



RESOLUTION N° 50/2018
BY THE COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE
of 7th June 2018
on the terms of the call for proposals HARMONIA 10

Pursuant to art. 18 point 4 of the act of 30th April 2010 on the National Science Centre (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 947), the Council of the National Science Centre sets the terms of conducting **the HARMONIA 10 call for proposals of research projects, carried out in cooperation with international partners, which are not co-funded from foreign resources.**

1. Eligible applicants

- 1.1. Proposals for funding of research projects may be submitted by entities set out in art. 10(1)-(8) and (10) of the act of 30th April 2010 on the principles of funding science (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 87), hereinafter referred to as applicants.¹
- 1.2. Under the call, proposals may be submitted for research projects:
 - a) carried out as international cooperation under a direct agreement with a partner or partners representing foreign research institutions;
 - b) carried out as bilateral international programmes and initiatives;
 - c) carried out as multilateral international programmes and initiatives;
 - d) whereby Polish teams use large-scale international research infrastructure.

2. Terms of entry

Under the call, proposals may be submitted for funding of research projects:

¹ Proposals for funding of research projects may be submitted by:

- 1) academic or research organisations;
- 2) research consortia;
- 3) research networks and units within institutions of higher education (HE) that do not constitute their basic administrative units;
- 4) science and technology facilities;
- 5) research centres of the Polish Academy of Sciences;
5a) academic research centres shared by HE institutions;
- 6) scientific libraries
- 7) enterprises with the status of a research and development centre as defined in the act of 30th May 2008 on certain forms of support for innovation activities;
- 8) other legal entities established in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 9) enterprises conducting research in a form not specified in points 1-8.

Joint entities i.e. research consortia, research networks, science and technology facilities, research centres of the Polish Academy of Sciences and academic research centres with the exception of academic research centres established as a unit within a single higher education institution, are represented by the leader indicated in the proposal or in the relevant joint entity agreement. The leader makes all declarations on behalf of the joint entity.



- 1) which constitute basic research within the meaning of art. 2 (3)(a) of the act of 30th April on the principles of funding science, in any of the disciplines specified by the National Science Centre's panels, as adopted by Resolution no 102/2016 of 10th November 2016 by the Council of the National Science Centre;
- 2) whose duration is 12, 24 or 36 months;²
- 3) whose principal investigator can indicate between 3 and 10 published research works, of which 3 most important ones they attach to the proposal;
- 4) whose main research partner from a foreign institution can indicate between 3 and 10 published research works, of which 3 most important ones they attach to the proposal;
- 5) in which the total funding does not exceed:
 - PLN 0,5 M for projects whose duration is 12 months,
 - PLN 1 M for projects whose duration is 24 months,
 - PLN 1,5 M for projects whose duration is 36 months;
- 6) in which purchase or the cost of construction or modernisation of research equipment is not eligible for funding. Research equipment does not include computer hardware or lab equipment.
- 7) in which the foreign research partners and foreign co-investigators³, as well as their foreign host institution listed in the proposal are not beneficiaries of the funding for the completion of their research tasks;
- 8) which take into account "Regulations on the mode of granting financial resources for the completion of tasks funded by the National Science Centre (Narodowe Centrum Nauki, NCN) as regards research projects, fellowships and doctoral scholarships," as adopted by the resolution of the Council of the NCN no 48/2018 of 7 June 2018, hereinafter referred to as "Regulations."

3. Mode and dates of proposal submission

- 3.1. Information required in the proposal and documents attached to the proposal for funding a research project to be carried out in cooperation with international partners under the HARMONIA 10 call for proposals are set out in the **annex** to this resolution.
- 3.2. In the case of research projects carried out as international cooperation under a direct agreement with a partner or partners representing foreign research institutions, the applicants also submit a framework agreement which sets out the rules for international cooperation between the partners in the completion of the research project.
- 3.3. In the case of research projects carried out as bi-lateral or multi-lateral international programmes and initiatives, the applicants also submit a document confirming their participation in such programme or initiative, as well as a framework agreement which sets out the rules for international cooperation between the partners in the completion of the research project,
- 3.4. In the case of research projects whereby Polish teams use using large-scale international research infrastructure, the applicant also submit a document confirming the possibility of utilising such infrastructure.
- 3.5. Applicants that do not receive any operating support grant from the budget for science should provide information concerning:

² In the case of entities applying for state aid, the start date of a research project is 1st July 2019.

³ Foreign co-investigator is to be understood as a member of the research team of the foreign partner.



- 1) research conducted over the period of 2 years before submitting the proposal, together with a list of publications affiliated with the applicant organisation;
 - 2) research equipment and other instrumentation/facilities crucial to scientific research.
- 3.6. Proposals for funding a research project together with the required annexes must be submitted no later than 17th September 2018 via the electronic submission system OSF (Obsługa Strumieni Finansowania) at www.osf.opi.org.pl.
- 3.7. A confirmation of proposal submission bearing a qualified electronic signature or a scan of the document signed in the signatory's own hand must be attached to the proposal.

4. Mode and criteria of evaluating research proposals

- 4.1. The merit-based evaluation is open only to research proposals evaluated positively at the stage of the eligibility check.
- 4.2. Research proposals are evaluated in accordance with the Regulations.
- 4.3. The merit-based evaluation of research proposals takes into account the following:
 - 1) fulfilling the criterion of basic research within the meaning of art. 2 (3)(a) of the act of 30th April 2010 on the principles of funding science;
 - 2) the research track record of the principal investigator, including publications in academic press/journals;
 - 3) evaluation of the results of research projects conducted by the principal investigator, funded from the budget for science;
 - 4) the research track record of the main research partner from a foreign institution or the scientific achievements resulting from international cooperation and their relevance to the scope of research planned in the proposal;
 - 5) quality of the planned research or project tasks;
 - 6) innovative nature of the research problem addressed;
 - 7) project's impact on the advancement of the scientific field/discipline;
 - 8) relevance of the planned costs to the subject and scope of the research;
 - 9) assessment of the feasibility of the project's completion;
 - 10) the significance of international cooperation for the completion of the research project;
 - 11) whether the proposal has been prepared with due diligence.

5. Funding decision

- 5.1. The call is to be concluded and its results published by 15th March, 2019.
- 5.2. The call results will be available in the ZSUN/OSF electronic submission system and will also be communicated by an electronically delivered decision of the Director of the NCN.
- 5.3. If the electronic decision is not collected, the decision of the Director of the National Science Centre is considered to have been delivered within 14 days of the date of being made available.
- 5.4. In the event of a breach of the call procedure or other formal infringements, the applicant may appeal the decision of the Director of the National Science Centre to the Committee of Appeals of the Council of the National Science Centre within 14 days of the decision's delivery.
- 5.5. The Committee of Appeals of the Council of the National Science Centre passes judgement in the case of the appeal no later than 3 months from lodging the appeal.



6. Mode of funding

- 6.1. Financial resources for the completion of the research tasks specified in the proposal recommended for funding are granted by the decision of the Director of the NCN.
- 6.2. Financial resources are granted to the research project's host institution, pursuant to a funding agreement concluded between the National Science Centre, the host institution and the principal investigator.
- 6.3. If financial resources are granted to applicants established as enterprises, the provisions of the directive of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 9th September 2015 on the terms and mode of granting state aid via the National Science Centre (Journal of Laws of 2015, item 1381) shall apply.
- 6.4. Within the period indicated in the funding decision, the applicant is obliged to submit to the National Science Centre a draft version of the funding agreement, including the project's work plan and breakdown of costs, and to perform other actions ordered in the decision. Failure to comply with the provisions of the decision within the indicated period is tantamount to resignation from concluding the funding agreement.

7. Amount of funding

The Council of the National Science Centre establishes the amount of financial resources allocated for the completion of research projects under the HARMONIA 10 call for proposals **as PLN 40 million.**

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