



Annex 1 to Annex to NCN Council Resolution No 92/2019 of 12 September 2019 on the approval of the Cooperation Agreement between the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange and the National Science Centre.

ANNEX 1

to the Cooperation Agreement between the NAWA and the NCN
of 12 September 2019

entered into on 12 September 2019, in Kraków,

by and between:

the **Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA)**, state legal entity established pursuant to the Act on the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange of 7 July 2017 (Journal of Laws of 2019, item 1582, hereinafter referred to as the "**NAWA Act**") with its registered office in Warsaw 00-635, at ul. Polna 40, REGON [statistical number]: 368205180, NIP [tax identification number]: 5272820369, hereinafter referred to as the "**NAWA**",

represented by:

Łukasz Wojdyga –NAWA Director,

and

the **National Science Centre**, with its registered office in Kraków 30-312, at ul. Twardowskiego 16, REGON: 121361537, NIP: 6762429638, hereinafter referred to as the "**NCN**",

represented by:

Zbigniew Błocki – NCN Director,

hereinafter jointly referred to as the "**Parties**" or individually as the "**Party**".

In view of Article 1 (1) of the Cooperation Agreement between the Parties on 12 September 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the "**Agreement**") and pursuant to this Annex, the Parties decide to cooperate for the purposes of the PRELUDIUM BIS 1 call for research projects launched by the NCN and addressed at the institutions operating doctoral schools. The objective of the call is to support PhD student education in doctoral schools and fund research projects carried out by PhD students as part of their doctoral dissertations. This Annex shall be binding upon the Parties from the date of signing until the settlement date of the last research project funded under the PRELUDIUM BIS 1 call.

Article 1

Pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement, the cooperation shall involve the participation of the



NAWA in the funding of foreign fellowships for PhD students conducting research projects under the PRELUDIUM BIS 1 call (hereinafter referred to as the "Call"), in the form of a programme announced by the NAWA, on terms and conditions laid down in herein.

Article 2

Within the framework of the Call, the NCN has drawn up the following schedule and main objectives of the Call:

- 1) the Call shall be announced on 16 September 2019,
- 2) submission deadline for proposals: 3 months after the Call announcement date, i.e. 16 December 2019,
- 3) funding proposals can be submitted by institutions operating doctoral schools laid down in Article 198(3) and (4) of the Act on Higher Education and Science of 20 July 2018 (Journal of Laws, item 1668, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the "Act on Higher Education and Science"), as well as institutions jointly operating doctoral schools on terms and conditions laid down in Article 198 (5) of Act on Higher Education and Science;
- 4) the funding decision shall be made within 6 months from the proposal submission date;
- 5) research projects planned according to the period of PhD student's education at a doctoral school for a period of either 36 or 48 months shall be funded under the Call;
- 6) a PhD student to carry out a research project shall be selected in the Call launched by the institution operating a doctoral school, on terms and conditions laid down by the NCN,
- 7) each research project qualified for funding shall include a foreign fellowship planned for a PhD student for a period of 3 to 6 months in a foreign research institution specified by the principal investigator (PhD student's research supervisor);
- 8) a PhD student shall apply for the funding of the foreign fellowship referred to in Article (2) (7) in a programme operated by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange and complete the fellowship within the project's term, and
- 9) the other terms and conditions of the Call are laid down in the Resolution of the Council of the National Science Centre on the terms of the PRELUDIUM BIS call, which shall be submitted to the NAWA having been approved by the NCN Council.

Article 3

In connection with the cooperation, the NCN shall have the following obligations towards the NAWA:

- 1) to immediately notify the NAWA of the Call results, i.e. of the number of research projects qualified for funding, place and date of the foreign fellowship and justification for choosing the research centre,
- 2) to transfer personal data of PhD students referred to in Article 2(6) hereof pursuant to a separate agreement,
- 3) to provide any material information on the implementation of the research projects funded under the Call, in particular information allowing the NAWA to duly perform its obligations hereunder, and
- 4) to allocate a budget of PLN 160 million to fund research projects selected under the Call.

Article 4

In connection with the cooperation, the NAWA shall have the following obligations towards the



NCN:

- 1) the NAWA shall launch a scholarship programme to fund foreign fellowships for PhD students conducting research projects under PRELUDIUM BIS 1 (hereinafter referred to as the "Programme"),
- 2) the Programme shall only be open to PhD students laid down in Article 2 (6) hereof,
- 3) under the Programme, the NAWA shall allocate a budget of up to PLN 19 million to enable funding of each proposal submitted with the NAWA,
- 4) the terms and conditions of the Programme shall comply with the aims and objectives of the Call and shall be laid down by the NAWA Director by 15 December 2020, whereas, the key objectives of the Programme shall be as follows:
 - a) PhD students specified in Article 2 (6) hereof shall submit proposals for funding of foreign fellowships pursuant to an individual research plans referred to in Article 202 (1) of the Act on Higher Education and Science, no later than 6 months before the fellowship,
 - b) a continuous call for proposals under the Programme shall be open from 1 January 2021 to 10 December 2024, or until the resources allocated for the Programme are exhausted. If necessary, the call deadline shall be extended,
 - c) the proposal must be appended with the following documents: a resume of the PhD student, his/her individual research plan, fellowship description with a schedule and justification for choosing the host institution and foreign research supervisor, scanned invitation from the host institution, research supervisor's opinion on the PhD students and fellowship programme as well as confirmation of PhD student status.

In the event of any changes to the fellowship laid down in the proposal submitted to the NCN under the PRELUDIUM BIS 1 call, a justification thereof must be provided,
 - d) proposals shall be subject to an eligibility check and merit-based evaluation. The eligibility check shall be performed by the NAWA, whilst the eligibility check shall be performed by the Review Team appointed by the NAWA Director comprising experts selected by the NAWA and the NCN,
 - e) merit-based evaluation criteria shall include: the rank and academic level of the host institution and track record of the research supervisor at the foreign host institution with regard to the research tasks carried out in the project, the impact of the fellowship on the development of the academic career of the PhD student as well as scope of tasks and their implementation method,
 - f) the minimum score for proposals recommended for funding shall be no lower than 60 points. PhD students who are awarded less than 60 points shall be entitled to submit a new proposal, which shall include the recommendations of the Review Team,
 - g) applicants may appeal against a decision to refuse fellowship and request that it be reconsidered pursuant to the NAWA Act, and
 - h) in his decision to grant fellowship, the Director of the NAWA shall lay down the tasks and deadlines to be met by the PhD student on pain of withdrawing from the fellowship funding agreement,
- 5) foreign fellowship funding under the Programme to be allocated to each PhD student shall be as follows:
 - a) cost of living in the amount of PLN 9,000 per month (for fellowships in OECD countries, as well as cities in non-OECD countries from the top 50 countries of



- the MERCER report¹), or PLN 6,000 per month (for other countries), allocated for each full month of PhD student's stay at the foreign research institution. The duration of the fellowship shall be specified by in the proposal as the number of full months of stay, where the stay shall begin on the first day of the month,
- b) a single mobility grant of PLN 7,000 (for travel to European host institutions) or PLN 10,000 (for travel to non-European host institutions),
 - c) if a PhD student has a certificate of severe or moderate disability and is accompanied by his/her mentor, the costs referred to in:
 - Article 4 (5) (a) may be increased by PLN 2,000 per month to cover the cost of living,
 - Article 4 (5) (b) may be increased by additional PLN 2,000 when traveling to European host institutions or PLN 5,000 when traveling to non-European host institutions,
- 6) the fellowship funding agreement to be concluded with a PhD student shall lay down the detailed terms and conditions of disbursement and settlement method as well as other obligations related to the Programme. Nevertheless, the NAWA shall pay at least 80% of the funds after signing the fellowship agreement and before commencing the foreign fellowship. Pursuant to the NAWA Act, a template of the fellowship agreement shall be made available together with the announcement of the Programme,
 - 7) the NAWA shall notify the NCN of the results of the Programme and, in particular, of the number of proposals submitted, fellowships awarded and completed, and final reports settled, and
 - 8) the NAWA shall agree any amendments to the provisions of the Programme laid down in Article 4 (4) with the NCN in advance.

Article 5

1. The Parties shall be bound to cooperate, exchange information and assist each other in order to properly perform the provisions hereof.
2. This Annex has been drawn up in two counterparts, one counterpart for each Party.

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The English version of this Agreement does not constitute a sworn translation and has been prepared as an auxiliary document for your convenience. In case of any doubts as to the interpretation of its provisions, the Polish version shall prevail.

¹ <https://mobilityexchange.mercer.com/Portals/0/Content/Rankings/rankings/col2017a986532/index.html>