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**JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY  
ANNOUNCEMENT  
OF THE VICE-RECTOR FOR RESEARCH AND STRUCTURAL FUNDS  
of 26 of January 2021**

**Regarding: submitting applications by Polish scientific institutions for the creation of Dioscuri Centers of Scientific Excellence as part of their organizational structure.**

I would like to kindly inform you that the National Science Center (NCN) and the Max Planck Society (MPG) have launched the fourth invitation to create the Dioscuri Center of Scientific Excellence in Poland.

Dioscuri is an initiative aimed at establishing in Central and Eastern Europe Centers of Scientific Excellence that will enable outstanding scientists to conduct research at the highest world level in scientific institutions located in this part of Europe.

The deadline for submitting applications to NCN is 14 February 2021.

**Information on the dates, terms of the call and the rules for submitting applications is available at:**

- the National Science Centre: <https://www.ncn.gov.pl/aktualnosci/2019-07-29-dioscuri3-nabor-jednostek>
- Project Support Administrative Center (CAWP): [www.cawp.uj.edu.pl](http://www.cawp.uj.edu.pl) "Open calls" tab  
- "NCN calls"

**General information for applicants:**

The call for proposals involves the establishment of ten Dioscuri Centers of Scientific Excellence in Poland in all fields of science. These centers will cooperate with a German partner (ie a scientist working in a German research institution) in order to strengthen scientific cooperation between Poland and Germany. The centers will be financed by the National Science Center from the funds of the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Dioscuri Centers will be established by scientists - winners of international Dioscuri competitions. **The fourth competition for the creation of further Dioscuri Centers in Poland will be announced in February 2021 and concluded in February 2022.**

This call will be addressed to outstanding scientists with a doctoral degree, up to 15 years after obtaining this degree. Scientists will submit a joint application with a Polish research institution, provided that these scientists were not employed under an employment contract with this institution in the last two years before the deadline for submitting the application. Each winner of the call will establish a Dioscuri Center, which he will lead and in which he will conduct innovative scientific research at the highest world level.

**Financial rules:**

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The scientific institution in which the Dioscuri Center will be established will receive the equivalent of a maximum of EUR 300,000 per year to be used exclusively for the activities of the Dioscuri Center. At the same time, this institution must guarantee that the basic conditions described below are met. The financing is planned for a period of 5 years, renewable once for another 5 years, subject to a positive assessment and availability of funds.

The funds may be used for financing:

- a) remuneration of the head of the Dioscuri Center (winner of the Dioscuri competition) in the amount of EUR 100,000 per year;
- b) remuneration for members of the Dioscuri Center research team and research scholarships (research scholarships may be awarded only in accordance with the NCN regulations);
- c) costs of scientific activities of the Dioscuri Center (costs of materials, travel, publications, other scientific activities, etc.);
- d) costs of cooperation with a German partner;

The financing does not provide for indirect costs for a scientific institution, administrative and financial costs, as well as costs of purchasing or maintaining research equipment and infrastructure.

### **Who may apply:**

Applications may be submitted by scientific units referred to in Art. 7 pts 1, 2, 4-8 of the Act of July 20, 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science, hereinafter referred to as a "scientific institution".

Scientific institutions may submit more than one application, provided that each of them will be submitted in a different scientific discipline, as defined in point 5 of the registration form.

**The decision to submit the application is made each time by the JU Vice-Rector for Research.**

### **Conditions for participation:**

The scientific institution must guarantee the basic conditions:

- a) Full-time employment of the Dioscuri laureate for the entire funding period of the Dioscuri Center (also in the event of extension of its funding);
- b) Employment of members of the Dioscuri Center team from the funds transferred to the scientific institution within the Dioscuri budget (form of employment to be agreed between the winner of the competition, the unit and a team member: employment contract, civil law contract, scholarship);
- c) Provide additional funds at the disposal of the Dioscuri Center of at least the equivalent of EUR 25.000 per year throughout the funding period of the Dioscuri Center (including the event of extension of its duration). The funds are provided by the Vice-Rector of the Jagiellonian University for Research as part of the research excellence support program. Moreover, by the decision of the Vice-Rector, the pool of funds for the Dioscuri Center may be increased, at the laureate's request, by an amount not exceeding the equivalent of EUR 25.000 per year.
- d) Provide optimal conditions for conducting scientific research, including: laboratory or office space, research infrastructure / equipment depending on the needs resulting from planned and conducted research tasks.
- e) Provide administrative and financial services and support throughout the financing period of the Dioscuri Center (also in the event of its extension), and in particular at the beginning of its operation. Support also includes assistance in the relocation of a competition winner.

Administrative and financial services for the Dioscuri Center will be carried out in accordance with the rules applicable at the Jagiellonian University.

- f) Provide an administrative employee (fluent in English) for the entire period of financing the Dioscuri Center (also in the event of its extension), employed full-time at the expense of a scientific institution, whose scope of duties will include work exclusively for the Dioscuri Center. Financial resources for a dedicated administrative position and a suitable room are provided by the applying unit.
- g) Commit to long-term cooperation with the winner of the competition, going beyond the funding of the Dioscuri Center. The commitment implies the employment of the laureate for an indefinite period after the end of funding under the Dioscuri program or the creation of a new position for which the Dioscuri laureate will be able to submit his candidacy under the call.

**The National Science Center reserves the right to verify the fulfilment of the declared conditions at each stage of the procedure by visiting scientific institutions where Dioscuri Centers will be established. If the declared conditions are not met, the Dioscuri Center may be established in another research unit**

#### **The method and form of submitting applications:**

The scope of data required in the application is specified in the registration form (all information must be provided in English) available on the NCN website: <https://www.ncn.gov.pl/aktualnosci/2021-01-11-dioscuri-4-nabor-jednostek>

Applications will be accepted only in electronic form as:

- a single file in PDF format signed with a qualified electronic signature in PAdES format by a person authorized to represent the research unit;
- and
- an editable file (eg. doc) containing the same information (this file does not have to be signed with a qualified signature).

After obtaining the approval of the JU Vice-Rector for Research, the application will be sent by the CAWP competition supervisor to the address of the Electronic Inbox ESP (ePUAP) of the NCN.

The application will be verified by the NCN staff and, if it meets all the requirements, it will be published in the Dioscuri call announcement on the list of scientific institutions ready to establish a Dioscuri Center as part of its structure.

#### **Internal regulations of the Jagiellonian University:**

In accordance with the **Jagiellonian University Vice-Rector's Directive No. 56 of 11 July 2016** *on the rules of procedure for the preparation and implementation at the JU of projects financed from external sources*, and with reference to the Vice-Rector's Directive of 26 May 2020 on: *Procedure of documents related to projects financed from external sources carried out at the Jagiellonian University*, the JU units interested in participating in the call should submit to the CAWP:

- **by 4 February 2021 - a working version of the application** sent in a PDF file to the address of the CAWP call supervisor;
- **by 8 February 2021 - a final version of the application** (electronic version sent as a PDF file with a qualified signature or acceptance by e-mail or in the form of a scan with signatures) - required signatures: the Principal Investigator and the Dean of the Faculty or, as appropriate, with an unsigned version of the application (electronic version in the form of a PDF file and in the form of an editable file, e.g. doc).

The deadlines for submitting applications by scientists interested in running the Center of Scientific Excellence in Poland will be announced in the form of an announcement by the JU Vice-Rector for Research, after the NCN announces the Dioscuri competition.

In case of questions or doubts please contact the call supervisors at CAWP, Ms. Patrycja Bień, phone 12 663 3001, [patrycja.bien@uj.edu.pl](mailto:patrycja.bien@uj.edu.pl)

Received by: Heads of units conducting scientific and research activity (without CM UJ) with a request to make it available to all interested individuals.

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