

Call to the International Scientific Community to Suspend Cooperation with Russian Academic and Research Institutions

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine express grave concern regarding the continued participation of Russian academic and research institutions in international scientific publishing and research collaboration.

More than four years have passed since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, causing immense suffering and devastation. Russia's ongoing attacks have targeted not only military facilities but also civilian infrastructure, businesses, and academic institutions.

On September 28, 2026, a Russian jet-powered drone [struck the building](#) of the Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (NASU) in Kyiv. The attack caused a major fire, severely damaged the building, killed two people, and injured seven others. In response to this attack, NASU [called upon the international scientific community](#) not to resume cooperation with Russian state scientific institutions.

We urge the universities, research institutes, scientific societies, academic publishers, journal editorial boards, and research funding organizations around the globe to translate NASU's appeal into concrete editorial and institutional measures:

1. **Suspend joint research projects** involving researchers affiliated with Russian academic and research institutions.
2. **Introduce a desk-rejection policy for manuscripts** submitted by authors affiliated with Russian academic and research institutions.
3. **Suspend editorial appointments** held by individuals formally affiliated with Russian academic and research institutions.

We recognize the fundamental importance of academic freedom and international scientific exchange. At the same time, we believe the international scientific community has a responsibility to consider the consequences of maintaining institutional ties with a state that attacks Ukrainian researchers, universities, and scientific institutions. Continued cooperation with Russian academic and research institutions legitimizes and strengthens the aggressor. It provides institutional recognition and access to international research networks, scientific resources, and infrastructure, undermining efforts to hold the aggressor state accountable.

We emphasize that the proposed measures concern formal institutional affiliations with Russian academic and research organizations, irrespective of the citizenship, nationality or ethnicity of individual researchers. The purpose is to restrict institutional cooperation with the aggressor state's scientific system, not to discriminate against individuals on the basis of their personal identity.

We call upon the international scientific community to demonstrate solidarity with Ukrainian researchers and institutions through concrete action.

Stand with Ukraine!