



To whom it may concern

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and on my own behalf, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration to your organization and personally to you.

We highly appreciate all invaluable support, encouragement, and assistance measures taken by your country and organization for Ukrainian science, for Ukrainian researchers and innovators in the difficult time of Russia's war against Ukraine.

Ukraine continues to suffer from brutal rocket attacks on Kharkiv, Kyiv, Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Sumy, Chernihiv and other border and frontline cities. We strongly urge the scientific community to stop scientific cooperation with the Russian Federation (prohibit the participation of Russian scientists in international research, conferences; ban on receiving grants; limit access to scientific bases and resources, etc.).

Due to the full-scale military invasion of the Russian Federation, Ukrainian science is experiencing extremely difficult times. Russian missiles and bombs damage and destroy research infrastructure, forcing many scientists to leave their universities, laboratories, move to other countries, or even leave research activity.

Despite that, we continue to provide all necessary reforms to improve the research environment in Ukraine and to address researchers' needs. One of the reforms is implementing a new methodology of the evaluation of research performance of Ukrainian universities and research institutions, namely, to realize performance-based research funding approaches.

In order to implement this evaluation, we invite foreign experts to participate in the evaluation process. By registering in the National Electronic Scientific and Information System "URIS" (<https://t1.nauka.gov.ua/en/>), scientists are able to add themselves to the pool of international experts whose expertise and expert advice is extremely valuable for Ukraine. We kindly ask you to post this invitation on your web-resources.



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Concerning the above-mentioned, we kindly ask your assistance in spreading the invitation among your scientific community, inviting scientists to become experts for Ukraine who will participate in the evaluation of research performance of Ukrainian universities and research institutions. We strongly believe it will provide further integration of Ukraine into the global scientific community and become one of the vital steps in the development of the Ukrainian research and innovation system.

I take this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration to you and your organization.

With kind regards

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Minister