics 5.4. Digital humanities 5.5. Digital tools for pedagogy (incl. AI) 5.6. Developing diagnostic artificial intelligence solutions for medicine 5.7. Media in the age of digital culture
<p>6. SAFETY AND SECURITY (Thematic area: Safe and efficient marine engineering systems and their technical operation)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1. Border security (including digital solutions, communication with society, media policy and media literacy) 6.2. Artificial intelligence tools and their implementation or development in border security
<p>17.3. Within the consolidation of RTU - LJA, in accordance with Section 4.2.6.1 of the Consolidation Plan:</p>
<p>1. ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT (Thematic area: Blue economy and green corridors (decarbonisation of shipping; eco-efficiency))</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Ship energy systems; energy efficiency; eco-efficiency of ships 1.2. Use of renewable energy, including for ships; construction and maintenance of offshore wind farms 1.3. Ship sewage systems; ship ballast water systems; water chemistry; marine pollution prevention 1.4. Maritime spatial planning 1.5. Electromagnetic systems for food cooling in sublimation technology
<p>2. URBAN AREAS AND DEVELOPMENT (Thematic area: Smart and environmentally friendly port technologies)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Smart ports 2.2. Development of systems for the monitoring and detection of ship oil and chemical pollution in port areas, pollution prevention 2.3. Development of exhaust monitoring and detection systems in port areas 2.4. Smart ship-shore power connection development
<p>3. TRANSPORT</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Modelling, forecasting of freight and passenger flows, including port freight modelling 3.2. Ship engine modelling 3.3. Autonomous shipping 3.4. Analysis and development of sea freight supply chains (chain management)
<p>4. MATERIALS, PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGIES</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. Structures, materials and coatings (including composites, functional coatings, environmental impact of materials) 4.2. Non-destructive testing and diagnostics of structures 4.3. Component prototypes and trials 4.4. Operation and repair technologies
<p>5. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (Thematic area: Maritime digitalisation and cyber security engineering systems)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1. Autonomous aerial, ground and underwater drones (including their use to free shipwrecks from ghost nets) 5.2. Data transmission systems and algorithms 5.3. Algorithms for ensuring cyber security 5.4. Shipborne radio navigation and communication systems 5.5. Shipping and port automation processes
<p>6. SAFETY AND SECURITY (Thematic area: Safe and efficient marine engineering systems and their technical operation)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1. Ship fire-fighting and evacuation systems 6.2. Safety monitoring of the sea and port 6.3. Maritime search and rescue operations

6.4. Ship collision and casualty analysis; methodologies for maritime safety assessment

17.4. **Within the internal consolidation of RTU, priority directions are determined by the Order of the Rector of RTU.**

18. RTU announces the Call for Proposals for Postdoctoral Grants with funding to be awarded in the form of Grants in accordance with Section 4.2.1 of the Consolidation Plan "Indicators to Be Achieved under the Consolidation and Funding Available to Implement the Plans"
19. The deadline for submission of Grant Applications is set in accordance with the Order of the Rector.
20. Information on the announcement of the Call for Proposals for Innovation Grants and the procedure for submitting documents is published on the RTU, RTA and RTU LA websites. The deadline for submitting documents shall be no less than 20 working days from the date of publication.
21. The Grant Application shall be prepared and completed by the Postdoctoral Researcher.
22. The Postdoctoral Researcher shall complete and submit the Grant Application (Annex 1) in the National Scientific Activity Information System (hereinafter - the NSAIS) of the Latvian Council of Science (hereinafter - LCS) in accordance with Annex 2 of the Regulations "Methodology for the Presentation and Submission of the Grant Application and Final Report of the Grant" (hereinafter - the submission methodology) within the deadline set in the Regulations for the Call for Proposals.
23. The Postdoctoral Researcher identify in Chapter 1 "General Information" of Part A of the Project Proposal, in accordance with Section 17 of the Regulations, the priority research direction for which the research Grant will be implemented or, if the Project is interdisciplinary, the main scientific field in which the Grant is to be implemented.
24. The Grant Application shall consist of:
 - 24.1. general Application information completed in the NSAIS in Latvian and English (Annex 1, Part A);
 - 24.2. a description of the Project Application in English (Annex 1, Part B);
 - 24.3. a CV in English (Annex 1, Part C);
 - 24.4. Copies of the DSc Diploma obtained (Part C);
 - 24.5. Acknowledgment by the Grant Applicant in Latvian (Annex 1, Part D);
 - 24.6. Acknowledgment by the Scientific Advisor with the endorsement of the Head of the Unit where the Grant Application will be implemented (Annex 1, Part D);
 - 24.7. Acknowledgment of the Consolidation Partner in Latvian (if applicable) (Annex 1, Part E)

III. Supported Activities and Costs

25. The Postdoctoral Researcher shall carry out non-economic activities under the Grant in accordance with the Grant Application.
26. The supported activities of the Grant Application may include:
 - 26.1. fundamental and applied research;
 - 26.2. the purchase and supply of materials necessary for the implementation of the Grant;
 - 26.3. the acquisition, validation and protection of intangible assets arising from the activity carried out under Sub-section 26.1 of these Regulations (hereinafter - the protection of intangible assets), if applicable;
 - 26.4. knowledge and technology transfer and public awareness activities - publishing scientific articles and publications, presenting research results at conferences and seminars, and other knowledge management activities;
 - 26.5. competence development (training);
 - 26.6. international mobility and networking events;
 - 26.7. supervising and reviewing Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral theses, participation in Final Thesis Commissions;
 - 26.8. preparing research or innovation projects for submission to national and international calls for proposals;
 - 26.9. involving the public in the research application events and communicating the non-IPR results of the Grant.
27. Grant Application costs may include:
 - 27.1. remuneration (including employer's CSSC);
 - 27.2. unit costs;

- 27.2.1. business trip expenses;
 - 27.2.2. material costs;
 - 27.2.3. external contractor services;
 - 27.2.4. other costs (training costs, publication costs, publicity costs, etc.);
 - 27.2.5. administrative costs of the Unit implementing the Grant (10% of unit costs).
28. Costs of value added tax (hereinafter - VAT) incurred in the implementation of the Grant and related to the eligible costs referred to in Section 27 shall be accounted for separately and charged to the funds of the Unit in which the Grant is implemented.

IV. Administrative Assessment of the Grant Applications

29. After the closure of the deadline for the submission of Grant Applications, the RPB shall, within two weeks, assess the Project Proposals against the established administrative eligibility criteria, following the administrative eligibility assessment methodology and completing the Grant Application Administrative Eligibility Assessment Form (Annex 3). The Administrative Assessment Form shall be completed by the RPB, indicating under each administrative eligibility criterion whether it has been met. If the criterion is fully met, it shall be marked with a "Yes", if the criterion is not met or partially met, it shall be marked with a "No". If an administrative eligibility criterion is marked with a "No", the RPB shall indicate in the Administrative Assessment Form why the criterion has not been met.
30. The RPB, when completing Annex 3 to the Regulations, shall compile a list of Project Proposals, inform the Rector of RTU about the Grant Applications to be advanced for scientific evaluation, which fulfil the administrative eligibility criteria, and the Project Proposals that do not fulfil the administrative eligibility criteria, which are rejected and are not advanced for scientific evaluation.

V. Selection of Experts for the Scientific Evaluation of Grant Applications

31. The Latvian Council of Science (hereinafter - LCS), on behalf of RTU, shall organise and carry out the scientific assessment of the Project Proposals, involving two independent foreign experts for the evaluation of each Project Proposal.
32. The selection of foreign scientific experts by the LCS shall be carried out in accordance with established guidelines and guiding principles, ensuring the confidentiality of scientific information and research data, as well as the protection of personal data.
33. In order to ensure an independent evaluation of a Project Proposal and to avoid any potential conflict of interest, the LCS shall involve at least two foreign experts in the evaluation of each Project Proposal, subject to the following conditions:
- 33.1. the expert holds a DSc;
 - 33.2. the scientific qualifications of the expert are relevant to the scientific field and subject matter of the Project Proposal;
 - 33.3. the expert's previous evaluation expertise and work experience are relevant to the scientific field and subject matter of the Project Proposal;
 - 33.4. the expert carries out the evaluation independently and does not represent the institution of the Project Applicant, and his/her activities are free from circumstances giving rise to a conflict of interest, including any personal or pecuniary interest, which the expert does not have and will not have;
 - 33.5. the experts declare that there is no conflict of interest and that the information relating to the content of the Research Project and its evaluation is confidential and cannot be disclosed to third parties or used for the expert's own interests. The scientific quality evaluation of the results of the Research Project is anonymous with respect to the Implementer of the Research Application and any third parties. The name, scientific degree and organisation of the expert shall be made known to the other experts assessing the Research Project after the completion of the individual scientific quality evaluation of the Research Application and before the consolidated assessment.
 - 33.6. if, during the evaluation of the project application and the final scientific report of the project, the LCS finds that the expert has not complied with the declaration of absence of conflict of

interest and commitment to confidentiality annexed to the Expert Contract, the LCS shall inform the expert concerned in accordance with the terms of the expert's contract, shall not engage the expert for the evaluation of the project concerned and shall engage a new expert in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Statutes.

VI. Scientific Evaluation of the Grant Application

34. The expert evaluates the Application in accordance with Annex 4 to the Regulations, "Methodology for the Scientific Evaluation of the Grant Application and the Individual and Consolidated Evaluation Form for the Grant Application" (hereinafter - the scientific evaluation methodology), by completing and approving the Individual and Consolidated Evaluation Form for Grant Applications.
35. The two experts individually evaluate the Grant Application concerned and one of the experts prepares a consolidated evaluation (hereinafter - the Reporter), which is submitted to the LCS by the Reporter in agreement with the other expert in accordance with Annex 4 to the Regulations "Methodology for the Scientific Evaluation of the Grant Application and Consolidated Evaluation Form for the Grant Application".
36. The LCS, taking into account the consolidated evaluation score in points of the Grant Application, shall calculate the consolidated evaluation percentage score of each Grant Application according to the following formula:

$$K = \frac{(A \times 50) + (B \times 30) + (C \times 20)}{5}$$

(hereinafter - the consolidated evaluation percentage score of the Grant Application), where:

- 36.1. K - consolidated evaluation percentage score of the Grant Application;
- 36.2. A - scientific quality of the Grant Application: the score for this criterion (weighted at 50% of the consolidated evaluation score in points of the Project Proposal);
- 36.3. B - impact of Grant results: the score for this criterion (weighted at 30% of the consolidated evaluation score in points of the Project Proposal);
- 36.4. C - Grant feasibility and provisions: the score for this criterion (weighted at 20% of the consolidated evaluation score in points of the Grant Application);

VII. Grant Funding

37. The RPB shall, no later than two weeks after receipt of the scientific evaluations from the LCS, rank the Applications and take one of the following decisions:
 - 37.1. a decision to fund the Grant Application;
 - 37.2. a decision to reject the Grant Application for insufficient funding.
38. The minimum achievement of the consolidated assessment (percentage) of the application is 45%. In the event that the consolidated evaluation score (percentage) is the same for several Grant Applications, the Grant Application which scores highest in the first criterion (A) of the consolidated evaluation score in points of the Application will be awarded funding. If the Grant Applications score the same in criterion 1, the Grant Application which scores highest in the second criterion (B) of the consolidated evaluation score in points of the Application will be awarded funding. If the Grant Applications score the same in criteria 1 and 2, the Grant Application which scores highest in the third criterion (C) of the consolidated evaluation score in points of the Application will be awarded funding.
39. The RPB shall include Grant Applications for which there is insufficient funding in the reserve list of Grant Applications in descending order of the consolidated score of the Grant Application (hereinafter - the reserve list of Applications).
40. The LCS shall send to each Postdoctoral Researcher the consolidated evaluation score in points of the Application, without disclosing the identity of the experts, using the Information System.
41. On the basis of the RPB's decision referred to in Section 37.1 of the Regulations, RTU proposes to conclude a Contract on the Implementation of the Postdoctoral Research Grant (hereinafter - the Contract) with the Head of the Unit where the Grant is being implemented and the Postdoctoral

- Researcher. The Contract shall be signed by the Head of Unit and the Postdoctoral Researcher no later than within 20 working days. The content of the Contract may be specified by the contracting parties during the contracting process, taking into account the specificities of the Grant's subject.
42. If the Contract is not signed within 20 working days, based on the RPB's decision referred to in Section 37.1 of the Regulations, the RPB may award the funding of the Call to the next Grant Application from the reserve list of Applications.
 43. The procedure for challenging the results of the Call for Grant Applications is as follows:
 - 43.1. within five working days from the date of publication of the Call for Proposals results, the Postdoctoral Researcher is entitled to submit a reasoned complaint to the Rector of RTU, supporting his/her opinion with an explanation and evidence;
 - 43.2. the Rector shall examine the complaint within two weeks of receipt and shall make a decision, which shall be notified in writing to the complainant.

VIII. Submission and Evaluation of the Final Report of the Grants

44. The Postdoctoral Researcher shall, within one month of the end date of the Grant or in the event of early termination of the Grant, submit in the NSAIS a Final Report of the Grant in accordance with the terms of the Contract and in accordance with Annex 6 "Final Report of the Grant" to the Regulations.
45. If the Postdoctoral Researcher has not prepared and submitted the Final Report of the Grant within one month, it shall be prepared and submitted within 10 working days by the Unit in which the Grant was implemented.
46. The LCS shall organise and carry out the scientific evaluation of the Final Report of the Grant, involving at least two independent experts from abroad, in accordance with the established guidelines.
47. In order to ensure an independent evaluation of the Final Report of the Grant and to avoid any potential conflict of interest, the LCS shall involve at least two foreign experts in the evaluation of each Final Report of the Grant, subject to the following conditions:
 - 47.1. the expert holds a DSc;
 - 47.2. the scientific qualifications of the expert are relevant to the scientific field and subject matter of the Grant Application;
 - 47.3. the expert's previous evaluation expertise and work experience are relevant to the scientific field and subject matter of the Grant Application;
 - 47.4. the expert carries out the evaluation independently and does not represent the institution of the Grant Applicant, and his/her activities are free from circumstances giving rise to a conflict of interest, including any personal or pecuniary interest, which the expert does not have and will not have;
 - 47.5. the experts declare that there is no conflict of interest and that the information relating to the content of the Research Application and its evaluation is confidential and cannot be disclosed to third parties or used for the expert's own interests. The scientific quality evaluation of the results of the Final Report of the Grant is anonymous with respect to the Implementer of the Grant Application and any third parties. The name, scientific degree and organisation of the expert shall be made known to the other experts assessing the Final Report of the Grant after the completion of the individual scientific quality evaluation of the Research Application and before the consolidated assessment.
 - 47.6. if, during the evaluation of the Final Report of the Grant, the LCS finds that the expert has not complied with the declaration of absence of conflict of interest and commitment to confidentiality annexed to the expert's contract, the LCS shall inform the expert concerned in accordance with the terms of the Expert Contract, shall not engage the expert for the evaluation of the Project concerned and shall engage a new expert in accordance with the procedure laid down in the LCS's guidelines.
48. If the scientific evaluation of the Final Report of the Grant is "Grant objective not achieved" or the minimum deliverables are not achieved, the RPB informs the RTU Project Supervisory Board, which has the right to prohibit the Postdoctoral Researcher from participating in project implementation or applying for new projects for the next 3 years.
49. The RPB may decide, after considering the reasons, to grant an extension (of up to one calendar

- year) to the Postdoctoral Researcher for the achievement of the objectives or deliverables of the Grant. The costs of the extension shall be borne by the Unit in which the Grant is being implemented.
50. The Postdoctoral Researcher and the Unit in which the Grant is implemented shall be deemed to have fulfilled their obligations on the date on which the RPB signs, without objection, the handover-takeover certificate for the achievement of the deliverables set out in the Grant Application in accordance with the procedures and within the time limits laid down in the Contract.

IX. Processing of Personal Data

51. The processing of personal data is for the purpose of assessing the compliance of the Grant Application with the requirements of the Regulations, for the conclusion of the Contract, for evaluation, reporting and other administrative purposes.
52. The legal basis for the processing of personal data is Article 6(1)(a), (b), (c) and (f) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).
- 52.1. The following categories of personal data are processed in the process of awarding the Grant: name, surname, personal identification number, telephone number, e-mail address;
- 52.2. publications, CV information, education information, and other information necessary for the award and implementation of the Grant;
- 52.3. institution, position
53. The following data subject categories are processed in the process of awarding the Grant:
- 53.1. Postdoctoral Researcher;
- 53.2. Scientific Advisor;
- 53.3. Head of the Unit implementing the Grant;
- 53.4. contact person for the Consolidation Partner.
54. The personal data submitted is accessible to RTU staff, RTU LA, RTA staff, foreign experts involved in the evaluation, award and implementation process of the Grant. Personal data may be disclosed to investigative and judicial authorities, as well as to the authorities supervising and controlling the activities of RTU and the Grant, to the extent and in accordance with the procedure established by the regulatory enactments.
55. The submitted personal data are stored in accordance with the established retention period and the RTU Case Nomenclature.
56. By submitting the Grant Application, the Postdoctoral Researcher, the Scientific Advisor, the Head of the Unit in which the Grant is implemented, the Consolidation Partners confirm their consent to the processing of personal data to the extent and in the manner set out in the Regulations.

X. Information and Publicity Requirements

57. The Grant Implementer shall provide information to the RTU, which shall ensure communication to inform the public about the implementation of the Grants funded under the Call for Proposals, in accordance with the procedures and within the deadlines set out in the Contract. RTU shall collect this information and make it available to the public.
58. The Grant Implementer shall cooperate with RTU and participate in public information and communication activities organised by RTU, including the development of project materials, content development and joint seminars on Project implementation.
59. The Grant Implementer shall ensure that the communication and visual identity requirements are met in all materials (publications, conference presentations, poster presentations, etc.) produced with the support of the Research Grant, indicating the logo and written reference to RTU and/or RTU LA, RTA and the source of funding in Latvian or English.

XI. Miscellaneous

60. If the Postdoctoral Researcher prematurely terminates the implementation of the Grant, the Employment Contract with the Postdoctoral Researcher shall be terminated as from the following

month.

61. The Final Report of the Grant shall be submitted in accordance with Section 44 of the Regulations.
62. Information on the Project Proposals funded by the Call for Proposals shall be published on the website www.rtu.lv and on the Consolidation Partners' websites www.liepu.lv and www.rta.lv
63. Questions concerning the preparation and submission of a Project Proposal shall be sent to the following e-mail address: postdocs@rtu.lv. Answers to the questions sent shall be sent electronically. The most frequently asked questions and answers shall be published on the RTU website <https://ortus.rtu.lv/>. Other questions about the Call for Proposals shall be sent to the official RTU e-mail address.

Annexes:

Annex 1 - Grant Application;

Annex 2 - Methodology for the Presentation and Submission of the Grant Application and Final Report of the Grant;

Annex 3 - Grant Application Administrative Eligibility Assessment Form and Criteria for Assessing Administrative Eligibility;

Annex 4 - Criteria and Methodology for the Scientific Evaluation of the Grant Application and Individual/Consolidated Evaluation Form for the Grant Application;

Annex 5 - Criteria and Methodology for the Scientific Evaluation of the Final Report of the Grant and Individual/Consolidated Evaluation Form for the Final Report of the Grant;

Annex 6 - Final Report of the Grant.