

## Young Scientists Council at the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine

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Support of Ukrainian young scientists

**Prof. Zbigniew Blocki**Director of the National Science Centre

## Dear Mr. Director!

As representatives of Ukrainian scientific youth, the Young Scientists Council at the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine are shocked about the war by the Russian Federation and Republic of Belarus. During the eight years of the war, the Ukrainian academic and scientific spheres became too well acquainted with the horrors of Russian aggression and occupation. Dozens thousands of scientists have lost relatives and friends, homes and the opportunity to engage in science. For example, in 2014, 18 higher education institutions and their teams were forced to move from the occupied territories and start from the beginning, resuming the educational process in the free Ukraine. Many scientists had to take up arms and defend their homeland. Not everyone returned from the war...

Many young Ukrainian scientists have now become refugees, left without jobs and scientific infrastructure, and some have left the country. We are grateful to all foreign partners for the opportunities, provided to Ukrainian scientists by various universities around the world. However, during the war, we ask you for the opportunity to launch grants for young scientists who have remained in Ukraine to conduct research in Ukraine. Currently, not everyone has the opportunity to go abroad; men are prohibited from leaving Ukraine under martial law, so such an opportunity for distance projects with grant support would help Ukrainian scientific potential.

We will be grateful for any opportunities for young scientists of Ukraine during the war!

Yours faithfully,

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