



## **REGULATIONS FOR AWARDING NCN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NCN-FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS**

### **Article 1. Terms used in the Regulations**

- 1) NCN – National Science Centre;
- 2) Council – Council of the National Science Centre;
- 3) NCN Scholarship – scholarship for research tasks to be performed under an NCN-funded research project and
- 4) Scholarship Recipient – NCN scholarship recipient.

### **Article 2. Purpose of NCN scholarships**

The purpose of NCN scholarships awarded in research projects funded by the NCN is to engage students and PhD students in research projects and create better conditions for their development as researchers.

### **Article 3. Terms of awarding NCN scholarships**

- 1) NCN scholarships may be awarded under NCN-funded research projects, with the exclusion of projects for which funding constitutes state aid granted via the NCN.
- 2) NCN scholarships are awarded under selected calls for research projects, the terms and regulations of which are laid down by the Council.
- 3) NCN scholarships may be awarded to individuals who are not PhD holders and meet any of the following terms:
  - a) be students of full-time first or second-cycle degree programmes or uniform Master's studies at any university in Poland;
  - b) participate in a doctoral programme<sup>1</sup>;
  - c) are PhD students at a doctoral school<sup>2</sup>.
- 4) NCN scholarships shall range from PLN 1,000 to PLN 5,000 per month and their amount shall be set by the principal investigator depending on the tasks performed by a scholarship holder in a research project.
- 5) The budget for NCN scholarships in a research project shall be determined by the Council for individual calls.
- 6) NCN scholarship shall be awarded under a call.
- 7) A call for NCN scholarships shall be launched by the principal investigator.
- 8) A call for NCN scholarships shall be launched following information that the NCN has awarded funding for a research project.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the Act on Higher Education of 27 July 2005.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the Act on Higher Education and Science of 20 July 2018.



- 9) Information that a call for NCN scholarships has been launched shall be published on the websites of the host institution for the project and the NCN. The call text shall include the criteria that must be met by the candidates, terms of awarding scholarships, closing date for submitting proposals and date of conclusion of the call.
- 10) A call for NCN scholarships shall be carried out by a recruitment committee established by the head of the host institution for the project, composed of the principal investigator as its chair and at least two persons with appropriate academic or professional qualifications appointed by the principal investigator. If an institution has a PhD students' union in place, the principal may appoint a representative of such union to the committee as an observer.
- 11) The recruitment committee shall review proposals for NCN scholarships verifying their completeness and compliance with the terms set out in the call text. The recruitment committee shall evaluate proposals awarding points and compile a ranking list of scholarship candidates.
- 12) The recruitment committee shall evaluate the candidates' research achievements, their research achievements and competencies as regards specific tasks in the research project, expressed as a point score:
- the candidate's research achievements, including publications in prestigious academic press /journals (50% of the final score):

4 points	outstanding;
3 points	very good;
2 points	good;
1 point	poor;
0 points	no scientific achievements.
  - research achievements, scholarships, awards and research experience gained in Poland or abroad, research workshops and training courses, participation in research projects (20% of the final score):

4 points	outstanding (e.g. scholarships, fellowships at the leading foreign research centres, prestigious international prizes or awards, workshops or training courses at the leading research centres, participation in international or foreign projects);
3 points	substantial (scholarships, fellowships at good Polish and foreign research centres, national prizes or awards, domestic or foreign workshops or training courses, participation in Polish or foreign projects);
2 points	modest (local prizes or awards, workshops or training courses, participation in university projects);
1 point	poor achievements;
0 points	no achievements.
- 13) the candidate's competences to carry out specific tasks in the research project (30% of the final score):
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| 3 points | very good; |
| 2 points | good;      |
| 1 point  | poor;      |



0 points      no competencies.

- 14) The results of the call shall be published on the website of the host institution for the research project. The decision of the recruitment committee cannot be appealed against.
- 15) NCN scholarships shall be paid to scholarship recipients pursuant to a scholarship agreement concluded in writing between the host institution for the research project and the person who has been awarded a scholarship. The agreement shall lay down the scope of work in the research project, scholarship amount as well as duration and terms of scholarship disbursement.
- 16) The head of the host institution for the project may suspend disbursement of the NCN scholarship and/or terminate the scholarship agreement at the request of the principal investigator if the scholarship recipient fails to perform their tasks in the project, performs them incorrectly or infringes the rules of professional conduct.

#### **Article 4.    Terms and conditions of NCN scholarship disbursement**

- 1) NCN scholarships shall be disbursed if a scholarship recipient meets any of the criteria set forth in Article 3 (3) for the entire period of performing tasks in the research project.
- 2) Scholarship recipients who no longer meet the terms upon which NCN scholarships were awarded to them and do not meet the other terms set forth in Article 3 (3) may receive the NCN scholarship for a period of up to 6 months.
- 3) NCN scholarships may be combined with other scholarships and/or remuneration funded by the NCN from the funds allocated for more than one research project, provided that the total amount of scholarships and remuneration does not exceed PLN 5,000 per month.

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