



**REGULATIONS ON AWARDING
NCN SCHOLARSHIPS IN RESEARCH PROJECTS
FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE**

§ 1. Terms used in these Regulations

- 1) NCN – the National Science Centre.
- 2) Council – the Council of the National Science Centre.
- 3) NCN Scholarship – scholarship awarded to a researcher for the implementation of tasks in an NCN-funded research project.
- 4) Scholarship Recipient – the recipient of the NCN scholarship.

§ 2. Objective of NCN Scholarships

The NCN scholarships awarded in the research projects funded by the NCN are intended to engage students and doctoral candidates into research projects and to create better conditions for their development as researchers.

§ 3. Terms of Awarding NCN scholarships

- 1) The NCN scholarships may be awarded under NCN-funded research projects, excluding projects for which the funding constitutes state aid granted by means of the NCN.
- 2) The NCN scholarships are awarded under selected calls for research projects, whose terms and regulations are defined by the Council.
- 3) The NCN scholarships are awarded for a period of up to 60 months.
- 4) An NCN scholarship may be awarded to a person who meets any of the following criteria when starting to work on the research tasks:
 - a) is an MA (or equivalent) student of a full- or part-time programme at a university in Poland;
 - b) is a student of the fourth or higher year of a uniform master studies programme at a university in Poland;
 - c) is a doctoral candidate.
- 5) The NCN scholarship amounts to PLN 1,000 - PLN 4,500 per month and the exact amount is set by the principal investigator depending on the scope of tasks he or she intends the scholarship recipient to perform in the research project.
- 6) The budget for the NCN scholarships in a research project is determined by the Council for individual calls.



- 7) The total amount of scholarships awarded in a single project cannot exceed PLN 45,000 per month.
- 8) The NCN scholarships are awarded under open calls.
- 9) A call for NCN scholarships is announced by a principal investigator of the project.
- 10) A call for NCN scholarships is announced once it is communicated that the NCN funding for a research project has been awarded.
- 11) A call for NCN scholarships is published on the website of a host institution for the research project and on the NCN website. A call publication shall include, in particular, information on the requirements, terms of awarding the scholarship, deadline for proposals and closing date of the call for proposals.
- 12) A call for NCN scholarships is carried out by a scholarship committee appointed by the head of the host institution for the project, composed of the principal investigator of the project as a chair and at least two other persons with necessary scientific or professional qualifications, as appointed by the principal investigator. Where an institution has a doctoral candidates' government, the principal investigator may appoint a representative of such self-government to the committee in the capacity of an observer.
- 13) The scholarship committee reviews the proposals for an NCN scholarship, taking into account their completeness and compliance with the conditions set out in the call announcement. The scholarship committee carries out an assessment awarding points and compiles a ranking list of the candidates.
- 14) The scholarship committee evaluates the candidates' research achievements, their achievements resulting from research work and the competence as regards specific tasks in the research project, expressed as 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 point	poor
0 points	no scientific achievements
 - achievements resulting from the research projects, scholarships, awards and research experience gained at home or abroad, research workshops and training courses, participation in research projects (20% of the final score):

4 points	outstanding (e.g. scholarships, fellowships at the leading foreign research centres, prestigious international prizes or awards, workshops or training courses at the leading research centres, participation in international or foreign research projects);
3 points	significant (scholarships, fellowships at good domestic and foreign research centres, national prizes or awards, domestic or foreign workshops or training courses, participation in domestic or foreign projects);



- 2 points moderate (local prizes or awards, workshops or training courses, participation in university projects);
- 1 point poor;
- 0 points no achievements.

- the candidate's competence required to carry out specific tasks in the research project (30% of the final score):

- 3 points very good
- 2 points good
- 1 point poor
- 0 points no competence

- 15) The results of the call are published on the website of a host institution for the research project. The decision of the scholarship committee cannot be appealed against.
- 16) NCN scholarships are 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 lays down the scope of work to be performed under the research project, scholarship amount as well as duration and terms of scholarship payment.
- 17) The head of the host institution for the research project may suspend payment 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.

§ 4. Terms and Conditions of Receiving NCN Scholarships

- 1) NCN scholarships may be received if a scholarship recipient meets any of the criteria set forth in § 3 (4) for the entire period of performing tasks under 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 § 3 (4) may receive the NCN scholarship for a period of up to 6 months.
- 3) When receiving the NCN scholarship, a scholarship recipient cannot receive any salary from the NCN funds under a contract of employment or civil-law contract (full-time remuneration, additional remuneration).
- 4) NCN scholarships may be received in more than one NCN-funded research project, provided that the total amount of NCN scholarships received does not exceed PLN 4,500 per month.