



HFSP Initiative “Scientists for Scientists”

2026 call for applications

The Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) will continue the initiative “[scientists for scientists](#)” launched in 2022 to help Ukrainian scientists affected by the war in their country. This initiative is firmly rooted in the fundamental principles of HFSP to foster peaceful international collaborations by engaging its global awardees community and by showing its solidarity to affected researchers providing continued support for their academic work. It is also an expression of the HFSP Shared Values that put special emphasis on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA).

Terms of reference

A new call is open for two types of funding mechanisms.

1) S4S Twinning Program: Increasing diversity of HFSP research

Scientists involved in active HFSP research projects (HFSP Research Grant team members or HFSP Fellows) can apply for additional funding to their research projects with the intent to help scientists affected by the conflict in Ukraine.

Proposals for supplemental funds can be geared towards any type of activities that enable guest scientist(s) to be integrated in the HFSP funded project.

Projects already supported in previous calls can apply for an extension provided the HFSP award is still active. Team members hosting Ukraine scientists within their HFSP project should inquire with HFSP for the modalities of the extension providing a scientific progress report and an updated research plan for the future work involving the Ukraine scientist. Extensions for up to one year can only be granted for the remaining duration of the HFSP funded project, and will be funded on a pro rata basis. These funds listed below can be requested and used flexibly in the best interest of the Ukrainian researcher until the end of the HFSP Project.

Type	Flat rate (new project)	Monthly rate (ongoing projects)
PhD student	USD 45,000	USD 3750
Postdoctoral researcher	USD 60,000	USD 5000
Senior researcher	USD 90,000	USD 7500
Travel and research	USD 12,000	USD 1,000

All funds will be paid in one lump sum and can be used flexibly across the different cost categories until the end of the current HFSP project.

Applications must be submitted by a member of an active HFSP Research Grant team or HFSP Fellow via email to grant@hfsp.org or fellow@hfsp.org. The application should contain the following parts:

- a. Short outline (maximally one page) of how the proposed guest scientist(s) complements and strengthens the project and scientific team, and which support is requested.
- b. Short CV of the invited guest scientist(s), including a brief explanation as to how the war has affected the research and/or career of the guest scientist(s).
- c. Statement of the host laboratory confirming the intent to integrate the guest scientist(s) and providing the information on name, function, and contact email for the institutional official that will sign the amendment to the award on behalf of the institution.
- d. For extensions, a scientific report on the work done during the previous period.

Ukrainian researchers funded by this initiative are encouraged to attend the HFSP Awardees Meetings.

2) S4S Support Program: Increasing diversity of the HFSP scientific community and strengthening the Ukrainian research ecosystem

Ukrainian researchers with current or former HFSP support can submit proposals aimed at strengthening the Ukrainian research community, dislocated or home based. Proposed activities can include workshops, summer schools, writing clinics, conferences, lab visits or internships and other collaborative platforms intended to maintain, consolidate or increase communication and collaboration between Ukrainian researchers, to allow Ukrainian scientists to participate in frontier science Discussions or to increase Ukrainian researchers' integration in international frontier science projects.

For further information as well as specific terms and conditions on this second type of support, please contact the HFSP directly.

HFSP will continue to provide swift and unbureaucratic assistance. The proposal will be evaluated through a fast-track procedure ensuring that the time between receipt of the application and providing the outcome will be no more than two weeks.

Upon successful selection of a proposal, the applicants will be informed by official letter and an amendment to the award agreement for additional funds (funding mechanism 1) or new award agreement (funding mechanism 2) will be issued and signed by the Institution and HFSP. Payment is made in full after signing of the amendment or the award agreement.

Reporting on this funding should be done through the reports of the ongoing HFSP research project (funding mechanism 1) or through a separate report submitted by email to grant@hfsp.org or fellow@hfsp.org according to the signed agreement (funding mechanism 2).