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Research organizations, expert groups, and individual professionals with expertise in defense and security studies are eligible to apply. Interested applicants should submit their proposals by sending a research project proposal to [research@ararfoundation.am](mailto:research@ararfoundation.am) by **01.05.2024**.

The following should be included in the application:

1. CVs of the head of the research group and experts involved in the project.
2. Detailed description of the proposed project based on the technical specification (Download).
3. A list of previous research experience.

## RESEARCH GRANT TERMS OF REFERENCE

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#### **Main Objectives**

1. Define the essence, main components, features, and requirements of a comprehensive protection and security system.
2. Assess the feasibility of implementing a comprehensive defense and security system in Armenia, considering the initial conditions and local characteristics.
3. Analyze the main obstacles, potential benefits, and challenges of implementing the system.
4. Provide practical recommendations for the effective introduction of a comprehensive defense and security system in Armenia, focusing on state systems, subsystems, infrastructures, and other areas.
5. Present recommendations for implementing a comprehensive defense and security model, emphasizing key components of military defense and internal security systems, such as the reserve system, territorial defense model, mobilization mechanisms, and the military industry.

#### **Scope of Work:**

1. Conduct a thorough study of relevant literature, reports, and documents related to protection and security systems, including academic research, government publications, and industry reports.
2. Conduct interviews with security experts, civil society representatives, and government officials to gather insights and perspectives on the topic.
3. Analyze international best practices of the comprehensive approach and explore the possibilities of adapting them to the existing defense and security system of Armenia. Provide examples or case studies to illustrate key points.
4. Present recommendations for necessary institutional reforms, legal regulations, and capacity-building measures needed to implement a comprehensive defense and security system in Armenia. Ensure that these recommendations are practical, feasible, and tailored to the Armenian context.

#### **Main Expected Results:**

1. Project Report, Work Plan, and Methodology (up to 5 pages)
2. Research Results and Analysis Report (up to 50 pages)
3. Public Presentation of Results

Proposals will be **evaluated based on the following criteria:**

1. Relevance to the objectives of the grant.

2. Methodological feasibility, including clear research design and methodology.
3. Applicant's experience and qualifications in the field of defense and security studies.
4. Budget realism and cost-effectiveness, with clear justification of expenses.
5. Potential impact of the research on enhancing Armenia's defense and security system.

**Budget:** The budget should include expenses related to research, travel, meetings, and report preparation.

**Timetable:**

- Deadline for submission of proposals: 01.05.2024.
- Program duration: 3-4 months
- Expected start date: 10.05.2024.
- Expected completion date: 31.08.2024.

**Main stages:**

1. **Planning:** Develop the research work plan and tools, define the scope, objectives, and methodology of the research.
2. **Literature Study:** Conduct a thorough review of existing literature on comprehensive defense and security systems, focusing on relevant theories, frameworks, and international best practices.
3. **Data Collection:** Collect data from various sources, including interviews, surveys, official documents, etc.
4. **Analysis:** Analyze collected data to identify opportunities and challenges for implementing a comprehensive protection and security system.
5. **Results Presentation:** Present the results of the research, including an assessment of the current state of the defense and security system, international experience, and prospects for the implementation of a comprehensive system.
6. **Recommendations:** Based on the results of the research, provide recommendations for the introduction of a comprehensive defense and security system in Armenia.
7. **Presentation of the report:** Prepare a report that summarizes research findings, analysis, and recommendations. Present the report to relevant stakeholders and experts for feedback.