

RESOLUTION NO 134/2020
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE
of 11 December 2020

laying down the terms of the international Weave-UNISONO call for research projects carried out as multilateral collaboration under the Weave Programme pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure

Pursuant to Article 18 (4), in conjunction with Article 20 (1) (4) of the Act on the National Science Centre of 30 April 2010 (consolidated text in Journal of Laws of 2019, item 1384, hereinafter: the "NCN Act") and Multilateral Lead Agency Agreement concluded by the National Science Centre on 7 October 2020, the Council of the National Science Centre hereby lays down the terms of the international Weave-UNISONO call for research projects carried out as multilateral collaboration under the WAVE Programme pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure.

1. General provision

1.1. Whenever this Resolution refers to:

- 1) Weave Programme, it shall mean the programme launched by the NCN and carried out as multilateral collaboration with the partner institutions pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure under the Weave-UNISONO call and calls of the partner institutions;
- 2) Weave-UNISONO call, it shall mean the call launched under the Weave Programme, in which the NCN does not act as the lead agency;
- 3) partner institutions, they shall mean foreign research funding institutions listed in the Weave-UNISONO call, participating in the Weave Programme and launching the calls laid down in point 1 in cooperation with NCN;
- 4) cooperating institutions, they shall mean foreign research funding institutions specified in the Weave-UNISONO call that do not launch the calls laid down in Point 1 in cooperation with the NCN;
- 5) lead agency, it shall mean the partner institution of the coordinating applicant responsible for the merit-based evaluation of joint proposals, subject to Point 1 (7);
- 6) lead agency call, it shall mean the call launched by the lead agency in order to perform the merit-based evaluation of joint proposals in the Weave Programme, specified in the announcement of the Weave-UNISONO call;
- 7) co-applicant, it shall mean a research team involved in the joint proposal in the Weave Programme, applying for research funding to its respective partner institution or cooperating institution (foreign research team) or the NCN (Polish research team);
- 8) coordinating applicant, it shall mean a foreign co-applicant performing the organisational and coordinating duties in the group of co-applicants, responsible for submitting the joint proposal in the call launched by the lead agency;
- 9) joint proposal, it shall mean a proposal drafted by the co-applicants and submitted by the coordinating applicant in the call launched by the lead agency according to its terms;
- 10) NCN proposal, it shall mean a proposal for NCN funding of the Polish part of the project, drafted by the Polish research team, including the joint proposal submitted to the lead agency;
- 11) Regulations, they shall mean the *Regulations on awarding funding for research tasks funded by the National Science Centre under international calls carried out as*

multilateral collaboration pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure, adopted by the NCN Council;

- 12) research team, it shall mean the principal investigator together with members of a research team, if applicable in the proposal; and
 - 13) NCN panels, they shall mean the disciplines or groups of disciplines defined by the NCN Council, covering the entire span of research in three domains: i.e. Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (HS), Physical Sciences and Engineering (ST) and Life Sciences (NZ), for which NCN calls are announced and launched.
- 1.2. The call is addressed at Polish research teams that shall apply jointly with foreign research teams for funding of research projects to the NCN and one or two partner institution/s relevant for the foreign research teams.
 - 1.3. Under the call, funding shall also be provided to trilateral research projects to be carried out by the Polish research team applying for funding to the NCN jointly with foreign research teams applying for funding to the lead agency, with the participation of foreign research teams applying for funding to their respective cooperating institutions.
 - 1.4. This Resolution shall set forth the terms and conditions of the Weave-UNISONO call and funding by the NCN of research projects to be performed by the Polish research teams.
 - 1.5. The principles for allocating funds for the tasks to be funded by the NCN under the Weave-UNISONO shall be set forth in the Regulations.
 - 1.6. The terms of the calls launched by the partner institutions under the Weave Programme to handle joint proposals shall be set forth thereby.
 - 1.7. The Weave-UNISONO call shall be carried out pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure. The partner agency relevant for the coordinating applicant in a given proposal shall act as the lead agency.

2. Terms of entry

- 2.1. The Weave-UNISONO call shall be open to NCN proposals:
 - 1) for research tasks which have not been funded by the NCN or from other sources;
 - 2) which involve basic research within the meaning of Article 2 (1) of the NCN Act in any of the scientific disciplines covered by the NCN panels, within the scope specified in the terms of the call launched by the lead agency and Weave-UNISONO call announcement;
 - 3) which cover research based on a coherent and complementary contribution of research teams under bilateral or trilateral cooperation between research teams from Poland and research teams applying for funding to the partner institutions and cooperating institutions (in the case of proposals referred to in Point 1 (3));
 - 4) for the Polish part of the research project to be carried out over a period of 24, 36 or 48 months;
 - 5) in which principal investigators of each research team involved in the project are named, whereas the principal investigator of the Polish research team must be in charge of the Polish part of the project;
 - 6) in which the budget for the Polish part of the project in an NCN proposal and joint proposal is drafted pursuant to the Regulation and calculated on the basis of the exchange rate specified in the Weave-UNISONO call announcement;
 - 7) that complies with the Regulations; and
 - 8) that comprise all the elements specified in Point 2 (2) hereof.
- 2.2. NCN proposals shall include:
 - 1) title of the research project included in the joint proposal (*in Polish and in English*);

- 2) joint proposal in pdf format, including all required documents in compliance with the terms of the lead agency, identical with the version submitted in the lead agency's submission system, including:
 - a) description of the research project in compliance with the terms of the lead agency (in English);
 - b) CV with a list of publications by members of the research teams involved in the research project in compliance with the terms of the lead agency;
- 3) project's abstract for the general public (up to 1 page in Polish and up to 1 page in English);
- 4) work plan (in Polish and in English) presenting research tasks to be performed by the Polish research team;
- 5) information on the required qualifications and scope of work of the Polish investigators in the research project (in English);
- 6) budget for the Polish part of the research project (in English) drafted in compliance with the terms laid down in the Regulations;
- 7) information on international cooperation covered by the project, including names of foreign research institutions to be involved in such cooperation as well as description of benefits that may result from such international cooperation (in English);
- 8) information on the data management plan concerning data generated or used in the course of performance of the Polish part of the project, as required by the proposal (in English);
- 9) information on the ethical aspects of the project, including any consents, opinions, permits and/or approvals necessary to carry out the project in compliance with generally applicable laws and best practices adopted for a specific academic discipline, as required by the proposal (in English);
- 10) in the case of research projects which include clinical research with a medicinal product or medical devices, a detailed justification of the non-commercial nature of clinical research (in English);
- 11) in the case of research projects covering research being performed or completed by the principal investigator or with respect to which the principal investigator applies for funding under other NCN calls or from other sources, a description of similar research tasks with reasons justifying the need to have them funded in the submitted project (in English);
- 12) in the case of research projects to be carried out in entities that do not receive any institutional core funding for research activities, information on research carried out in the last 2 years with a list of publications and information concerning research equipment and other instruments crucial to research (in English);
- 13) in the case of research projects to be carried out by a group of Polish entities as defined in Article 27 (1) (2) of the NCN Act, a research project cooperation agreement, including identification of the parties to the agreement and its leader; subject and term of the agreement covering the performance period of the research project; authorisation for a representative of the leader to act on behalf of the entire group of entities in the procedure for the allocation of funding and performance of the research project; obligation of the leader to provide the other parties with information received from the NCN; signatures of authorised representatives of all entities forming the group of entities (in Polish); and
- 14) administrative declarations by the principal investigator and host institution for the Polish part of the project, as required by the proposal.

3. Submission of NCN proposals

- 3.1. The Weave-UNISONO call shall be open to NCN proposals pursuant to the proposal submission terms set forth in the Regulations, with joint proposals attached thereto.
- 3.2. Joint proposals shall be drafted and submitted pursuant to the terms of the call launched by the lead agency and specified in the Weave-UNISONO call

announcement.

- 3.3 If the NCN decides to end the call for proposals, relevant information in this regard shall be displayed on the NCN website (www.ncn.gov.pl) and in the ZSUN/OSF submission system available at <https://osf.opi.org.pl> no later than 3 months before the end of the call for proposals.

4. Evaluation of proposals

Proposals shall be evaluated pursuant to the Regulations and documents governing the merit-based evaluation of joint proposals of the lead agency.

5. Funding decision

- 5.1. The funding decision shall be adopted by the NCN Director within up to 12 months of the date the NCN proposal is submitted.
- 5.2. Under the Weave-UNISONO call, funds shall be awarded to the Polish research teams only for those research projects that receive parallel funding from the partner institutions (as well as cooperating institutions in the case of proposals specified in Point 1 (3)).

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