

OPUS 26 PROPOSAL COMPLETION IN THE OSF SYSTEM

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DURATION [in months]			<p>The current edition of the call is open to OPUS proposals (involving no international cooperation pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure) and OPUS LAP proposals (involving international cooperation pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure). Proposal submitted on wrong forms will not be reviewed. In both cases, additional/ other international cooperation may be planned, i.e., with the use of large international research equipment by the Polish research teams, cooperation with partners from foreign research institutions that do not apply for funding for that purpose under programmes launched by such institutions pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure.</p> <p>Under OPUS 26, funding may be requested for projects lasting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 months, 24 months, 36 months, 48 months. <p>PLEASE NOTE: OPUS LAP projects involving cooperation with foreign research teams from the Czech Republic or Germany may last for 24 or 36 months.</p> <p>Further sections depend on this information.</p> <p>Project duration <u>cannot be changed</u> later.</p> <p>If the planned duration of the project changes, a new proposal must be made.</p>
NEW/REPEATED PROPOSAL	Was the proposal submitted in the previous edition of the OPUS call? (YES/NO)		If a proposal was submitted in the previous edition of the OPUS call, answer "YES".

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	If "YES", please indicate the OPUS proposal registration number		<p>A proposal covering research tasks overlapping with those indicated in an earlier proposal may be submitted in two consecutive OPUS calls on condition that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) it was qualified to Stage II of the merit-based evaluation and was not awarded funding; b) it was not qualified to Stage II of merit-based evaluation solely on the grounds that it did not comply with the terms of the call or the budget was unjustified or the proposal was submitted to a wrong panel; c) it was rejected as ineligible. <p>For example, if a proposal was submitted to the OPUS 25 call, enter its registration number as follows: 2023/49/B/??/?.</p>
GENERAL INFORMATION	Project title	Polish and English	Title of the research project in Polish and in English. The title in English must be identical to the title in Polish.
	Keywords	Polish and English	Keywords in English must be identical to the keywords in Polish.
	Primary NCN Review Panel		A research field should be selected in line with the current list of panels available at the NCN website .
	Auxiliary NCN Review Panels		<p>Choose from the list: HS1_001-HS6_021, ST1_001-ST11_016, NZ1_001-NZ9_013 from 1 to 3 of auxiliary NCN review panels, including at least one from the panel, to which a proposal is submitted.</p> <p>Proposals are evaluated in the panel to which they are submitted. The panel must not be changed once the proposal has been submitted. Auxiliary review panels allow to select experts and external reviewers for the merit-based evaluation of proposals. Interdisciplinary proposals may be additionally evaluated by an expert from another panel if so is decided by the Chair of the Expert Team.</p>
APPLICANT	Applicant's status		The applicant's status indicated in the proposal must be factually and legally correct.

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			<p>Only the following entities may apply for NCN funding for a research project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. universities; 2. federations of science and HE entities; 3. research institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences, operating pursuant to the Act on the Polish Academy of Sciences of 30 April 2010; 4. research institutes operating pursuant to the Act on Research Institutes of 30 April 2010; 5. international research institutes established pursuant to separate acts operating in the Republic of Poland; 5a. Łukasiewicz Centre operating pursuant to the Act on the Łukasiewicz Research Network of 21 February 2019; 5b. institutes operating within the Łukasiewicz Research Network, 6. Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences; 7. other institutions involved in research independently on a continuous basis; 8. groups of entities comprising at least two entities mentioned in sections 1-7 or at least one institution as such together with at least one company; 9. scientific and industrial centres within the meaning of the Act on research Institutes of 30 April 2010; 10. research centres of the Polish Academy of Sciences within the meaning of the Act on the Polish Academy of Sciences of 30 April 2010; 11. scientific libraries; 12. companies operating as R&D centres within the meaning of the Act on certain forms of support for innovative Activity of 30 May 2008; 13. legal entities with registered office in Poland; 13a. President of the Central Office of Measures; 14. natural persons;

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			<p>15. companies conducting research in another organisational form than laid down in sections 1-13.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE! If the applicant is a natural person, a host institution for the research project must not be a group of entities or an entity for which project funding constitutes state aid.</p> <p>When a group of entities or a natural person applies for funding, the name, country and status of the participating entity(-ies) must also be provided.</p>
PARTICIPATING ENTITIES	Entity name	Polish and English	<p>Entity's name in Polish and English</p> <p>Participating entity(-ies) can be added from either the OPI Database or from outside the OPI Database.</p> <p>If the data of the participating entity is entered from the OPI database, most of the information will be downloaded automatically.</p> <p>The data should be verified, and in the case of erroneous or outdated data, contact the Information Processing Centre of the National Research Institute (OPI PIB) at the telephone number: (22) 351-71-01. The National Science Centre cannot change the participating entity's data.</p>
	Country		Only entities with registered office in Poland may be indicated
	Leader		<p>If the applicant is a group of entities, the leader shall be elected.</p> <p>PI's employer acts as a leader of the group of entities</p>
	Agreement on collaboration for the purposes of completion of the requested research project	Polish	<p>If the applicant is a group of entities, a research project cooperation agreement must be annexed.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE! The group of entities may comprise only entities established in the territory of the Republic of Poland.</p> <p>The template document is available in the OSF system and in the call announcement.</p> <p>The document should be signed by the persons authorised to represent the entities comprising the group of entities.</p>

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			<p>The specimen document contains the necessary elements and must not be modified or supplemented by additional cooperation arrangements between entities.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: In the OSF system, the agreement is generated as a PDF file. If entities change, a new agreement must be downloaded, signed, and then attached to the system.</p> <p>A group of entities has the right to sign additional documents governing cooperation within the group, but these should not be attached to the proposal in the OSF system.</p> <p>Annex the agreement on collaboration signed electronically in PDF format or document's scan signed by hand.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Agreements containing mixed forms of signatures will be accepted, e.g., the leader will sign the document with a qualified electronic signature, while the partner(s) will sign it by hand. In this case, the agreement should first be signed by hand and then a scan of the handwritten document should be signed with a qualified electronic signature in the PAdES format.</p> <p>Documents signed electronically should be affixed with an advanced electronic signature or a qualified electronic signature compliant with Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: The agreement must contain the signatures of the persons representing the entities comprising the group of entities. If the document is signed by a person other than the one indicated as representing the entity (i.e., the authorised person), the relevant power of attorney must be attached to the proposal under <u>Electronic submission</u> or attach it to the Agreement.</p>

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INFORMATION ON PARTICIPATING ENTITY	Head of the entity / Authorised representative		Fill in the required fields as indicated in the system. If a confirmation of submitting the proposal is signed by a person authorised to represent the entity and not the head of the entity, a power of attorney/authorisation to represent the entity in the scope of submitting the proposal to NCN should be attached to the proposal. The power of attorney must be included under the Elektroniczna wysyłka [Electronic submission].
	NIP (tax identification number), REGON (statistical identification number) and KRS (court register number)		Fill in the required fields as indicated in the system. If the applicant is not registered in the Register of Companies of the National Court Register, the option “not applicable” should be ticked.
	Contact information		In this tab, please provide your contact details (e.g., phone, e-mail address, Electronic Delivery Box (ePUAP) address, e-delivery address (EDA), website address, etc.). The Electronic Delivery Box (ePUAP) address should have the format: /user-id/box-name Communication concerning the proposal, including the funding decision, shall be sent to the Electronic Delivery Box (ePUAP) address. PLEASE NOTE: Entity’s Electronic Delivery Box (ePUAP) address must be provided. E-delivery address (EDA). Pursuant to the Electronic Delivery of Documents Act of 18 November 2020 (Journal of Laws of 2020, item 2320), the National Science Centre will be required to deliver communications via the public registered electronic delivery service or public hybrid service. At present, it is not required to provide one’s electronic delivery (e-delivery) address. More on the date as of which communications must be delivered to the electronic delivery address will be published on the NCN’s website: www.ncn.gov.pl .

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	Address of registered office and contact address		Fill in the required fields as indicated in the system.
	Does the entity belong to the public finances sector? (YES/NO)		<p>If "YES", classification of entities according to the Act on Public Finances</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public authorities, including government administration authorities, state control and law protection authorities as well as courts and tribunals 2. Local government units and their associations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.a Metropolitan associations 3. Budgetary units 4. Local government budgetary enterprises 5. Executive agencies 6. Public sector enterprises 7. Special purpose state funds 8. Polish Social Insurance Institution (ZUS) and funds under its management, as well as the Agricultural Social Insurance Fund (KRUS) and funds managed by its President 9. Polish National Health Fund (NFZ) 10.a Independent public health care centres, self-governing independent public health care centres 10.b Independent public health care centres, other independent public health care centres 11. Public higher education (HE) institutions 12. Polish Academy of Sciences and its organisational units 13.a Cultural institutions financed by state or local government, cultural institutions financed by state, financed by local authority 13.b Cultural institutions financed by state or local government, cultural institutions financed by local authority 14. Other legal entities financed by state or local government, established pursuant to other acts to perform public tasks, with the exception of

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			enterprises, research institutes, institutes operating within the Łukasiewicz Research Network, banks and commercial law companies
	Is the entity under receivership, in liquidation or subject to bankruptcy proceedings? (YES/NO)		An entity under receivership, in liquidation or subject to bankruptcy proceedings <u>must not be</u> the applicant or participating entity for a research project. If you answer “YES”, the system will block further completion of the proposal.
	Does the entity receive any operating support for research?	English	When the entity applying for funding call does not receive subsidies to perform a scientific activity, the proposal submitted in the OSF system shall be appended with (in English): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information on research performed in the last two years before submission of the proposal together with a list of publications affiliated with the applicant/host institution, • information on research equipment and other devices that allow research. File format: PDF; a file with an electronic signature in PAdES format ¹ or a scan of a document signed by hand is accepted. In the case of a group of entities: a separate document is required for each of the entities not receiving a research subvention.
Entity (level II)			Optionally, Level II data may be added. Provide the name in Polish and in English, the address of the registered office and contact details.
STATE AID	Will the requested project constitute state aid?		The Principal Investigator (PI) and the person(s) representing the entity are obliged to be familiar with the rules governing proposal for state aid. If state aid is sought , the applicant is required to complete additional tabs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information on the company • detailed statement of expenditure

¹ Documents signed electronically must bear an advanced electronic signature or a qualified electronic signature complying with Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> annexes, in accordance with the instruction available on the NCN website in the State aid section. <p>PLEASE NOTE! All annexes must be signed with a qualified electronic signature in PAdES format by the person(s) authorised to represent the company.</p> <p>The principal investigator for a project must not be the authorised representative of the applicant. In the case that copies of annexes are submitted (e.g., a copy of the financial statements), such copies must be certified as a true copy of the original (the clause “certified as a true copy” placed on each page of the document or the clause “certified as a true copy from page ...to page ...” placed on the first page of the document, together with a legible signature of the person authorised to represent the entity) placed on the first page of the document, together with a legible signature of the person authorised to represent the entity). The certified true copy should be scanned, signed with a qualified electronic signature in PAdES format and attached as a PDF to the proposal.</p>
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION	Type of cooperation Countries Entities	English	<p>In this tab you should answer the question “Does the project include any international cooperation?”</p> <p>If “YES”, please provide information on the intended international cooperation (country and entity) together with a description of the benefits resulting from the cooperation and choose its type:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> International cooperation with partners from foreign scientific institutions that do not apply for funding for this purpose within the framework of programmes announced by partner institutions, organised in cooperation with NCN on the basis of lead agency procedure; International cooperation with the use of large international research facilities by Polish research teams. <p><u>The following are not considered international cooperation:</u></p>

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			<p>a) participation in international conferences, b) dissemination of information on the project abroad, c) implementation of research tasks by a Polish research team abroad without the participation of investigators from foreign research institutions; d) cooperation with foreign researchers employed by Polish entities.</p> <p>In the OPUS call, if you mark “YES”, the international cooperation will be taken into account in the evaluation of the proposal.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE! The proposal should not be accompanied by any documents proving international cooperation. In the case of international cooperation, only the benefits of the cooperation need to be described. If this section includes the names of persons involved in the drafting of the proposal or forecasted project performance, their names must also be entered in the <i>Osoby wskazane we wniosku</i> [Persons identified in the proposal] section.</p> <p>If a project involves international cooperation pursuant to the Lead Agency Procedure, submit an OPUS LAP proposal.</p>
ABSTRACT		English	<p>The abstract should contain the most important information about the project, as it is included in the invitation of experts to review it.</p> <p>If this section includes the names of persons involved in the drafting of the proposal or forecasted project performance, their names must also be entered in the <i>Osoby wskazane we wniosku</i> [Persons identified in the proposal] section.</p>
ABSTRACT FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC		Polish and English	<p>Abstract for the general public must be attached in Polish and in English. Both language versions must be identical.</p> <p>The abstract for the general public should include the project’s goal, description of research, reasons for attempting a particular research topic, and substantial results expected. It may include drawings/charts/diagrams.</p>

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			<p>Should the project qualify for funding, the abstract for the general public will be published on the National Science Centre's and National Information Processing Institute (OPI)'s websites alongside the information on the call's results based on consent given in the <i>Oświadczenia administracyjne</i> [Administrative statements] section.</p> <p>The abstract must be for the general public, including persons who are not experts in a given area or who are not scientists.</p> <p>The descriptions must be attached as two separate PDF files (up to 10 MB). Maximum file size: 1 page, A4. Recommended formatting: top-bottom margins: 1.5 cm, left-right margins: at least 2 cm, Times New Roman or equivalent, font size: at least 11, interline: single.</p> <p>If this section includes the names of persons involved in the drafting of the proposal or forecasted project performance, their names must also be entered in the <i>Osoby wskazane we wniosku</i> [Persons identified in the proposal] section</p>
RESEARCH TASKS		Polish and English	<p>Research tasks planned to be performed by a Polish research team should be presented in both Polish and English.</p> <p>Both language versions must be identical.</p> <p>The purchase of research equipment, participation in conferences, preparation of publications, etc., <u>shall not be regarded as</u> research tasks.</p> <p>If funding is granted, the research plan will be attached to the contract.</p> <p>If this section includes the names of persons involved in the drafting of the proposal or forecasted project performance, their names must also be entered in the <i>Osoby wskazane we wniosku</i> [Persons identified in the proposal] section.</p>
RESEARCH TEAM	Number of team members	English	<p>This tab should provide information on the research team (number of team members, type of participation, and scope of work, required qualifications).</p>

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			<p>Provide the number of all members of the research team planned to carry out the project, including the principal investigator (PI) and other investigators, including those not remunerated.</p> <p>Possible types of participation to choose from: supervisor (PI), investigator, post-doc, fellow/student/PhD student, senior researcher. Only the names of the principal investigator and senior researcher may be entered in this section. If the principal investigator deems it necessary to enter the names of co-investigators, he/she may include them in the description of the proposal.</p> <p>Members of the research team can be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a principal investigator (PI) and a senior researcher from either the OPI Database or from outside the OPI Database - an investigator, post-doc, fellow/student/PhD student from outside the OPI Database. <p>A post-doc position is a full-time position planned by the principal investigator (PI) for a person who was awarded a PhD degree in the year of employment in the project or within a period of 7 years before 1 January of their employment in the project.² The period may be extended by the time of any long-term (in excess of 90 days) documented sick leave or rehabilitation leave related to the incapacity to work. Additionally, the period could also be extended by the number of months of a child rearing leave granted in line with the Labour Code; in the case of women by 18 months for each born or adopted child, if such presentation of the breaks to the scientific career was more advantageous.</p> <p>A Senior Researcher position is a full-time position, co-financed by the participating entity, in which employment in this position is planned by the principal investigator for a person who has obtained a PhD degree at</p>

² For researchers with multiple PhDs, the date of the first PhD award is deemed the reference date.

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			<p>least 7 years before the date of proposal³ ⁴, has expertise, unique competencies and experience necessary to perform the research tasks planned in the project.</p> <p>Students shall be understood as students of a full-time study programme for first cycle qualifications, second cycle qualifications, or long cycle programmes carried out in universities in the territory of the Republic of Poland.</p> <p>PhD students shall be understood as doctoral school students within the meaning of the Act on Higher Education of 27 July 2005 or doctoral school students within the meaning of the Act on Higher Education of 20 July 2018.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE! The proposal should not indicate by name people who will be selected in open calls, i.e. people planned to be employed from NCN budget on <i>post-doc</i> position and within the framework of NCN scientific scholarships for students and PhD students awarded in accordance with the Regulations on awarding scholarships in NCN-funded research projects.</p> <p>Principles of planning remuneration and scholarship costs and their amount are defined in 2.1 of the annex to Regulations on awarding funding for research tasks funded by the National Science Centre as regards research projects.</p> <p>If this section includes the names of persons involved in the drafting of the proposal or forecasted project performance, their names must also be entered in the <i>Osoby wskazane we wniosku</i> [Persons identified in the proposal] section.</p>

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⁴ The end date of the call for proposals shall be deemed the proposal submission date.

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PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (PI)	Information	Polish and English	<p>This section should provide information on the principal investigator (PI). A principal investigator (PI) can be added from either the OPI Database or from outside the OPI Database.</p> <p>Restriction on submitting proposals in NCN calls are laid down in §8 of the Regulations according to which in a specific edition of calls, the same person may be named as the principal investigator in one proposal only. Therefore, only one proposal in which the same person is named as the principal investigator may be subject to an evaluation.</p> <p>If the principal investigator (PI) data is entered from the OPI database, most of the information will be pulled in automatically.</p> <p>The data should be verified, and in the case of erroneous or outdated data, contact the Information Processing Centre of the National Research Institute (OPI PIB) at the telephone number: (22) 351-71-01.</p> <p>The National Science Centre cannot change the participating entity's data. The principal investigator (PI) call must be a person whose scientific achievements included at least one paper that had been published or accepted for publication.⁵</p> <p>For research in art, the principal Investigator must be a person whose scientific achievements include at least one paper that has been published or accepted for printing,⁶ or at least one artistic and scientific achievement.</p> <p>The principal investigator (PI) must be a person employed for the entire project duration period pursuant to at least a part-time employment contract. This condition must be met on the project start date at the latest.</p>

⁵ The paper must be published in the proposal submission year or over the last 10 years prior to the proposal submission year. This period may be extended by a time of long-term (in excess of 90 days) documented sick leaves or rehabilitation leaves granted on account of being unfit to work. In addition, the period may be extended by the number of months of a childcare leave granted pursuant to the Labour Code and in the case of women, by 18 months for every child born or adopted, whichever manner of accounting for career breaks is preferable.

⁶ The artistic and artistic-scientific work or achievement must have been published or accepted for publication in the proposal submission year or over the last 10 years prior to the proposal submission year. The period may be extended by the time of any long-term (in excess of 90 days) documented sick leaves or rehabilitation leaves in connection with inability to work. In addition, the period may be extended by the number of months of a childcare leave granted pursuant to the Labour Code and in the case of women, by 18 months for every child born or adopted, whichever manner of accounting for career breaks is preferable.

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			<p>This requirement does not apply to persons drawing a pension from the social insurance scheme.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: The principal investigator (PI) is obliged to stay for at least 50% of the project's duration within the territory of the Republic of Poland and be available to the participating entity. The foregoing obligation does not apply to evidenced project-related business trips or holiday, time off work and other excused absence from work governed by the applicable laws.</p>
	PhD degree	Polish	<p>Fill in the required fields as indicated in the system.</p> <p>If the answer is "YES", the following information should be provided: year in which the degree was conferred, field in Polish and English, discipline in Polish and English, and name of the institution (conferred by: name of the entity in the original language [transcription into Latin alphabet], name of the entity in English) that conferred the degree.</p> <p>In the OPUS call, the principal investigator (PI) does not need to hold a PhD degree.</p> <p>In the case of persons who have obtained more than one PhD degree, the date on which the first degree was obtained should be indicated.</p>
	Information on career breaks – scientific and research track record		<p>Possibility of introducing information on career breaks which extend the period from which to show scientific achievements, i.e.: projects and publications, and in the case of scientific activities in the field of creativity and art: artistic and artistic-scientific achievements (the other elements of the questionnaire concern the whole period of scientific activity of the principal investigator (PI)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term (over 90 days) evidenced sickness benefits or physiotherapy benefits on account of unfitness for work collected over a period of 10 years before the proposal submission year. Number of days.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental leave granted pursuant to the Labour Code. Number of days. • For maternity only: Children born/adopted. Number of children. The period may be extended by 18 months for every child born or adopted. If the number of children is quoted as well as the number of days of parental leave granted pursuant to the Labour Code, the system will choose whichever option is more advantageous to account for her career break.
	Academic disciplines		<p>Mandatory field.</p> <p>Provide information on the main scientific discipline (according to the classification of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education) to which the principal investigator (PI) is assigned. A maximum of two may be indicated. The discipline indicated first will automatically be indicated as the main discipline. This selection can be changed.</p>
	Early-stage researcher		<p>Section displayed only if, based on the annual date of obtaining a PhD degree, it is presumed that the principal investigator (PI) may be an early-stage researcher.</p>
	Personal data and contact information	Polish	<p>In this section you need to fill in the personal data of the principal investigator (PI), including contact details and addresses: residence, correspondence, Electronic ID of the researcher.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Please enter a valid Electronic Delivery Box (ePUAP) address, e-mail address or e-delivery address (EDA) in the contact information tab.</p> <p>Pursuant to the Electronic Delivery of Documents Act of 18 November 2020 (Journal of Laws of 2020, item 2320), the National Science Centre will be required to deliver communications via the public registered electronic delivery service or public hybrid service. At present, it is not required to provide one's electronic delivery (e-delivery) address. More on the date as of which communications must be delivered to the</p>

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			<p>electronic delivery address will be published on the NCN's website: www.ncn.gov.pl.</p> <p>Correspondence concerning the proposal, including the funding decision, shall be sent to the Electronic Delivery Box (ePUAP) address or e-mail address or e-delivery address (EDA) of the principal investigator.</p> <p>The Electronic Delivery Box (ePUAP) address should be in the format: /user-id/box-name</p> <p>In case the principal investigator (PI) does not have an Electronic Delivery Box (ePUAP) the e-mail address should be provided.</p> <p>Researcher's electronic identifier – optional, ORCID system identifier (www.orcid.org)</p>
	Employment	Polish and English	<p>The name of the entity in Polish and English and the position held.</p> <p>Possibility to choose the option – without employment.</p>
	Academic and research track record Academic and research career	English	<p>PLEASE NOTE: Tab to be completed in English.</p> <p>In this tab, provide the key information on your academic and research career, scientific or artistic activity other than publication- or grant-related activity, other scientific achievements and other major aspects allowing the expert team to accurately evaluate your scientific achievements as a stage in the career.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TEMPLATE:</p> <p>Information on education, academic degrees/titles and employment (date degree/title conferred, institution, discipline, start date – end date, institution, and position)</p> <p>Research visits and fellowships in Poland and abroad (duration, country, institution, type of visit)</p> <p>Lectures and presentations (information on keynote speeches and presentations delivered at prestigious international conferences; For research in arts, information on active participation in renowned artistic events)</p>

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				<p>Prizes and awards (date, type and place of award; the most important national and international awards for research or artistic activity)</p> <p>Other major achievements (e.g., training young staff, teaching, organisational and social activity, patents, cooperation with business environment, membership in editorial boards of renowned academic press/ journals, reviewing)</p> <p>Other key information impacting the evaluation of the academic and research career (e.g., concerning long career breaks or non-academic professional activity)</p> <p>The above template is recommended but not compulsory. Researcher's CV is meant to promote the freedom of speech. The description should be clear and explicit. Page limit: up to 8,000 characters.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Do not disclose <u>any sensitive data</u> for the purposes of Article 9 (1) of the Personal Data Protection Regulation*. The National Science Centre is not authorised to process any such data as part of its statutory tasks.</p> <p><i>*It is not allowed to process personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union memberships, as well as process genetic data, biometric data to clearly identify a natural person or data concerning their health, sex life or sexual orientation.</i></p> <p>In this section, enter 1 to 10 most important papers published or accepted for publication (letter of acceptance required) in the proposal submission year or over the period of 10 years prior to the proposal submission year (i.e., from 01.01.2013 to 15.12.2023) and attach one to three papers from this list as PDF files.</p> <p>For research in art, up to 10 most important papers published or accepted for publication (letter of acceptance required) or artistic achievements</p>
		Publication record		

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		Artistic achievements		<p>PLEASE NOTE: Tab to be completed in English.</p> <p>For research in art: description of up to 10 of the most important artistic achievements and achievements in research in art (in the proposal submission year or over the period of 10 years prior to the proposal submission year, i.e. from 01.01.2013 to 15.12.2023) with a nationwide or international impact, e.g., authoring and publishing a work of art (a musical score, a record), directing a film, a play, an opera, playing a lead role, authoring an individual exhibition, actively participating in a festival with an international impact, directing an international artistic venture.</p> <p>No more than 10 publications or artistic achievements and achievements in research in arts may be indicated in total.</p>

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		NCN – funded research		<p>The period from which the publications must be presented or artistic achievements or achievements in research in arts, will be extended by the career breaks indicated in the Information on career breaks – scientific and research track record.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Tab to be completed in English.</p> <p>Information on managing research projects ⁷or other research funding obtained from NCN calls in the year of proposal or in the last 10 years before the year of proposal (i.e., from 01.01.2013 to 15.12.2023).</p> <p>Research project management means acting as the principal investigator in a project submitted to domestic calls, such as, for example, Opus, Sonatina, Sonata, Sonata Bis, Maestro, Harmonia, Symfonia, Preludium (a mentor is not a principal investigator), Preludium Bis OR to international calls.</p> <p>Other funding awarded under NCN calls means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fuga or Uwertura fellowships; - Etiuda scholarships; - research activities under Miniatura; - research components in projects funded under the NAWA programmes. <p>In this section, you must not enter research projects or other awarded funding if you have acted as, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a mentor under Preludium, etc.; - research supervisor under Etiuda; - co-investigator / chief investigator under Opus, Maestro, etc.; - scholarship grantee/ student/ PhD student/ post-doc/ senior researcher under Opus, Maestro, etc..

⁷ Acting as a principal investigator also means management/coordination of a research team in international projects or programmes.

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				<p>Enter the title, registration number, source(s) of funding, call name, amount, currency, implementer, start date, end date, evaluation result (only in the case of automatic enrolment of project data), list of major publications resulting from the project, publications added by the editor (i.e., published after the submission of the report), in the absence of publications – a brief description of other research outputs.</p> <p>The period from which the projects must be presented will be extended by the breaks indicated in the Information on career breaks – scientific and research track record.</p> <p>If the data of the principal investigator (PI) is entered from the OPI database, the information on NCN projects is downloaded automatically. The data should be verified, and in the case of erroneous or outdated data, contact the Information Processing Centre of the National Research Institute (OPI PIB) at the telephone number: (22) 351-71-01.</p> <p>For studies completed and settled, information on the outcome of the recommendation and the National Science Centre's decision will be visible.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE! Projects that have been selected for funding by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and whose documentation has been submitted to the National Science Centre should be indicated in the section: Other research projects outside NCN.</p>
		Other non-NCN research project		<p>PLEASE NOTE: Tab to be completed in English.</p> <p>Data to be entered manually</p> <p>Information on managing other research projects⁶ financed within national or international calls (other than NCN) in the year of applying or in the last 10 years before the year of applying, i.e., from 01.01.2013 to 15.12.2023.</p> <p>Enter projects (up to 5 projects) in which one has acted as principal investigator and which:</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - are or have been carried out in the year of proposal or within 10 years prior to the year of proposal, - are or have been funded from the funds for science, - have been selected in domestic or international calls and - are not and have not been funded from the operating support funds. <p>Acting as a principal investigator shall also be understood as management/coordination of a research team in international projects or programmes.</p> <p>Please provide: title, registration number, source(s) of funding, amount, currency, implementer, start date, end date, list of major publications resulting from the project, publications added by the editor, in the absence of publications – a brief description of other research outputs.</p> <p>The period from which the projects must be presented will be extended by the breaks indicated in the <u>Information on career breaks – scientific and research track record</u>.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: This section should indicate projects which were qualified for funding by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and whose documentation was submitted to the National Science Centre.</p>
		The most important research achievements		<p>PLEASE NOTE: Tab to be completed in English.</p> <p>Description of one, the most important research achievement.</p> <p>Page limit: up to 1,800 characters,</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: The tab must not be empty. If the most important achievement is missing, write: none.</p>
SENIOR RESEARCHER	Information			<p>PLEASE NOTE: All tabs concerning the senior researcher section to be completed in English.</p> <p>In this section, enter information on the Senior Researcher.</p>

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			<p>A senior researcher position is optional. The position as well as scientific track record, competencies and qualifications of the senior researcher are subject to a merit-based evaluation.</p> <p>A senior researcher position is a full-time position co-funded by the participating entity employing the senior researcher. Co-funding of at least PLN 70,000 per annum is required.</p> <p>A Senior Researcher can be added from either the OPI Database or from outside the OPI Database.</p> <p>If the data of the Senior Researcher is entered from the OPI database, most of the information will be downloaded automatically.</p> <p>The data should be verified, and in the case of erroneous or outdated data, contact the Information Processing Centre of the National Research Institute (OPI PIB) at the telephone number: (22) 351-71-01.</p> <p>The National Science Centre cannot change the senior researcher's data.</p>
	Contribution to the project	English	Specify the type of contribution, the entity where the Senior Researcher will be employed and the scope of work.
	Eligibility of Senior Researcher for the call	Polish and English	<p>This section should answer the questions: "Does the person planned for the position of Senior Researcher have a PhD degree?"</p> <p>According to the terms of the call, the person intended to be recruited as a researcher should have obtained a PhD degree at least 7 years before the date of proposal.</p> <p>If you answered "YES", please indicate the daily date of award of the degree, the field (for those who have obtained more than one PhD degree, the reference date is the date of obtaining the first one) and the scientific discipline, as well as the name of the institution.</p>
	Information on career breaks		Possibility of introducing information on career breaks which extend the period from which to show scientific achievements, i.e.: projects and publications, and in the case of scientific activity in the field of creative

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				<p>and artistic work: artistic and artistic-scientific achievements (the remaining elements of the questionnaire concern the whole period of scientific activity of the Senior Researcher).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term (over 90 days) evidenced sickness benefits or physiotherapy benefits on account of unfitness for work collected over a period of 10 years before the proposal submission year. Number of days. • Parental leave granted pursuant to the Labour Code. Number of days. • For maternity only: Children born/adopted. Number of children. The period may be extended by 18 months for every child born or adopted. If the number of children is quoted as well as the number of days of parental leave granted pursuant to the Labour Code, the system will choose whichever option is more advantageous to account for her career break.
	Personal data			<p>This section should contain the data of the Senior Researcher, i.e. name, surname, title/degree, date of birth or PESEL (if applicable), nationality, gender.</p>
	Academic and	Academic and	English	<p>PLEASE NOTE: Tab to be completed in English.</p> <p>This section should provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. justification of the need for a Senior Researcher position in the project; 2. justification for employing the indicated person, taking into account his/her unique competences and specialised qualifications to perform the research tasks planned in the project. <p>Page limit: up to 4,500 characters.</p>
	Academic and	Academic and	English	<p>PLEASE NOTE: Tab to be completed in English.</p>

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	research track record	research career		<p>In this tab, provide the key information on Senior Researcher's academic and research career, scientific or artistic activity other than publication- or grant-related activity, other scientific achievements and other major aspects allowing the expert team to accurately evaluate the scientific achievements as a stage in the career.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TEMPLATE:</p> <p>Information on education, academic degrees/titles and employment (date degree/title conferred, institution, discipline, start date – end date, institution, and position)</p> <p>Research visits and fellowships in Poland and abroad (duration, country, institution, type of visit)</p> <p>Lectures and presentations (information on keynote speeches and presentations delivered at prestigious international conferences; For research in arts, information on active participation in renowned artistic events)</p> <p>Prizes and awards (date, type and place of award; the most important national and international awards for research or artistic activity)</p> <p>Other major achievements (e.g., training young staff, teaching, organisational and social activity, patents, cooperation with business environment, membership in editorial boards of renowned academic press/ journals, reviewing)</p> <p>Other key information impacting the evaluation of the academic and research career (e.g., concerning long career breaks or non-academic professional activity).</p> <p>The above template is recommended but not compulsory. Researcher's CV is meant to promote the freedom of speech. The description should be clear and explicit.</p> <p>Page limit: up to 8,000 characters.</p>

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	<p data-bbox="651 986 790 1053">Publication record</p>		<p data-bbox="1160 339 2038 475">PLEASE NOTE: Do not disclose <u>any sensitive data</u> for the purposes of Article 9 (1) of the Personal Data Protection Regulation*. The National Science Centre is not authorised to process any such data as part of its statutory tasks.</p> <p data-bbox="1160 483 2038 655"><i>*It is not allowed to process personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union memberships, as well as process genetic data, biometric data to clearly identify a natural person or data concerning their health, sex life or sexual orientation.</i></p> <p data-bbox="1160 663 2038 799">From 1 to 10 most important papers published or accepted for publication (letter of acceptance required) in the proposal submission year or over the period of 10 years prior to the proposal submission year (i.e., from 01.01.2013 to 15.12.2023).</p> <p data-bbox="1160 807 2038 979">For research in art, up to 10 most important papers published or accepted for publication (letter of acceptance required) or artistic achievements and achievements in research in art in the proposal submission year or over the period of 10 years prior to the proposal submission year (i.e., from 01.01.2013 to 15.12.2023).</p> <p data-bbox="1160 987 2038 1090">The period from which the publications must be presented will be extended by the breaks indicated in the <u>Information on career breaks – scientific and research track record</u>.</p> <p data-bbox="1160 1098 2038 1374">Provide the following information: authors, title in the original language [and its translation into English], journal, monograph title in the original language, publication year, publishers, publication place, volume/journal number, pages, ISBN/ISSN, editors, open access (YES/NO), number of citations without self-citations, publication status (published/accepted for publication), publication DOI number, information on whether or not the publication-related data was made available (YES/NO), publication-related data DOI number (or other permanently assigned identifier).</p>

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	Artistic achievements		<p>PLEASE NOTE: Tab to be completed in English.</p> <p>Tab available only for creative and artistic research activities. Description of up to 10 of the most important artistic achievements and achievements in research in art (in the proposal submission year or over the period of 10 years prior to the proposal submission year, i.e. from 01.01.2013 to 15.12.2023) with a nationwide or international impact, e.g., authoring and publishing a work of art (a musical score, a record), directing a film, a play, an opera, playing a lead role, authoring an individual exhibition, actively participating in a festival with an international impact, directing an international artistic venture.</p> <p>A maximum of 10 may be indicated in total: publications or artistic and artistic-scientific achievements.</p> <p>The period from which the publications must be presented or artistic achievements or achievements in research in arts, will be extended by the breaks indicated in the Information on career breaks – scientific and research track record.</p>
ETHICAL ISSUES		English	<p>PLEASE NOTE: Tab to be completed in English.</p> <p>Before completing the questionnaire in the OSF system, you should read the two documents attached to the call text: Guidelines for applicants to complete the Ethics Issues form in the proposal and Code of the National Science Centre on research integrity and applying for research funding. A questionnaire should then be completed.</p> <p>The questions within each group of questions must be answered. If individual questions do not apply to the planned project, the “NO to all” button can be used to mark the answer “NO to all” questions or to all questions in a given group.</p> <p>If the answer to any of the questions on the form is YES, please describe what actions have/will be taken to ensure that the research planned in the OPUS proposal is carried out in accordance with the principles of good</p>

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			<p>practice in the scientific field/discipline concerned, and provide information on whether any approvals have already been given or how these conditions will be met.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: There is no obligation to attach consents/permissions or information on consents/permissions already obtained to the proposal. In the case of studies which require such approvals/permissions, these should be obtained prior to commencement of the study and included in the forthcoming annual/final report.</p> <p>In the case of a research project involving a clinical trial that has been planned using a medicinal product or medical devices, detailed justification of a non-commercial nature of such trials must be provided.</p>
DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN		English	<p>PLEASE NOTE: Tab to be completed in English.</p> <p>Before completing this part of the proposal, please read the document Guidelines for applicants to complete the data management plan in the proposal. It is possible to tick “not applicable” in the questionnaire.</p> <p>The NCN recognises that some projects will not generate, re-use or analyse research data and similar materials. In these cases, a short explanation is required as an answer to the question 1.1. How will new data be collected or produced and/or how will existing data be re-used?</p>
SIMILAR RESEARCH TASKS	Principal Investigator (PI)	English	<p>The questions must be answered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the PI applying for funding of the research tasks included in this proposal also from other sources? (YES/NO) <p>If YES, fill in the sources of funding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Is PI currently working on or has he/she completed research tasks similar to the tasks included in this proposal? (YES/NO) <p>If YES, indicate ongoing and completed research tasks for which double funding might be suspected if funding is obtained for research tasks covered by this proposal. The explanation should clearly indicate the</p>

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			<p>differences between the research tasks and justify the need to fund the research tasks in this proposal.</p> <p>If this section includes the names of persons involved in the drafting of the proposal or forecasted project performance, their names must also be entered in the <i>Osoby wskazane we wniosku</i> [Persons identified in the proposal] section.</p>
	Authorship/co-authorship of the project		<p>The question whether the principal investigator (PI) is the author of the project descriptions or a co-author should be answered. If the principal investigator (PI) is a co-author of the project descriptions, the authors of the project descriptions should be indicated. The information must be factually and legally correct.</p> <p>If this section includes the names of persons involved in the drafting of the proposal or forecasted project performance, their names must also be entered in the <i>Osoby wskazane we wniosku</i> [Persons identified in the proposal] section.</p>
	Entity(-ies)		<p>Information about applying for funding for the research tasks indicated in the proposal from other sources shall also be given by the entity/entities (in case the applicant is a group of entities).</p> <p>The question must be answered: Is the entity applying for funding of the research tasks included in this proposal also from other sources? If YES, fill in the sources of funding</p>
SHORT DESCRIPTION		English	<p>The summary description (up to 5 pages) must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) scientific goal of the project (description of the problem to be solved, research questions and hypotheses) 2) significance of the project (state of the art, justification for tackling a specific scientific problem, justification for the pioneering nature of the project, the impact of the project results on the development of the research field and scientific discipline);

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			<p>3) concept and work plan (general work plan, specific research goals, results of preliminary research, risk analysis);</p> <p>4) research methodology (underlying scientific methodology, methods, techniques and research tools, methods of results analysis, equipment and devices to be used in research);</p> <p>5) project literature (a reference list for publications included in the project description, with full bibliographic data)</p> <p>The above-mentioned sections, including references to literature, are required.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Experts evaluating the proposal at the first stage of merit-based evaluation have no access to the detailed project description, therefore this description should include information necessary for the proposal to be evaluated.</p> <p>The description must be delivered as PDF file (up to 10 MB).</p> <p>Text limit: 5 pages, A4.</p> <p>Recommended formatting: top-bottom margins: 1.5 cm, left-right margins: at least 2 cm, Times New Roman or equivalent, font size: at least 11, interline: single.</p> <p>If this section includes the names of persons involved in the drafting of the proposal or forecasted project performance, their names must also be entered in the <i>Osoby wskazane we wniosku</i> [Persons identified in the proposal] section.</p>
FULL DESCRIPTION		English	<p>The detailed description (up to 15 pages) must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) scientific goal of the project (description of the problem to be solved, research questions and hypotheses) 2) significance of the project (state of the art, justification for tackling a specific scientific problem, justification for the pioneering nature of the project, the impact of the project results on the development of the research field and scientific discipline);

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PERSONNEL COSTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS	Principal Investigator (PI)	Polish and English	<p>Remuneration should be planned according to the Regulations on awarding funding for research tasks funded by the National Science Centre as regards research projects, as applicable to the OPUS call, to which the proposal is submitted.</p> <p>The remuneration of the principal investigator (PI) can only be planned under one category: FTE remuneration or additional remuneration. The</p>

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			<p>principal investigator (PI) also has the option to select “without remuneration”.</p> <p>The type of employment must be selected in the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTE remuneration; • additional remuneration; • without remuneration. <p>The FTE remuneration for the principal investigator (PI) may be planned for a period that is shorter than the performance period of the research projects, in amounts proportionally lower for the period for which it is planned.</p> <p>The employment of a principal investigator (PI) on the basis of a full-time or part-time employment contract is also possible with funds under the category of additional remuneration.</p> <p>According to the Regulations, the budget of additional remuneration shall be calculated as follows: the composition of the research team excludes the persons to be employed under the FTE remuneration budget and under the budget of remuneration and scholarships for under- and post-graduate students if the budgets are provided for in the call.</p> <p>Therefore, where a principal investigator (PI) is planned to be employed from the FTE remuneration budget, he/she is not entitled to receive additional remuneration.</p> <p>Remuneration of the principal investigator (PI):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PLN 170,000 when the principal investigator intends to be employed under the FTE remuneration; - No more than PLN 3,000 when the principal investigator does not plan to be employed under the FTE remuneration. <p>The principal investigator does not need to plan his/her own remuneration. In which case enter the type of remuneration: no remuneration.</p>

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	Post-doc		<p>The type of employment must be selected in the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTE remuneration <p>Remuneration for a post-doc– PLN 140,000 per year. It is possible to specify a higher remuneration amount, if this is justified with special circumstances that must be presented in the proposal. The reasons for increasing the remuneration amount shall be reviewed by the Expert Team.</p> <p>A prospective post-doc must meet all the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> must be selected in an open call held by a Recruitment Committee formed by the principal investigator (PI) for the project, composed of the principal investigator as its Chair and at least two researchers specified thereby, who have necessary scientific or professional qualifications. The candidates shall be assessed pursuant to the criteria outlined in the call text, however in order to be eligible for the call, one must be conferred a PhD degree in the year of employment in the project or within 7 years before the first of January of the year of employment in the project. This period can be extended by long-term (in excess of 90 days) documented sick leaves or physiotherapy leaves granted on account of being unfit to work. In addition, this period may be extended by the number of months of a childcare leave granted pursuant to the Labour Code and in the case of women intending to participate in the call, by 18 months for every child born or adopted child, whichever manner of accounting for career breaks is preferable. The said period must not be shortened or additionally extended by the call organisers. The results of the call shall be made public by posting on the website of the participating entity for the research project; the principal investigator has not been a supervisor or auxiliary supervisor of his/her dissertation;

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	Scholarship grantee/Student/PhD student		<p>c) has obtained a PhD degree in an entity other than the one where the post is planned to be filled or completed a continuous and documented post-doctoral fellowship of at least 10 months in an entity other than the participating entity for the project and in a country other than the country where the PhD degree has been obtained;</p> <p>d) will be employed for a minimum of 6 months;</p> <p>e) when the remuneration is paid, such person is not paid any other remuneration from the funds allocated as direct costs under research projects financed under NCN's calls;</p> <p>f) when the remuneration is paid, such person is not paid remuneration from any other employer under an employment contract, including an employer with its registered office outside the Republic of Poland;</p> <p>g) when the remuneration is paid, such person will not receive any pension under the social insurance scheme.</p> <p>Several post-docs may be employed provided that the total duration of their employment does not exceed twice the planned duration of the project and the employment of one post-doc is not shorter than 6 months. Where the applicant is a group of entities, it is possible to plan this position in more than one entity, provided that each individual meets the above conditions.</p> <p>The FTE remuneration for a person in a post-doc position may be planned for a period that is shorter than the implementation period of the research project, in amounts proportionally lower for the period for which it is planned.</p> <p>The type of employment must be selected in the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • student's or PhD student's scholarship/remuneration

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			<p>In the OPUS 26 call the budget for remuneration and scholarships for under- and post-graduate students per each month of project performance will be up to PLN 10,000.</p> <p>The total amount of remuneration and scholarships financed under NCN for under- and post-graduate students under one or more research projects financed by NCN may not exceed PLN 5,000 monthly. Such amount shall not include post-graduate scholarships financed in the ETIUDA call and remuneration for the principal investigator under the PRELUDIUM call.</p> <p>Within the budget for remuneration and scholarships for under- and post-graduate students, it is possible to plan funds for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) NCN scientific scholarships for under and post-graduate students, b) PhD scholarships c) remuneration for under and post-graduate students. <p>In the case of a project implemented in an entity for which financing will constitute state aid, financial resources for students and PhD students may be planned only in the form indicated in letter c.</p>
	Senior Researcher position		<p>The type of employment must be selected in the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTE remuneration <p>It is possible to plan the participation of only one person, whose name must be specified. The qualifications of this person and the rationale for creating the position will be subject to formal and merit-based evaluation. FTE remuneration for the position of the Senior Researcher – can be planned within the project funds in the amount of PLN 70,000 per year, provided that this remuneration will be co-financed from the own funds of the entity, in which the project is implemented in the amount of at least PLN 70,000 per year and the person planned to be employed on this position will fulfil all the following conditions:</p>

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			<p>a) will be employed for a period of not less than 6 months on a FTE basis and their remuneration will be funded from the own funds of the participating entity, in which the employment in this position is planned, in the amount of at least PLN 70,000 per year;</p> <p>b) when the remuneration is paid, such person is not paid any other remuneration from funds allocated as indirect costs under research projects financed under NCN's calls;</p> <p>c) when the remuneration is paid, such person is not paid remuneration with any other employer under an employment contract, including an employer domiciled in Poland;</p> <p>d) when the remuneration is paid, such person will not receive any pension under the social insurance scheme.</p> <p>The FTE remuneration for the senior researcher may be planned for a period that is shorter than the performance period of the research projects, in amounts proportionally lower for the period for which it is planned.</p> <p>It is acceptable to employ one Senior Researcher for the whole duration of the project.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: In this section, the person representing the participating entity where the position is envisaged must submit a declaration that they commit to funding the position with at least PLN 70,000 per year.</p> <p>The type of employment must be selected in the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional remuneration; • without remuneration. <p>Additional remuneration for members of the research team – if the principal investigator (PI) does not plan his/her employment in the project as part of the FTE remuneration, his/her remuneration is included in the additional remuneration pool. Additional remuneration may be planned</p>
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			<p>for members of the research team to be employed under employment contracts in full or partial jobs and under civil law contracts.</p> <p>In the OPUS call, it is not possible to plan remuneration for students or PhD students within the additional remuneration.</p> <p>A member of the research team who is paid remuneration under an employment contract in the entity performing the research project, may be paid additional remuneration solely in a form other than under a civil law contract.</p> <p>The budget of additional remuneration shall be calculated as follows: the composition of the research team excludes the persons to be employed under the FTE remuneration budget and under the budget of remuneration and scholarships for under- and post-graduate students if the budgets are provided for in the call.</p> <p>The number of persons calculated as specified above will constitute the basis to calculate the maximum budget of additional remuneration under the research project. The maximum budget of additional remuneration planned for the principal investigator may not be increased when the project is being performed.</p> <p>In the OPUS call, the budget of additional remuneration per each month of project performance for all investigators totals up to:</p> <p>a) when the principal investigator does not plan to be employed under the FTE remuneration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLN 3,000 per one person; • PLN 4,500 per two persons, including maximum PLN 3,000 for the principal investigator; • PLN 5,500 per three or more persons, including maximum PLN 3,000 for the principal investigator. <p>b) when the principal investigator plans to be employed under the FTE remuneration:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLN 1,500 for one person; • PLN 2,500 for two or more persons. <p>More information on the rules of planning the costs may be found in the Regulations and Regulations on awarding scholarships in NCN-funded research projects.</p> <p>If unjustified costs are planned, a proposal may be rejected.</p>
RESEARCH EQUIPMENT			<p>This category covers the cost of purchase or construction of research equipment, other devices and software crucial to research.</p> <p>The project may not finance or co-finance the purchase or construction of research equipment and IT infrastructure with unit value of over PLN 500,000.</p> <p>Leasing costs of scientific and research equipment are a non-eligible cost.</p>
OTHER COSTS			<p>In the section “Other direct costs”, indicate the relevant type of costs, their amount and the justification for their expenditure.</p> <p>Costs must be planned according to Regulations on awarding funding for research tasks funded by the National Science Centre as regards research projects.</p> <p>Direct costs may be planned in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • materials and small equipment, • outsourced services (in the case of publications subject to the NCN Open Access Policy, costs of services related to the preparation of the manuscript for submission to the publishing house are eligible), • business trips, • visits and consultations, • collective investigators, • other (other costs).

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			<p>If this section includes the names of persons involved in the drafting of the proposal or forecasted project performance, their names must also be entered in the <i>Osoby wskazane we wniosku</i> [Persons identified in the proposal] section.</p>
OPEN ACCESS (OA)			<p>Open Access indirect costs of up to 2% of direct costs, which can only be used for costs related to making publications or research data available in open access</p> <p>Please enter the amount of Open Access costs planned for the whole project implementation period (in PLN).</p> <p>The costs of publication subject to the NCN Open Access Policy may only be incurred under the heading of indirect costs. With the exclusion of the publications of monographs, chapters of monographs, and peer-reviewed collective works, OA costs must not be planned as part of the direct costs. The National Science Centre allows for a possibility of covering part of the costs of publishing in open access from the remaining indirect costs or from the entity's own resources.</p> <p>Additional information on Open Science is available here.</p>
BUDGET SUMMARY			<p>This section will present a summary breakdown of planned costs by year, according to the declared project implementation period (if the planned project implementation period is longer than 12 months).</p> <p>The amount of indirect costs should be indicated in this section.</p> <p><u>Indirect costs</u> are costs that are directly related to the research project and required to perform it. Indirect costs consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Open Access indirect costs of up to 2% of the direct costs to be planned in the Open Access category – other indirect costs of <u>up to 20% of direct costs</u>, which may be allocated to costs indirectly related to the project, including costs

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			<p>of making publications or research data accessible through open access.</p> <p><u>At the stage of project performance, the host institution shall be obliged to agree with the Principal Investigator (PI) a minimum 25% of the indirect costs to be covered.</u></p> <p>This section will show the percentage of planned Open Access indirect costs.</p>
Administrative declarations			<p>This section of the proposal contains administrative declarations that must be accepted by both the principal investigator (PI) and the authorised representative of the person representing the participating entity.</p>
Personal data protection			<p>Information on personal data processing.</p> <p>Personal data provided by principal investigators and applicants in the proposal will be processed by the National Science Centre until the end of implementation of these projects and their settlement (in case of receiving funding), and after this period will also be used for statistical purposes. The collected data will be processed in order to evaluate the proposal, the project as well as the tasks carried out by NCN, disseminate information on the calls organised by NCN. Data processing also includes monitoring, supervision and evaluation of the implementation and settlement of projects that have received funding from NCN. For more information, see https://ncn.gov.pl/en/dane-osobowe=pl</p>
Experts	Information on possible conflict of interest – information only for NCN employees		<p>In this part of the proposal, the principal investigator (PI) may indicate a maximum of 3 persons who, in his/her opinion, should not evaluate the proposal due to a possible conflict of interest.</p> <p>Provide their names and affiliations.</p> <p>The final decision on the selected experts is taken by the NCN</p>

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INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED IN THE PROPOSAL		Polish	<p>In this section, the applicants are reminded of their duty to notify the individuals identified in the proposal that their personal details (name, affiliation) are disclosed in the proposal. The foregoing applies to all individuals involved, in any manner, in the preparation of the proposal or performance of the project. An organised list of such individuals will allow faster verification of a potential conflict of interest that may occur at any stage of project evaluation and project performance and/or settlement. Identify all individuals named in any part of the proposal, in particular, in the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – international cooperation, – abstract, – abstract for the general public, – research tasks, – research team, – similar research tasks/ co-authorship of the project, – description/ short description/ full description, – other costs: visits/ consultations. <p>PLEASE NOTE: This section includes a new representation concerning names of all individuals disclosed in the proposal who have been involved in the preparation of the proposal or will be involved in the performance of the project. All such individuals must be notified that they are identified in the proposal.</p>
ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION <i>The section will appear after clicking "Block for NCN"</i>	Confirmation of submitting the proposal (PI) Confirmation of submitting the proposal (entity).		<p>Following completion of the proposal's individual tabs and after checking its completeness, please block a possibility of editing the proposal by <i>Zablokuj do NCN</i> [Block for NCN] button. After the proposal has been blocked for NCN, only short and full project descriptions can be edited. After the proposal has been blocked, a new <u>Electronic submission</u> tab will appear on the left-hand side menu.</p> <p>In this section, please download a personalised:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • confirmation of proposal submission by the principal investigator (PI) and • confirmation of proposal submission by the entity. <p>A confirmation of proposal submission by the principal investigator (PI) and a confirmation of proposal submission by an entity downloaded from the OSF submission system bear an electronic OPI PIB seal which is used to ensure integrity of the generated document's data (then it is possible to verify, if the data has been changed, supplemented, or deleted in an unauthorised manner). The OPI-PIB seal confirms that the OSF submission system is the source of such data.</p> <p>Confirmations must be signed and attached to the proposal before it is delivered to the NCN.</p> <p>Confirmations of proposal submission may be signed in two ways: by hand or electronically.</p> <p>When the applicant is a group of entities, the confirmation shall only be signed by an authorised representative of the leader of the group of entities.</p> <p>If a confirmation has been signed by hand, the proposal must be appended with its scan in the <i>Dodaj skan potwierdzenia</i> [Add confirmation scan] section. The original must be kept until the proposal evaluation end date, and if the proposal has been recommended for funding, until the date a funding agreement is signed.</p> <p>If a confirmation has been signed electronically, it must be appended in the <i>Dodaj potwierdzenie podpisane elektronicznie</i> [Add electronically signed confirmation] section.</p> <p>An electronically signed confirmation of proposal submission should be affixed with an advanced electronic signature or a qualified electronic signature compliant with Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification</p>

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			<p>and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC.</p> <p>Upon NCN's request the applicant shall be obliged to demonstrate that the electronic signature that has been used is compliant with the eIDAS Regulation.</p> <p>PDF is the only format acceptable in the OSF system.</p> <p>Therefore, electronic signatures must be in the PAdES format.</p> <p>If the confirmation of submitting the proposal (PI) has been signed by someone other than the principal investigator (PI), then authorisation to represent the principal investigator (PI) must be included in this section. The authorisation may be attached to the proposal either as an electronic document or as a scanned document signed by hand.</p> <p>If the confirmation of submitting the proposal (entity) is signed by someone other than the head of the entity, then the authority to represent the entity must be included in this section. The authorisation may be attached to the proposal either as an electronic document or as a scanned document signed by hand.</p> <p>When electronically signed files are attached to a proposal, the system verifies that the document relates to the proposal and its final version, and that it contains the OPI seal and electronic signature. The system does not verify the validity of certificates of attached electronically signed files. The only acceptable format for electronic signatures is PAdES.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Confirmations that relate to the final version of the proposal must be attached to the proposal</p>

REFERENCES:

Guidelines for Polish research teams submitting OPUS LAP/Weave proposals:

https://www.ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/regulaminy/ifa_opus_lap_weave_2023_ang.pdf

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Guidelines for applicants to complete the Ethics Issues form in the research project:

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Code of the National Science Centre on research integrity and applying for research funding :

<https://www.ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/Code-of-the-National-Science-Centre-on-Research-Integrity.pdf>

Guidelines for applicants to complete the Data Management Plan form in the research project:

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NCN's Open Access Policy:

https://www.ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/zarządzenia-dyrektora/zarządzenieDyr-38_2020_ang.pdf#page=2

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