



VI. Principles of evaluating proposals submitted under the call for research projects for advanced researchers, with the aim of conducting pioneering research, including interdisciplinary research which is important for the development of science; going beyond the current state of knowledge and potentially resulting in ground-breaking scientific discoveries – MAESTRO

▪ **Has the proposal been written with all due diligence?¹**

- yes
- no

In the case of “no” please justify.

▪ **Does the project meet the criteria of a scientific proposal?¹**

- yes
- no

In the case of “no” please justify.

▪ **Does the project meet the criteria of basic research?^{2,1}**

- yes
- no

In the case of “no” please justify.

▪ **Does the Principal Investigator meet the eligibility criteria for an advanced investigator³?**

- yes
- no

In the case of “no” please justify.

▪ **Does the project meet other eligibility criteria outlined in the call for proposals?**

- yes
- no

In the case of “no” please justify.

¹ Question applies at the first stage of the merit-based evaluation.

² Basic research is defined as experimental or theoretical endeavours undertaken primarily to gain new knowledge of the foundations of phenomena and observable facts, without concern for direct commercial use (art. 2(3)(a) of the act of 30th April 2010 on the principles of funding science (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 87).

³ Advanced investigator – a person holding at least a doctoral degree, who within 10 years of the submission of the proposal for funding:

- a) has published at least five research works in renown Polish or international scientific journals,
- b) has coordinated (as the principal investigator) at least two completed research projects funded in national or international competitive calls for proposals,
- c) fulfils at least three of the criteria below:
 - has been a member of a scientific committee of at least one renown international conference,
 - has published at least one monograph,
 - has presented papers at renown international conferences,
 - has received an international award or prize,
 - has been or was a member of renown associations, international scientific organisations or academies,
 - has other significant scientific achievements,

and in the case of research in the field of arts – a person who is an author of works of art of international significance or works significant for the Polish culture and has actively participated in international exhibitions, festivals, or other artistic events in visual, musical, theatrical or film arts.



1ST STAGE OF MERIT-BASED EVALUATION

A. EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT (WEIGHTING 40%)

A.1. EVALUATION OF PLANNED RESEARCH OR PROJECT TASKS (WEIGHTING 30%)

- 5 Excellent, the project results are likely to be published in academic press/journals of the highest global rank.
- 4 Very good, the project results are likely to be published in mainstream academic press/journals for a given field.
- 3 Good, the project results are likely to be published in specialist academic press/ journals.
- 2 Average, the results might be published in academic press/ journals of the low scientific importance.
- 1 Poor, there is little chance of publishing the results.
- 0 Very poor.

Justification:

A.2. ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT'S INNOVATIVE POTENTIAL AND ITS IMPACT (WEIGHTING 10%)

▪ **Innovative nature of the proposed research:**

- 4 The project is ground-breaking.
- 2 The project is innovative.
- 1 The project has innovative elements.
- 0 The project has no innovative elements.

▪ **Impact of the research project on the advancement of the scientific field/discipline:**

- 3 The project will have a substantial impact on the advancement of the scientific field/discipline.
- 1 The project will have some impact on the advancement of the scientific field/discipline.
- 0 The project will have no impact on the advancement of the scientific field/discipline/ the project has been submitted to the wrong review panel.

Justification:



B. EVALUATION OF THE RESEARCH TRACK RECORD OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (WEIGHTING 50%)

▪ **scientific achievements of the Principal Investigator, including publications in academic press/journals:**

- 6 Highest global rank, the Principal Investigator is at the forefront of world's research in their field.
- 5 Outstanding, the Principal Investigator is one of the world's top researchers in their particular field.
- 4 Exceptional, the Principal Investigator is an internationally recognised expert in their particular field.
- 3 Very good, the Principal Investigator is an internationally recognised specialist in the field.
- 2 Good, the Principal Investigator is internationally recognised in the field
- 1 Moderate, the Principal Investigator has national recognition in the field.
- 0 Modest, the Principal Investigator lacks recognition in the field.

▪ **Evaluation of the results of research projects conducted by the Principal Investigator, funded from the budget for science.**

- 5 The results of the completed projects have been published in academic press/journals of the highest rank.
- 4 The results of the completed projects have been published in academic press/journals of the highest rank in a given field of research.
- 3 The results of the completed projects have been published in international specialist academic press/journals.
- 2 The results of the completed projects have been published in national academic press/journals.
- 1 The results of the completed projects have been published in local academic press/journals.
- 0 The results of the completed projects have not been published.

Justification:

C. ASSESSMENT OF PROJECT FEASIBILITY (WEIGHTING 10%)

▪ **Assessment of the feasibility of the proposed project, including the Principal Investigator's and research team's qualifications, research facilities etc.:**

- 3 Very good.
- 2 Good.



1 Poor.

0 The project is not feasible.

Justification:

- **Are the costs to be incurred well justified with regards to the subject and scope of the research?**⁴

- yes

- no

In the case of “no” please justify.

JUSTIFICATION FOR EVALUATION

Strengths of the proposal:

Weaknesses of the proposal:

2nd STAGE OF MERIT-BASED EVALUATION

- **External reviews (following the criteria given in stage 1)**
- **PI interview**

Following the interview the Expert Team decides on the recommendation for the proposal:

- A** Proposal recommended for funding.
- B** Proposal recommended for funding as second choice.
- C** Proposal not recommended for funding.

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