



Proposal submission procedure applicable to the Call for NCN-funding of Research Components in research projects funded under the “2022 NAWA Chair Programme” launched by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA)

Proposals in the call of the National Science Centre (the “NCN”) are submitted electronically via the OSF (*Obsługa Strumieni Finansowania*) submission system, available at: <https://osf.opi.org.pl>.

The proposal submission procedure consists of the following stages:

- 1) reading the announcement of the call to which the proposal is submitted,
- 2) registering/logging in the system as an OSF Editor/Supporting Editor/Reader and principal investigator in OSF proposals,
- 3) creating a new proposal form appropriate for the current open call,
- 4) filling in the proposal form in accordance with the NCN Council Resolution applicable to the call in question and system requirements,
- 5) adding required files,
- 6) verifying that the proposal is complete,
- 7) blocking the editing of the proposal m,
- 8) downloading the final version of the proposal, signing it and submitting it to the system and
- 9) submitting the proposal electronically, via the OSF submission system.

Detailed step-by-step instructions.

Re. 1)

Please read the announcement of the call to which the proposal is submitted.

If you are intending to submit a proposal, read all call documents listed in the call announcement, in particular:

- terms and regulations of the call laid down in a relevant NCN Council Resolution,
- proposal form template and
- this proposal submission procedure.

Re. 2)

Registering/logging in the system as an Editor/Supporting Editor/Reader and principal investigator in OSF proposals.

You can sign and log in to the OSF submission system in a few ways. Polish entities can sign and log in to the OSF submission system:



- using your OSF login and password or
- via a Trusted Profile or
- via the OPI-PIB MCL central logging module.

Foreign users may only log in using their login and password to the OPI submission system.

Information on the most current login forms are available at <https://osf.opi.org.pl>

Once you have selected a particular login form, follow the prompts.

Detailed instructions on how to register / log in to the OSF submission system with your login and password.

Logging into the OSF submission system is possible after providing a login and password.

If you do not have a proposal editor account in the OSF submission system, you must first register at <https://osf.opi.org.pl/>, using the Zarejestruj się jako redaktor wniosków [For Proposal Editors only: create an account] button. To be able to set up an account, you need to have an active e-mail address: this is where your activation link will be sent. If you provide a false or incorrect e-mail address, the system will not be able to activate your account.

If you have forgotten your password, you can generate a new one by pressing the Pobierz login i hasło [Get Login and Password] link, submitting the e-mail address associated with the account, and clicking Potwierdź [Confirm]. A message will be sent to the address provided, asking you to confirm that you have requested a new password.

Should you experience any technical issues with your OSF account, please contact the OPI technical support team by phone: +48 (22) 351 71 01 or via an online contact form available at <https://osf.opi.org.pl/app/adm/start.do>.

Please select your Login Role:

Those who have more than one status in the system and want to compete the proposal must chose:

log in the system as an Editor/Supporting Editor/Reader AND principal investigator in OSF proposals.

Re. 3)

Creating and completing a new proposal form appropriate for the current open call.

In order to submit a proposal, pick Nowy wniosek [New Proposal] from the left-hand side menu and choose the National Science Centre Poland tab to see a table with a list of currently open NCN calls. Select the appropriate call from the calls launched by the NAWA.

PLEASE NOTE! After logging in as an editor and if new, but not sent, NCN proposals were created in previous editions, the system will display a list of proposals in preparation. Do not fill in proposals created under editions whose recruitment has already ended.

Re. 4)



Filling in the proposal form in accordance with the NCN Council Resolution applicable to the call in question and system requirements

The form must be filled out with the information specified in the NCN Council Resolution applicable to the call in question and proposal form in the OSF submission system.

To open new windows in different tabs in the OSF submission system, click the [Edytuj](#) [Edit] button. Each piece of information needs to be saved individually through the [Zapisz](#) [Save] button.

The system will notify you if any required fields are left empty or contain incorrect values. The system will not notify you if any optional fields are left empty.

You can edit data in individual tabs, change annexes or delete your proposal ([Usuń wniosek](#) [Delete Proposal] button) until you block the editing of the proposal form.

Re. 5)

Adding required files

Required documents must be added as PDF files (only PDF files will be accepted). File size must not exceed 10 MB. Files can be added via the [Załącz plik](#) [Attach File] button.

All required files must be added before the proposal is blocked. Once the proposal is blocked to NCN, files that have been added cannot be edited.

Each time the proposal is unblocked through the [Powrót do edycji](#) [Return to Editing] button, download a new PDF file of the proposal for the NCN, sign it again and attach to the proposal.

Re. 6)

Verifying that the proposal form is complete

Only complete proposals that meet the call requirements shall be accepted.

You can check whether your form is complete by clicking the [Sprawdź kompletność](#) [Check Completeness] button; once you press [Pokaż szczegóły](#) [Navigate to Section] button, you will be redirected to the section that contains incomplete data.

Automatic verification may be helpful, but the applicant is still required to make sure that:

- all the required sections and fields have been filled out correctly;
- all the required annexes have been added;
- the required information has been prepared in the required language and added in the correct places.

The system does not verify if optional fields are completed.

Automatic verification does not exempt the applicant from ultimate responsibility for the contents of individual tabs.



Re. 7)

Blocking the editing of the proposal form

Once you have filled in the individual tabs of the proposal form and verified that it is complete, you can block any further editing by clicking the Zablokuj do NCN [Block to NCN] button.

When editing is blocked, a new tab will show up in the left-hand side menu: Wysyłka elektroniczna [Electronic Submission].

Re. 8)

Downloading the final version of the proposal, signing it and submitting it to the system

When you click the Elektroniczna wysyłka [Electronic Submission] tab, a message will pop up to inform you that the final version of the proposal is ready for electronic submission to the National Science Centre. The proposal has not yet been marked as Wysłany [Sent] and is not available to NCN officers. At this stage, it can still be unblocked by the editor through the Powrót do edycji [Return to Editing] button, so that corrections can still be introduced.

At this point, a proposal for NCN in PDF format should be generated, downloaded and signed with an electronic signature by the authorised representative(s) of the institution acting as the applicant.

A proposal form submitted to the NCN in PDF format must bear an electronic signature, i.e. qualified electronic signature or advanced electronic signature in compliance 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 (hereinafter: "eIDAS Regulation").

The electronic signature must include a valid qualified certificate and have a PADES format. At the NCN's request, the applicant must prove that the electronic signature complies with the eIDAS Regulation.

PDF is the only acceptable format in the OSF submission system, therefore the only accepted electronic signature format is PAdES.

The signed proposal must be attached in Wysyłka elektroniczna [Electronic Submission].

Once the proposal bearing a signature has been submitted, the system will verify whether the document matches a given proposal and its final version, bears an OPI signature as well as electronic signature. The system does not verify the validity of certificates for attached files signed electronically.

The verification process can produce the following outcomes:

- approved – the system will allow the submission of the proposal. The document attached contains an OPI seal, bears an electronic signature in the PAdES format and matches the relevant proposal and its final version,



- rejected – the proposal cannot be submitted by the system because the attached document is incorrect. Make sure that after download, the document has not been amended, its OPI seal has not been removed, its electronic signature is in PAdES format and contains a scan of the document signed by hand,

If the signature verification status is negative, you must download a new proposal form in PDF format, sign it and submit it to the proposal.

At this point, you can also change, preview or delete a previously added proposal file (options: [zmień plik](#) [change file], [usuń](#) [delete]).

Each time the proposal is unblocked through the [Powrót do edycji](#) [Return to Editing] button, you should download a new proposal for NCN in PDF format, sign it again and submit it to the proposal.

PLEASE NOTE! The electronically signed PDF of the proposal must refer to its LAST version.

Re. 9) Submitting the proposal form electronically, via the OSF submission system.

Once a PDF file of the proposal form in PDF has been submitted to the system, the **proposal only in electronic format should be sent to the National Science Centre with the [Wyślij do NCN](#) [Submit to NCN] button**. Once the proposal has been submitted, its status will change to [Wysłany](#) [Sent].

Do not send a paper version of the proposal to the National Science Centre. The proposal is considered as correctly submitted only when presented in electronic form.

Once the NCN has registered the proposal, its status will change to [Przyjęty](#) [Accepted].

PLEASE NOTE! After that, no further changes can be introduced to the proposal.