



From: Director, National Science
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**NCN Director's Letter
on Doctoral Scholarships in NCN-Funded Research Projects**

The National Science Centre hereby announces that where the minimum monthly basic salary of a professor employed at a public university increases, as a consequence of which the doctoral scholarship amount is increased (pursuant to the Act on Higher Education and Science of 20 July 2018, gross doctoral scholarships before the mid-term evaluation are equivalent to 37% of a professor's basic salary, and after the mid-term evaluation, to 57%) doctoral students in NCN-funded research projects may be paid doctoral scholarships exceeding PLN 5,000 or PLN 6,500, as laid down in the applicable Regulations on awarding scholarships in NCN-funded research projects. A doctoral scholarship in an amount higher than that specified above may only be paid if the doctoral scholarship calculated pursuant to the Act on Higher Education and Science exceeds the amounts referred to above.

The increase in doctoral scholarships referred to above may be financed from funds included in the project budget under direct costs.

If an increase in doctoral scholarships requires reallocation of funds between different budget categories, the funding agreement shall prevail. If the funding agreement provides for no further budget modifications, the National Science Centre must be provided with an annex to the funding agreement.

Doctoral scholarships top-up funding may also be financed from indirect costs or funds of the host institution for the project. This type of doctoral scholarship top-up funding must not be listed in the final reports on NCN-funded research projects under the category of salaries and scholarships.

Doctoral scholarships in the **PRELUDIUM BIS** calls may be paid in a gross amount exceeding PLN 5,000 (before the mid-term evaluation) and gross amount exceeding PLN 6,000 (after the month of the mid-term evaluation), provided that the doctoral scholarship calculated pursuant to the Act on Higher Education and Science exceeds the above-mentioned amounts.



The increase in the doctoral scholarships may be financed from funds included in the project budget under direct costs. Any modifications to funds allocated to doctoral scholarships will require an annex to the funding agreement

Doctoral scholarship top-up funding in the PRELUDIUM BIS projects may also be covered by indirect costs or entity's own funds. This type of doctoral scholarship top-up funding must not be listed in the final reports on the PRELUDIUM projects under the category of salaries and scholarships.

Please note that the National Science Centre has no funds that could be used to increase the funds of ongoing projects.

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