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**ANNOUNCEMENT  
OF THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY VICE-RECTOR  
FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH  
on 14 May 2021**

**on: submitting applications by scientists interested in running the Dioscuri Centre of Scientific Excellence at the Jagiellonian University.**

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

Dioscuri is an initiative aimed at establishing Centres of Scientific Excellence in Central and Eastern Europe, which 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 the NCN is **15 June 2021**.

**The rules for applying for the competition are available at:**

- NCN: <https://ncn.gov.pl/dioscuri/dioscuri4/call-announcement>
- CAWP: [www.cawp.uj.edu.pl](http://www.cawp.uj.edu.pl) "Open calls" tab → "National Science Centre calls"

**Program description:**

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

Dioscuri Centres will be established by scientists - winners of international Dioscuri competitions. In the fourth edition of the competition, up to three research centres in the field of humanities and social sciences, natural sciences and technology will be established.

The call for proposals is aimed at outstanding scientists with a doctoral degree, up to 15 years after obtaining this degree, who have demonstrated international mobility during their research career. Scientists will submit a joint application with a Polish research institution, provided that they have not been employed there under an employment contract in the last 2 years before the deadline for submitting the application. Each winner of the call will establish a Dioscuri Centre, which he will lead and in which he will conduct innovative scientific research at the highest world level.

**Financing:**

The scientific institution in which the Dioscuri Centre 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 Centre. At the same time, this institution must ensure that the basic conditions described below are met.

The financing is planned for a period of 5 years, with the possibility of extending it once for another 5 years, subject to a positive evaluation and availability of funds.

**The funds may be used to finance:**

- a) remuneration of the head of the Dioscuri Centre (winner of the Dioscuri competition) in the amount of EUR 100,000 per year;
- b) remuneration for members of the Dioscuri Centre 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 Centre (costs of materials, travel, publications, other scientific activities, etc.);
- d) costs of cooperation with a German partner;
- e) costs of relocation of the head of the Dioscuri Centre in the form of a one-off lump sum, the amount of which depends on the current place of residence and the number of family members accompanying him on the trip to Poland;
- f) funding does not provide for indirect costs for a scientific institution, administrative and financial costs, and the purchase of research equipment and infrastructure.

**Addressees of the call for proposals:**

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".

**Conditions for participation:**

The scientific institution undertakes to guarantee the basic conditions:

- a. Full-time employment of the Dioscuri laureate for the entire funding period of the Dioscuri Centre (also in the event of extension of its funding);
- b. Employment of members of the Dioscuri Centre team from the funds transferred to the scientific institution within the Dioscuri budget (form of employment to be agreed between the winner of the call, the unit and the team member: employment contract, civil law contract, scholarship);
- c. Provide additional funds at the disposal of the Dioscuri Centre of at least the equivalent of EUR 25,000 per year throughout the funding period of the Dioscuri Centre (including in the event of extension of its funding). Financial resources for this purpose in the amount of EUR 25,000 annually are provided by the Vice-Rector of the Jagiellonian University for Research as part of programs supporting scientific excellence. In particularly justified cases, by the decision of the Vice-Rector, the pool of funds for the Dioscuri Centre 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 Centre (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 Centre will be carried out in accordance with the rules in force at the Jagiellonian University;

- f. Provide an administrative employee (fluent in English) for the entire period of financing of the Dioscuri Centre (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 Centre. Financial resources for a dedicated administrative position and a suitable room are provided by the applying unit;
- g. Provide an institutional guide at the Polish Host Institution that will support the Dioscuri Centre leader in matters of local regulations and practices in the first year of the Centre;
- h. Commit to long-term cooperation with the winner of the competition, going beyond the funding of the Dioscuri Centre. 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 competition.

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

#### **Form and manner of submitting applications:**

Applications for the program consisting of:

- a. application form (on-line version),
- b. application documents for both the researcher and the partner from Germany: (curriculum vitae - maximum 2 A4 pages; list of publications; list of lectures / readings; five most important publications),
- c. a short concept of operation of the Dioscuri Centre (maximum 25,000 characters including spaces),
- d. a long concept of operation of the Dioscuri Centre (maximum 65,000 characters including spaces),
- e. a scan of three signed attachments (applicant's declaration, declaration of the Polish Hosting Institution and a letter of intent of a partner from Germany), should be submitted in electronic form via the website: <https://dioscuri.cloud.opencampus.net/>

Additionally, the originals of the three signed attachments (applicant's declaration, declaration of the Polish Host Institution and the German partner's letter of intent) should be delivered to the following address:

Max-Planck-Gesellschaft  
Generalverwaltung  
Attention Dr Steffi Heinecke  
Hofgartenstraße 8, D – 80539 München  
Germany

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

Pursuant to Regulation No. 56 of the Rector of the Jagiellonian University of 11 July 2016 on: *Regulations for the preparation and implementation of projects financed from external sources at the Jagiellonian University*, JU units interested in participating in the call, please send to the address of the competition supervisor at CAWP:

#### **• by 4 June 2021:**

- the draft version of the application together with the required attachments in electronic form (in the form of a PDF file) for the purpose of formal checking and verification;

- Research Project Submission Form and VAT Eligibility Form completed in the Jagiellonian University Project Zone system: <https://cawp.uj.edu.pl/strefa-projektow>
- **by 10 June 2021: the final version of the application** with the required attachments (electronic form sent as a PDF file with qualified signature) - signatures required: (Dean or Director / Head of another organizational unit).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the preparation of the application, please contact the CAWP call supervisor, Patrycja Bień, phone: 12 663 30 01, [patrycja.bien@uj.edu.pl](mailto:patrycja.bien@uj.edu.pl)