



## **REGULATIONS FOR AWARDING NCN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NCN-FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS**

### **Article 1. Terms used in the Regulations**

- 1) NCN – National Science Centre;
- 2) Council – Council of the National Science Centre;
- 3) NCN Scholarship – scholarship awarded for research tasks to be performed under an NCN-funded research project and
- 4) Scholarship Recipient – NCN scholarship recipient.

### **Article 2. Purpose of NCN scholarships**

The purpose of NCN scholarships awarded in research projects funded by the NCN is to engage students and PhD students in research projects and create better conditions for their development as researchers.

### **Article 3. Terms of awarding NCN scholarships**

- 1) NCN scholarships may be awarded under NCN-funded research projects, with the exclusion of projects for which funding constitutes state aid granted via the NCN.
- 2) NCN scholarships are awarded under selected calls for research projects, the terms and regulations of which are defined by the Council.
- 3) NCN scholarships may be awarded to a person who meets any of the following criteria:
  - a) is a student of a full-time first or second-cycle degree programme or uniform Master's studies at a university in Poland;
  - b) is a participant in a doctoral programme<sup>1</sup>;
  - c) is a doctoral candidate at a doctoral school<sup>2</sup>.
- 4) The NCN scholarship shall range from PLN 1,000 to PLN 5,000 per month and the exact amount shall be set by the principal investigator depending on the tasks of a scholarship holder to be performed in a given research project.
- 5) The budget for NCN scholarships in a research project shall be determined by the Council for individual calls.
- 6) NCN scholarship shall be awarded under a call.
- 7) A call for NCN scholarships shall be announced by a principal investigator.
- 8) A call for an NCN scholarship shall be announced after receipt of information that NCN awarded funding for a given research project.

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<sup>1</sup> Within the meaning of the Act on Higher Education of 27 July 2005.

<sup>2</sup> Within the meaning of the Act on Higher Education and Science of 20 July 2018.



- 9) Information on the announcement of a call for an NCN scholarship shall be published on the websites of the host institution for the research project and NCN. The call announcement shall include in particular information on the requirements for candidates, terms of awarding a scholarship, closing date for submitting proposals and date of conclusion of the call.
- 10) A call for NCN scholarships shall be carried out by a recruitment committee appointed by the head of the host institution for the project, composed of the principal investigator as a chair and at least two persons with necessary academic or professional qualifications appointed by the principal investigator. The principal investigator at an institution where a doctoral candidates' union has been established, may appoint a representative of such union to the committee as an observer.
- 11) The recruitment committee shall review proposals for NCN scholarships taking into account their completeness and compliance with the terms set out in the call announcement. The recruitment committee shall carry out an assessment awarding points and compile a ranking list of the candidates.
- 12) The recruitment committee shall evaluate the candidates' research achievements, their research-related achievements and competencies as regards specific tasks in the research project, expressed as a point score:
  - the candidate's research achievements, including publications in prestigious academic press /journals (50% of the final score):

4 points	outstanding;
3 points	very good;
2 points	good;
1 points	poor;
0 points	no scientific achievements.
  - research-related achievements, scholarships, awards and research experience gained in Poland or abroad, research workshops and training courses, participation in research projects (20% of the final score):

4 points	outstanding (e.g. scholarships, fellowships at leading foreign research centres, prestigious international prizes or awards, workshops or training courses at the leading research centres, participation in international or foreign projects);
3 points	significant (scholarships, fellowships at good Polish and foreign research centres, national prizes or awards, domestic or foreign workshops or training courses, participation in Polish or foreign projects);
2 points	moderate (local prizes or awards, workshops or training courses, participation in university projects);
1 points	poor achievements;
0 points	no achievements.
  - the candidate's competence to carry out specific tasks in the research project (30% of the final score):

3 points	very good;
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2 points	good;
1 points	poor;
0 points	no competence.

- 13) The results of the call shall be published on the website of the host institution for the research project. The decision of the recruitment committee cannot be appealed against.
- 14) NCN scholarships shall be paid to scholarship recipients pursuant to a scholarship agreement concluded in writing between the host institution for the research project and the person who has been awarded the scholarship. The agreement shall lay down the scope of work to be performed under the research project, scholarship amount as well as duration and terms of scholarship disbursement.
- 15) The head of the host institution for the research project may suspend disbursement of the NCN scholarship and/or terminate the scholarship agreement upon the principal investigator's request, if the scholarship recipient fails to perform the research tasks in the project, improperly performs the research tasks or is in breach of the rules of professional conduct.

#### **Article 4. Terms and conditions of receiving NCN scholarships**

- 1) NCN scholarships may be collected if a scholarship recipient meets any of the criteria set forth in Article 3 (3) for the entire period of performing tasks in the research project.
- 2) A scholarship recipient who no longer meets the criterion on the basis of which he/she has been awarded the NCN scholarship and does not meet any other criteria set forth in Article 3 (3) may receive the NCN scholarship for a period of up to 6 months.
- 3) An NCN scholarship may be combined with another scholarship and/or remuneration financed by the NCN from the funds granted for more than one research project, provided that the total amount of scholarships and remuneration received does not exceed PLN 5,000.

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