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NARODOWE CENTRUM NAUKI

National Science Centre

NCN is a government agency established in 2011 to support basic research in Poland.

NCN supports the best projects irrespective the discipline.

NCN supports researchers at different stages of their career.

Choose appropriate scheme

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Prepare your proposal

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Submit the proposal on-line

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Evaluation by peer review panels

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Evaluation by external reviewers

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Funding decisions

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Project implementation

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Funding schemes

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National programmes

1. Opus & Opus LAP
2. Preludium
3. Preludium Bis
4. Sonatina
5. Sonata
6. Sonata Bis
7. Maestro
8. Miniatura

Opus

OPUS is a funding opportunity intended for a wide range of applicants.
Research proposals submitted under this scheme may include the purchase or construction of research equipment
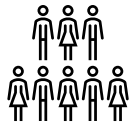
Opus & Opus LAP

all researchers, regardless of their experience in research

12, 24, 36 or 48 months

no funding limitation on an individual project

no limits for the team members
- principal investigator
- principal investigator + any number of co-investigators (including PhD students and post-docs)

Opus & Opus LAP

you may purchase research equipment up to 500 000 PLN *per* individual piece of equipment

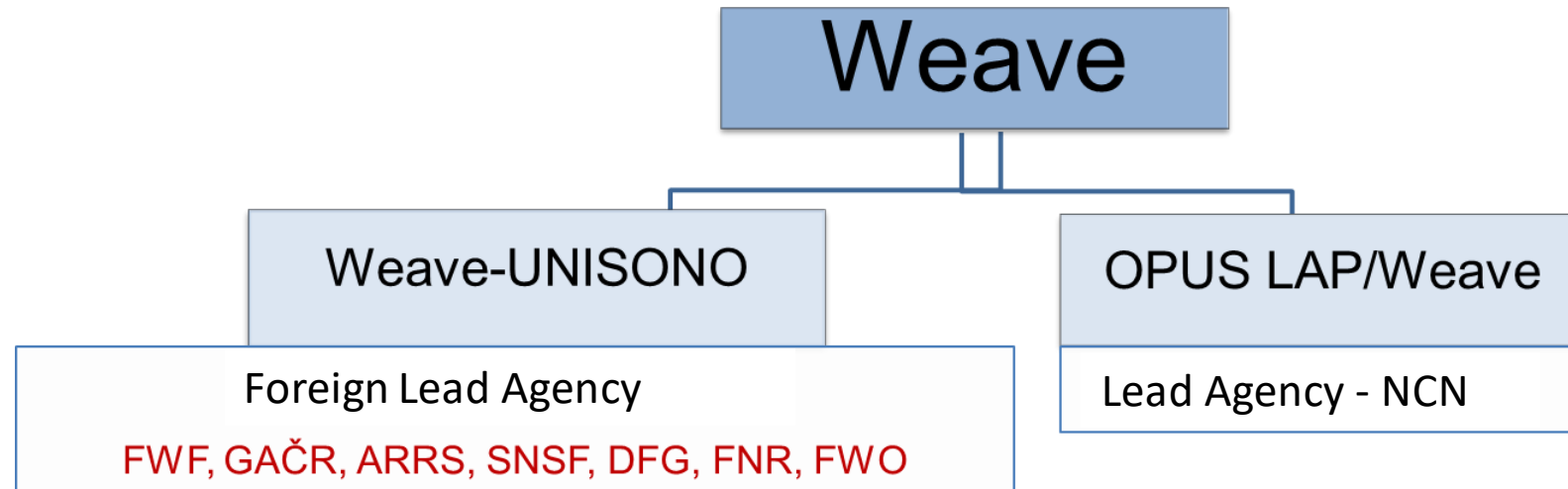you may cover the full-time employment for the PI and post-doc(s),

you may cover 50% of the employment of a senior researcher (only Opus)

PhD scholarschips & remuneration for the other team members are possible

Opus LAP/Weave

Opus LAP is a part of WEAVE programme where the Lead Agdency is NCN.

Opus LAP

research projects may be carried out pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure, under which bilateral and trilateral cooperation is possible

that refers to cooperation with Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and Belgium – each agency has its own rules

Opus LAP

Polish team – submits the full proposal to NCN

foreign team (teams) – simulatneously submits the full proposal to their own partner agency:
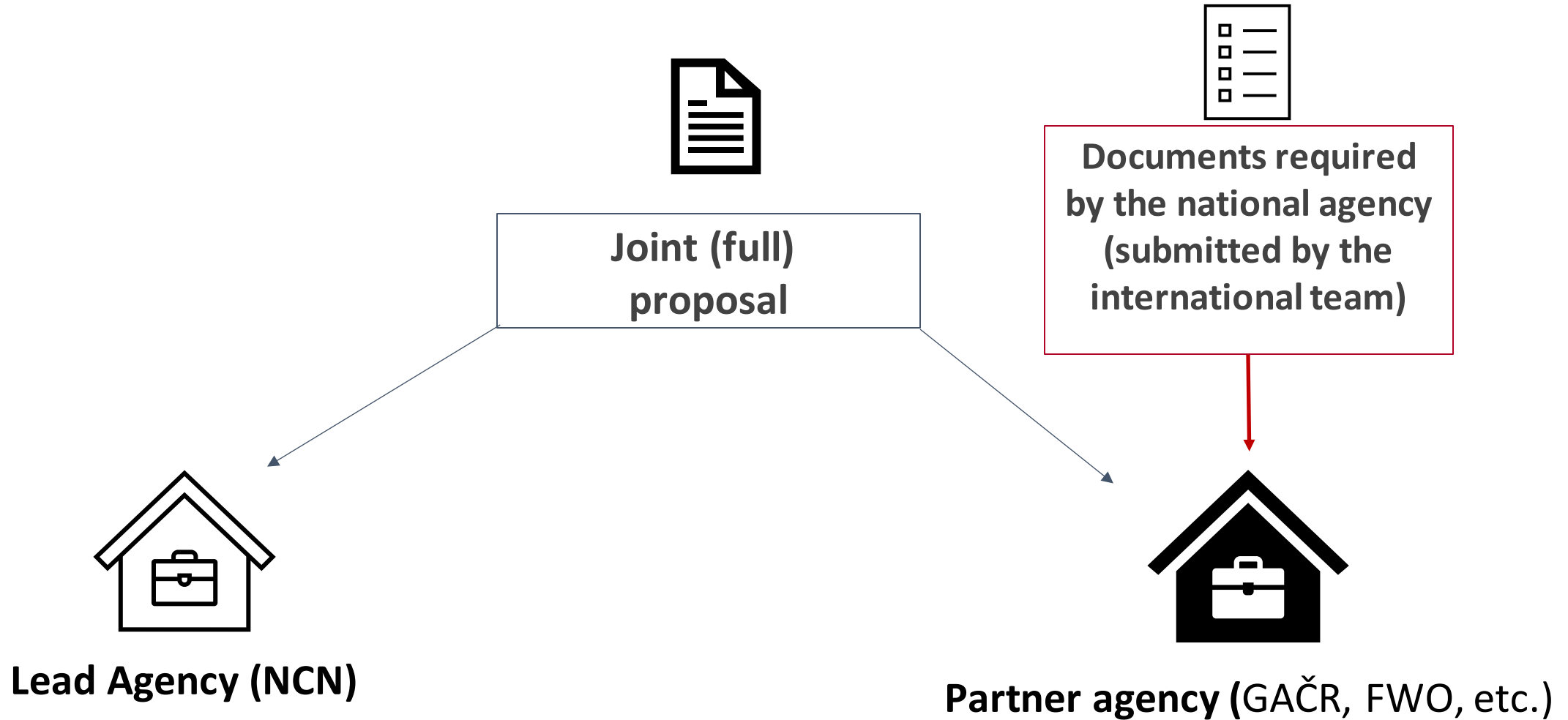
- team from Austria – FWF

- team from Czech Republic – GAČR

- team from Slovenia – ARRS

- team from Germany – DFG

- team from Switzerland – SNSF

- team from Luxembourg – FNR

- team from Belgium-Flanders – FWO

Opus LAP

merit-based evaluation of the joint proposal is performed by the Lead Agency (NCN) only

partner agency (agencies) accept the results of the evaluation and finance their national team

Opus LAP

Joint (full) proposal

Documents required by the national agency (submitted by the international team)

Lead Agency (NCN)

Partner agency (GAČR, FWO, etc.**)**

Preludium

PRELUDIUM is a funding opportunity intended for
pre-doctoral researchers about to
embark on their scientific career

Preludium

12/24/36 months

70/140/210 000 PLN (depending on the duration of the project)

limited number of the team members:
- PI + supervisor
- PI + supervisor+ co-investigator (should have maximum a PhD degree)

Preludium

monthly remuneration for the PI and co-investigator cannot exceed 1500 PLN

supervisor cannot receive remuneration

research equipment – up to 30% of the total project budget

Preludium Bis

PRELUDIUM BIS is a funding opportunity to support PhD student education in doctoral schools and fund research projects carried out by PhD students as part of their doctoral dissertations

Preludium Bis

36/48 months

funding up to 300 000 PLN (cost of research + remuneration for the supervisor)

limited number of the team members:
- PI (supervisor) + PhD student

Preludium Bis

Remuneration:
- up to 40 000 PLN for the supervisor
- 5000 PLN/month for a PhD scholarschip - the scholarschip increases to 6000 PLN/month after mid-term evaluation of a PhD student

research equipment is not eligible for funding under this scheme

Preludium Bis

PhD student:

- is hired in an open contest and enrolled in a doctoral school

- research projects are carried out by PhD students as part of their doctoral dissertations

- fellowships for PhD students for a period of 3 to 6 months in a foreign research institution

- a PhD must be awarded within 12 months of project completion

Sonatina

SONATINA is a funding scheme addressed to researchers at the onset of their career offering them full-time employment in Polish research institutions and funding to carry out research projects, as well as the opportunity of a 3-6-month foreign fellowship

Sonatina

24/36 months

no funding limitation on an individual project

no limits for the team members
- principal investigator
- principal investigator + any number of co- investigaotors (maximum 1 co-investigator may have a tittle *i.e.* professor)

Sonatina

full-time employment of the Principal Investigator in Polish research institution

additional remuneration for the co-investigators

research equipment is not eligible for funding under this scheme

Sonatina

Principal Investigator

- a researcher who has had a PhD degree conferred within 3 years prior to the submission of proposals

- employed at a host institution at the full-time position

- must complete a fellowship at a foreign research institution for a period of 3 to 6 months

At the 2nd stage of project evaluation the PI is interviewed by the panel experts at the NCN

Sonata

SONATA is a funding opportunity intended to support the Principal Investigator in conducting innovative basic research, using advanced research equipment and/or an original methodology

Sonata

12/24/36 months

no funding limitation on an individual project

no limits for the team members
- principal investigator
- principal investigator + any number of co-investigaotors (including PhD students and post-docs)

Principal Investigator - a researcher who has had their PhD conferred within 2 to 7 years prior to the submission of proposals

Sonata

full-time employment of the PI as well as a post-doc is possible

possible remunerarion for the co-investigators and scholarschips for PhD students

you may purchase research equipment up to 500 000 PLN *per* individual piece of equipment

Sonata Bis

SONATA BIS is a funding opportunity addressed to researchers holding a doctoral degree who want to establish a new research team and become independent research leaders

Sonata Bis

36/48/60 months

no funding limitation on an individual project

apart from to the Principal Investigator the team cannot consist of researchers holding a habilitation degree or the title of professor

research positions for PhD student(s) must be provided

Principal Investigator - a person with a doctoral degree obtained within 5-12 years prior to the submission of the proposal

Sonata Bis

at least 1 PhD scholarschip must be planned

full-time employment of the PI as well as a post-doc
is possible

possible remunerarion for the co-investigators

you may purchase research equipment up to
500 000 PLN *per* individual piece of equipment

Sonata Bis

is not allowed to involve researcher(s) with whom the PI has cooperated before i.e. participated in a mutual project

cannot involve professor(s) as a team member

at the 2nd stage of project evaluation the PI is interviewed by the panel experts at the NCN

Maestro

MAESTRO is a funding opportunity designed for advanced researchers wishing to conduct pioneering research, including interdisciplinary research which is important for the development of science. Projects within this funding scheme should surpass the current state of knowledge, lead to the creation of a new paradigm or forge pathways to new frontiers in that field
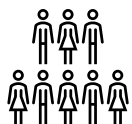
Maestro

Principal Investigator is an advanced researcher who is holding at least a PhD degree and in the period of 10 years prior to the submission of proposal has met specific requirements concerning their scientific career

36/48/60 months

no cap on funding on an individual project

no limits for the number of team members

Maestro

at least one investigator with a PhD must be employed

at least one PhD student must be employed for at
least 36 months

you may purchase research equipment up to
500 000 PLN *per* individual piece of equipment

at the 2nd stage of project evaluation the
PI is interviewed by the panel experts at the NCN

Miniatura

MINIATURA is a scheme offering funding for activities that serve as part of larger basic research

Miniatura

funding from 5000 to 50 000 PLN

purchasing research equipment is not allowed

project duration: up to 12 months

within this scheme applicants may not seek funding
for employment costs or scholarships

Miniatura

Principal Investigator:

a researcher with a doctoral degree obtained within the last 12 years prior to the submission of the proposal

who has not been a NCN-grantee

who is employed by the host institution applying for the grant

Call timeline 2022

Call deadline

📅   June 15   **Opus, Preludium**

📅   July 31   **Miniatura**

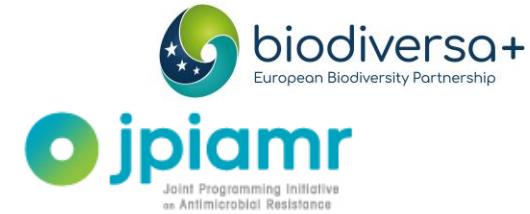📅   September 15   **Maestro, Sonata Bis**

📅   December 15   **Opus & Opus LAP, Preludium Bis, Sonata**

open calls – approx. 3 months before the submussion deadline; you may open your application in the OSF system (on-line)

International calls

1. BIODIVERSA+ (NZ)
2. JPIAMR (NZ)
3. CHANSE (HS)
4. NORFACE (HS)
5. CHIST-ERA (ST)
6. M-ERA.NET (ST)
7. POLONEZ BIS (NZ, HS, ST)
8. DAINA (NZ, HS, ST)
9. WEAVE – UNISONO (NZ, HS, ST)
10. SHENG (NZ, ST, HS4)

International calls

Discipline	Programme	Call	Call topic	Open call
Konkursy dwustronne				
selected ST and HS4	**SHENG**	**SHENG 3**	Polish-Chineese research projets	**15 December 2022**
HS, ST, NZ	**DAINA**	**DAINA 3**	Polish-Lithuanian research projects	**2023**
Konkursy wielostronne				
HS, ST, NZ	**Weave**	**Weave-UNISONO**	research projects pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure under which bilateral and trilateral cooperation is possible between/among AT, CZ, SI, CH, DE, LU, BE (Flanders) and PL	**continuous recruitment according to Lead Agency schedule**
ST	**CHIST-ERA** ICT Technologies	**CHIST-ERA Call Open Research Data**	*Open & Re-usable Research Data & Software*	**June 2022**
		CHIST-ERA Call 2022	*Security and privacy in decentralised & distributed systems; Machine Learning for modern communication.*	**September 2022**
NZ	**Biodiversa+** Biodiversity	**Biodiversa+** 2nd Joint Call	Biodiversity Monitoring	**September 2022**

How to prepare a good proposal ?

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Panel selection

HS – Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

HS1 Fundamental questions of human existence and the nature of reality

HS2 Culture and cultural production

HS3 The study of the human past

HS4 Individuals, institutions, markets

HS5 Norms and governance

HS6 Human nature and human society

ST – Physical Sciences and Engineering

ST1 Mathematics

ST2 Fundamental constituents of matter

ST3 Condensed matter physics

ST4 Chemistry

ST5 Materials

ST6 Computer science and informatics

ST7 Systems and communication engineering

ST8 Production and processes engineering

ST9 Astronomy and space science

ST10 Earth sciences

NZ – Life Sciences

NZ1 Molecular biology, structural biology, biotechnology

NZ2 Genetics, genomics

NZ3 Cellular and developmental biology

NZ4 Biology of tissues, organs and organisms

NZ5 Human and animal noninfectious diseases

NZ6 Human and animal immunology and infection

NZ7 Diagnostic tools, therapies and public health

NZ8 Evolutionary and environmental biology

NZ9 Fundamentals of applied life sciences and biotechnology

Panel selection

❖ Selecting the right panel is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator (PI)

❖ The panel must be relevant to the subject of the application, not to the PI specialisation

❖ Please read the descriptors on the NCN website before submitting your proposal to the appropriate Panel

❖ The Team of Experts includes specialists in the subject/field of a given Panel - wrongly selected panel ➡ no Experts in the field ➡ affects the assessment of the application

Interdisciplinary proposal

Interdisciplinary proposal:

❖ at least one subsidiary identifying term is indicated from a panel other than the one in which the application was submitted

❖ was indicated by the chairman as a request requiring the preparation of an additional individual opinion

Interdisciplinary proposal

❖ The coordinator provides the chairman with lists of interdisciplinary applications.

❖ The chairman selects interdisciplinary proposals.

❖ The coordinator selects additional experts to evaluate interdisciplinary applications.

❖ The expert prepares an additional opinion.

Restrictions on submitting proposals

❖ Restrictions on submitting proposals are described in detail in Chapter III of the [Regulations on awarding funding](#) for research tasks funded by the National Science Centre as regards research projects.

❖ **Please note**: Proposals covering research tasks overlapping tasks specified in another proposal submitted earlier may only be submitted after the funding decision has become final.

Restrictions on submitting proposals

One PI - one application in a given edition

No more than three projects financed by the National Science Center at the same time

OLNY ONCE you can be the PI of a project financed under the PRELUDIUM, SONATINA, SONATA and SONATA BIS call

You can only manage 2 PRELUDIUM BIS projects at the same time.

You cannot be a Principal Investigatior for more than one MAESTRO project at the same time.

Restrictions on submitting proposals

The PI cannot be a person who, at the time of submitting the application, is planned as a person carrying out a scientific activity in an application that was submitted in the MINIATURA call and for whom the financing decision has not become final.

The PI is obliged to stay on the territory of the Republic of Poland for at least 50% of the duration of the project and to remain at the disposal of the entity implementing the project ... does not apply to PRELUDIUM BIS call.

In the application for the SONATA BIS call, the project manager cannot be indicated as the project manager in the application submitted in the OPUS call for which the financing decision has not become final. Does not apply to project managers in OPUS LAP applications.

Restrictions on submitting proposals

❖ The application can only be resubmitted after its evaluation has been completed.

❖ Proposals for similar research tasks may not be submitted until the evaluation process of the first such proposal has been completed.

❖ This also applies to applications that are appealed against

Restrictions on submitting proposals

No grace period in the OPUS call if:

❖ The application was formally rejected

❖ The application was rejected for incorrect cost estimate /

   panel / did not comply with the terms of the call

❖ The application was in the second stage of evaluation

Call documentation.

How to prepare an application?

❖Based on the current call documentation

❖Specifically

❖Cost justifications

❖All tabs in the correct language

❖Correct attachments in the right places (note the number of attached publications!)

❖Filed in due time in the OSF system

❖Check before sending

OPUS 23

Home

Open calls

OPUS 23 until 15 Jun

POLONEZ BIS 2 until 15 Jun

PRELUDIUM 21 until 15 Jun

M.ERA-NET 3 Call 2022 until 15 Jun

MINIATURA 6 until 31 Jul

Komponent badawczy NAWA until 1 Dec

Weave-UNISONO

15 March 2022

The National Science Centre hereby announces the OPUS 23 call for research projects addressed at researchers at any stage of their research careers. Research projects may be carried out over a period of 12, 24, 36 or 48 months respectively. Under OPUS 23, funding may be requested for research projects carried out:

- with the use of large-scale international research infrastructure by the Polish research teams;
- without foreign partners;
- in collaboration with partners from foreign research institutions;

PLEASE NOTE: Under OPUS 23, funding cannot be requested under the Lead Agency Procedure, i.e. in collaboration with partners from foreign research institutions that apply for project funding under programmes launched in collaboration with the NCN pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure;

The call budget is 400,000,000 PLN.

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Who may submit proposals?

Who May Act as the Principal Investigator?

Are there any restrictions on submitting proposals for research projects under NCN Calls?

What is the subject-matter of the call?

What is the project duration?

What are the positions for members of the research team?

How can the project budget be planned?

Open access publication of research results

Proposal form

Can proposals in this call include application for state aid?

What is the proposal evaluation procedure?

Call documents

1. Terms of the OPUS call
2. Regulations on awarding funding for research tasks funded by the National Science Centre
3. NCN panels
4. Regulations for awarding scholarships in the NCN-funded research projects
5. Costs in research projects funded by NCN
6. OPUS proposal form template
7. Guides for Applicants to complete the proposal in the OSF submission system
8. Agreement on collaboration for the purposes of completion of the requested research project
9. State aid
10. Guidelines for applicants to complete the Data Management Plan form in the proposal
11. Guidelines for applicants to complete the Ethics Issues form in the proposal
12. NCN's Open Access Policy
13. Guidelines: NCN's Open Access Policy
14. The Code of the National Science Centre on research integrity and applying for research funding
15. Proposal submission procedure

Documents concerning evaluation of proposals

16. Proposal evaluation criteria
17. Expert Teams of the National Science Centre - formation and appointing
18. Detailed procedure for evaluating proposals by the Expert Teams
19. Service of decisions of the NCN Director
20. Guidelines for appealing against the NCN Director's decisions

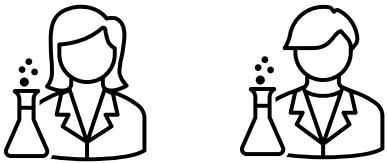## Documents to be read before commencing NCN projects

Structure of the application

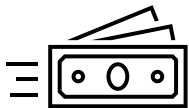# Structure of the application

❖ What and how? - substantive description of the research, methodology

❖ Who? - the profile of the PI and the competences of the contractors

❖ For how much? - cost estimate construction

General information

- ❖ Title - clear and legible

- ❖ Keywords - there are no restrictions; are to help find the right reviewers; title extension

- ❖ Descriptors - describe the subject of the application influence on the selection of reviewers

NCN Review Panel

Research field
HS - Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Primary NCN Review Panel
HS5 - Norms and governance

Auxiliary NCN Review Panels ⑦

No.	Code and name
1.	HS5_003 - Public and social law, public governance

Type of research activity to be carried out

preliminary/pilot studies

Research tasks

The research plan is a list of planned research tasks prepared in two language versions: Polish and English

The research tasks are not:

❖ project management - this is something that has to happen and

    happens in every project!

❖ apparatus purchase, apparatus supervision

❖ participation in the conference

❖ preparation of publications, final report

❖ queries, methodology development,

❖ copying materials, translations

Similar Research tasks

❖ projects known to be similar

❖ similar projects submitted at the same time

❖ own or other known

❖ please provide projects that you know about

❖ to avoid double financing

❖ Experts may have doubts!

Information on the authorship of the project

❖ you can appoint a project co-authorship

Substantive part of the application

❖ **Summary** - sent together with the invitation to the review, therefore it must be in English; highlighting the purpose of the project; methodology; influence on discipline; specific, encouraging evaluation; 4,500 characters English - editable field!

❖ **Short description of the project** - 1st stage of substantive evaluation; 5 pages; for researchers in related fields; only the most relevant information; bibliography!

❖ **Detailed description of the project** – 2nd stage of substantive evaluation; 15 pages; for experts in a given field; details of the experiments; bibliography!

❖ **Popular science description** - understandable to everyone

Please note! The OSF system will not accept an attachment longer than specified in the call documentation!

Short / detailed description

Component parts:

❖Aim of the project, research hypotheses

❖Project meaning

❖Research plan, research objectives, preliminary

   research, risk analysis

❖Research methodology

❖References

Other relevant information

❖ The research hypothesis is very important - there is no good conclusion without a hypothesis!

❖ It is not necessary to include a detailed research schedule, but the overall research schedule helps in the evaluation of a given project

❖ It is worth showing the results of the preliminary research

❖ The risk analysis and risk response plan are an essential part of any project and are also assessed

What should I avoid in my application?

- ❖ plagiarism, copying publications of other scientists and omitting citations

- ❖ Please be careful with categorical statements, eg "no one has ever done such research„

- ❖ Offensive statements are not allowed.

- ❖ refering or citing previous reviewers is not recommended

Approval of relevant committees

The NCN does not require approvals from relevant committees (including ethics committee, animal experimentation committee, etc.), however, the Applicant and the entity declare whether or not such consent is required.

Other consents that may be needed:
- ❖ entering the area, working with monuments
- ❖ rental of materials, access to the building
- ❖ working with medical data
- ❖ working with certain substances
- ❖ ZIG, GMM / GMO

The costs of obtaining approvals of ethics committees are not a direct cost.

Q: Does each experiment require approval from the Local Ethics Committee?
A: NO, just a procedural experience
Eg. It is not a procedure to kill an animal solely for the purpose of using its organs or tissues for research.)

Data management plan

❖ Principle of F.A.I.R.

Findable - easy to find (naming)

Accessible - access does not require additional software

Interoperable - reading by people and computers

Reusable - identify the author of the data, easy to use for your own research

❖ storage: repositories, libraries, servers

❖ way of describing data - appropriate metadata, file formats

❖ data backup (better not USB)

❖ Always have a backup of your data that you are not working on and editing!

Good data management plan

- ❖ indicates what data will be generated and collected in the project

- ❖ indicates what data will be processed and whether consent has been given to the processing of personal data

- ❖ Indicates how the data will be available to other people (what may be disclosed, what will be re-used by other people, how sensitive data will be protected)

- ❖ indicates who will have access to the data

- ❖ Indicates how the backups will be secured

- ❖ Provides information on metadata

- ❖ It contains information on how the data will be archived, where it will be located after the poject ends, and how it will be anonymized

- ❖ The DMP should be planned in as much detail as is necessary for the application.

- ❖ The DMP is being assessed.

- ❖ The National Science Center does not plan to create a data repository - such repositories are available at universities.

Please note! you can budget DMP costs!

International cooperation

International cooperation is considered to be the implementation of research tasks together with researchers from foreign entities.

The following are not considered international cooperation:
* ❖ participation in international conferences;
* ❖ disseminating knowledge about the project abroad;
* ❖ implementation of research tasks by a Polish team abroad without the participation of researchers from foreign entities;
* ❖ cooperation with foreign researchers employed in Polish entities.

Research team

Principal Investigator / supervisor

Academic and Research Career

Research achievement

Reasearch experience

Reasearch projects

Publication record

Prizes and Awards

Principal Investigator / supervisor

Scientific career - Academic and Research Career

- ❖ dates and places of obtaining academic degrees

- ❖ previous jobs

- ❖ work in projects (as a contractor)

- ❖ work in industry

- ❖ ORCID - can be specified

- ❖ description of the most important scientific achievement

- ❖ prizes and awards

- ❖ domestic and foreign internships, including industrial ones

- ❖ visiting professor

- ❖ scientific conferences

Principal Investigator / supervisor

Publications - Publication record

❖ 1-10 publications from the last 10 years (plus career breaks)

❖ 1-3 should be attached in pdf (does not apply to PRELUDE)

❖ related to the project or the best?

❖ preferred international publications (assessed by an international team, rating 5: international recognition)

Contractors

- ❖ Composition of the research team

- ❖ Competences and tasks of other contractors

- ❖ No surnames - as a rule, the surnames of the performers are not given, only their competences!

- ❖ Scholarships by open competition only

- ❖ Collective contractor

Collective contractors

❖ Remuneration for persons with one type of duties (e.g. interviewers)

 and research participants.

❖ Minimum number: 5 people.

❖ This category does not include technicians and lab technicians.

❖ Can research participants be paid? Yes! Financial or material

 remuneration - regeneration meal, clothing, gift cards, smartwatch ..

Budget

Budget

Directs costs

Ineligible costs

Indirect costs

Eligible costs (project budget)

Ineligible costs

❖ provisions for future liabilities,

❖ interest on debt and other debt service expenses,

❖ interest and other expenses for late payment,

❖ contractual penalties,

❖ tickets, fines, penalties and expenses to cover the costs of court proceedings,

❖ tax on goods and services (VAT), if the implementing entity has the legal possibility of recovering it,

❖ Editorial review fees

❖ In the case of OPUS LAP applications, costs of consultations and visits of associates receiving parallel funding of the research project from a partner institution

Indirect costs

Indirect costs are costs indirectly related to the research project necessary for its implementation.

❖ general operating costs of the entity

❖ used according to the accounting policy of the entity implementing the project

❖ the amount of indirect costs may not increase during the project

❖ costs of procedures related to the award of the academic degree / title

Indirect costs include:

❖ Open Access indirect costs in the amount of up to 2% of direct costs, which can only be allocated to costs related to making publications or research data available in open access;

❖ other indirect costs up to 20% of the direct costs that can be allocated to costs indirectly related to the project, including the costs of making publications or research data available in open access.

The entity is obligated to agreed with the PI the consumption of at least 25% of indirect costs!

Merit-based justification for the purchase

The project budget must be justified as regards the subject and scope of research and must be based on reasonable calculations.

If unjustified costs are planned, a proposal may be rejected.

Name / description [in English]	Category
Animals (mice)	Materials and small equipment
Uzasadnienie i kalkulacja [w języku angielskim]	
BALB/c mice (100 mice x 50 PLN) and genetically modified mice (50 mice x 1000 PLN) Animal delivery – 2000 PLN Breeding materials and equipment – 5000 PLN These mice and materials are neccessary for Task 4 and Task 5.	
Scientific conferences	Wyjazdy służbowe
1. Participation in microbiological conferences (e.g. ECCMID) - PI and post-doc. 2. Participation in one national conference for PhD student. 3. Short-term visits of young scientists (PhD students) in collaborating institutions (2 visits).	

Open Access

❖ Open Access is about making scientific publications and research results publicly funded available in digital form for free use by scientists, students, entrepreneurs and the whole society.

❖ Open access to scientific publications is beneficial for scientists, because through the greater availability of data it contributes to increasing the recognition of authors in a given scientific field.

Summary

Summary

✔ Abstract – obligatory !

📄 Research plan - part of the contract - must be!

📎 Relevant attachments - obligatory!

📚 References - in a short and detailed description - not obligatory but appreciated

⚖️ Costs - not only optimal, but also well justified

🔨 DMP/Etyka: in English

Proposal evaluation process

MERIT-BASED EVALUATION

STEP 1

STEP 2

Eligibility check

Individual assessments by Panel Members (2 or 3) based on short project descriptions

PANEL MEETING

PRELUDIUM BIS Projects recommended for funding

*INTERVIEW WITH THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Specialised proposal assessment by External Referees based on full project descriptions

PANEL MEETING

Projects recommended for funding

Transparency and impartiality of the evaluation proces are ensured by the NCN Scientific Coordinators

*SONATINA, SONATA BIS, MAESTRO

NCN Experts

- Polish and international researchers
- NCN grantees, ERC panel members

- Appointed by the NCN Council for one call for proposals
- **Specialists in the broad area of a given NCN panel**
- Their indentity is not revealed to the grantees (only the name of the panel chair)
- **Assess proposals based on the short project description**

- Conflicts of interests:
  - Applicants and PI supervisors in a given call cannot be panel members or external reviewers in the given call edition
  - Collaboration with PIs or team members within the last 3 years
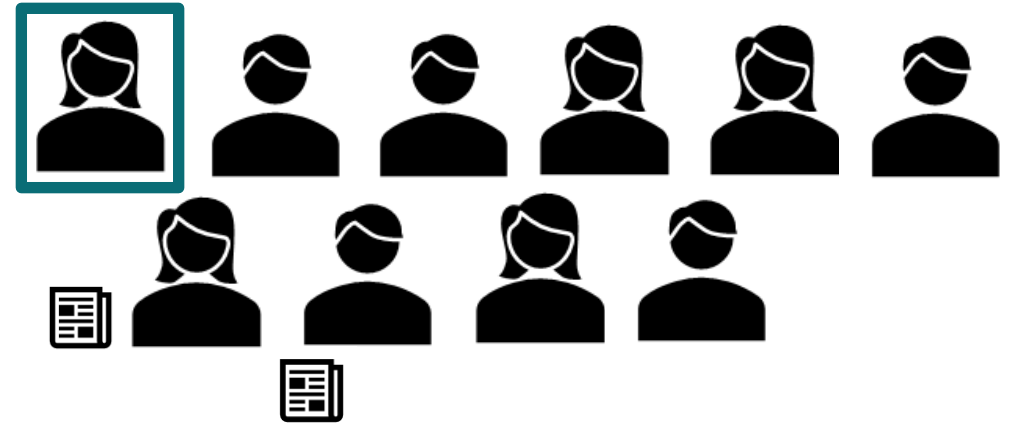 - Working in the same institution
  - Other

NCN external reviewers

- Mostly international reviewers (>90%)
- **<u>Specialists in the topic of the proposal</u>**
- Excellent researchers
- Their indentity is not revealed to the applicants
- **Assessment based on full project description**
- Invited to assess one proposal in a given call
- NCN rules on conflicts of interests apply

Proposal assessment in SONATINA, SONATA BIS and MAESTRO

- Proposal evaluation process includes an interview with the PI

- Interview date is set by the NCN

Proposal evaluation in PRELUDIUM BIS

- 1-stage proposal evaluation

- Application assessed by 3 experts

- Decision on the recommendation of proposals for funding made during the 1st panel

Proposal evaluation

- Modificiation of proposal budgets are not allowed, the expert team either accepts the budget or rejects it (the latter results in a rejection of a proposal)

- Scores given in each criterion are auxiliary, it is the panel decision to draw up a list of proposals recommended for funding

- **Criteria employed in a given call have different weights**

- Only information provided in the application is assessed by the panel

PI track record assessment

- Takes into consideration career stage represented by applicants and standards of a research discipline

- Track records of PIs in a given call are compared by the experts

- Respects career breaks

- In PRELUDIUM – track record of the PI has a low weight

- According to DORA (San Francisco **D**eclaration **o**n **R**esearch **A**ssessment) – bibilometric information not taken into account

Useful tips

- Look at the criteria and make sure your application responds to the criteria
- When preparing a short and full project description take into account the rules and standards of each evaluation stage
- Make use of the page-limit at a given stage

Reporting and project implementation assessment

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Final report

The final report consists of:

1. the most important achievements of the project (in points),
2. a short description of the results obtained,
3. which objectives set out in the project funding application were achieved and which were not achieved, and why; whether and what additional goals were achieved,
4. the current and expected impact of the project on the development of the scientific discipline and the development of other disciplines.

The basis for the settlement of the project is at least **one original publication published in an international journal**

Final report

- Final report needs to be submitted **60 days** after the end of the project

- Before merit-based evaluation of your final report, NCN:

  - checks if the publications are correctly attached and contain grant acknowledgements
  - may ask you for additional information

Assessment of the final report

Merit–based evaluation

- Expert Team – Polish researchers
- One or two (projects > 1 mln) reviews
- Assessment by a member of the NCN Council

What is assessed

- the extent to which the plan has been implemented
- how many results have been published
- quality of the publication

Final decision of Expert Team

- if everything has been published and there is no doubt - the settlement and closure of the project with the appropriate scoring
- lack of publication or there are doubts - request for additional information or clarifications
  - settlement with a low grade
  - no settlement, full or partial refund

Final report grading scale

Assessment scale according to the final report grade

- Excellent grade   →   if final grade: 91-100
- Very good grade   →   if final grade: 81-90
- Good grade   →   if final grade: 61-80
- Moderate grade   →   if final grade: 41-60
- Poor grade   →   if final grade: 10-40
- Negative grade   →   if final grade: 0-9

The adjectival assessment will be visible in the OSF for previous implemented projects in the case of automatic data download for a new application.
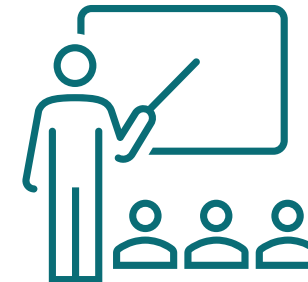
Final report- mistakes

- publications not related to the research tasks planned in the application
- many acknowledgements in one publications without any comments
- conference abstracts (short abstracts, for example 1/3 page) submitted as publication
- book or conference abstracts presented as independent chapters
- no international publications
- publications in „predatory" journals
- incorrect registration numer of the grant

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