

Criteria for recognizing the status of a "leading" global scholar holding a leading position in a specific scientific field

*At least **four** of the following criteria must be met:*

I. Mandatory Criteria

1. **High publication activity** — at least **8 publications** in Q1 and Q2 peer-reviewed scientific journals over the past 2 years.
2. **High recognition of scientific achievements:**
 1. **h-index** (minimum values by field):
 - Social and Humanities Sciences – at least 5
 2. **Patents, know-how**, certificates of authorship, awards and honors, honorary titles for contributions to science.
3. **Experience working at leading universities** (for at least 3 years) that are included in the overall or subject-specific **TOP-400 QS WUR, THE WUR, or ARWU** rankings:
 1. Teaching or professorial positions
 2. Administrative leadership roles at the university

II. Optional Criteria

4. **High academic authority in the subject field:**
 1. Membership in editorial boards and advisory councils of Q1/Q2 peer-reviewed journals
 2. Membership in program or organizing committees of international scientific and technical conferences
 3. Membership in executive or advisory bodies of international scientific associations and professional communities
 4. Membership in international and Russian expert commissions and councils on education and science
5. **Possession of a habilitated doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification=**
6. **Other significant academic achievements and qualifications:**
 1. Leadership of prominent academic and pedagogical schools or collectives in major educational and scientific institutions
 2. Experience leading international and/or Russian scientific departments (labs, centers) for at least 3 years
 3. Experience as an expert for international or Russian foundations, government organizations, or agencies