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on: submitting research project funding proposals by incoming researchers from abroad under the POLONEZ BIS 2 call published by the National Science Centre.

This is to inform you that the National Science Centre, Poland (NCN) has announced a call for proposals intended to enhance the advancement of researchers' careers by supporting their international mobility and funding ambitious research projects at the best Polish research centres under the POLONEZ scheme.

The POLONEZ BIS programme is co-funded by the European Commission and the National Science Centre under the prestigious grant of Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND.

Deadline for submitting proposals to the NCN is 15 June 2022, 4 p.m. (CEST).

Terms and conditions of applying in the call are available on the websites:

- NCN: https://www.ncn.gov.pl/ogloszenia/konkursy/polonez-bis2
- RSC: <u>www.cwn.uj.edu.pl</u> under tab "Open calls" → "National Science Centre".

Call essentials:

- proposals eligible in the call will be for research receiving no funding (now or in the past) from the NCN or other sources;
- the proposal should envisage only basic research and may be carried out in any
 of the research discipline listed in the NCN panels;
- the maximum project duration is 24 months;
- as the date of project commencement the applicant may quote: 1 March or 1 April 2023.

Terms of entry in the call and project implementation – Applicant:

- The applicant/principal investigator **may be a natural person** meeting the following formal requirements:
 - they are an incoming researcher, living abroad, holding at least a doctorate or with at least four years' experience of full-time research, willing to carry out research at a research institution on the Polish territory;
 - $_{\odot}$ in a period of three years preceding the date of announcing the call (i.e. between 15 March 2019
 - and 14 March 2022).) they were not resident, employed or studying in Poland for an aggregate period of more than 12 months, subject to brief tourist/holiday stays, period of compulsory military service and refugee proceedings.
- A person may not be an applicant/principal investigator in the call if:
 - o they were a laureate of any other edition of the POLONEZ call;
 - o in a period of three years preceding the date of announcing the call (i.e. between 15 March 2019
 - and 14 March 2022) they acted as principal investigator to a research project carried out in a Polish research entity, including projects funded by the NCN;
 - they act as principal investigator to a project in a different proposal submitted to an NCN call announced on 15 March 2022 (including the POLONEZ BIS 2 call) or a proposal

which has been the subject of an approving funding decision remaining in force, or a proposal which is the subject of on evaluation or appeal procedure;

- they represent the host entity.
- The project's principal investigator shall spend at least 100% of the project's time on the territory of the Republic of Poland, and shall be within reach of the host institution. The above mentioned time includes documented business trips directly related to the implemented project and leaves governed by labour law.
- The principal investigator may not be using other sources of funding at the time of their arrival and stay in Poland.
- The principal investigator may not over the course of project implementation take up actions of mobility to other countries.

Terms of entry in the call and project implementation – Host Entity:

- An entity <u>may not act</u> as host institution if:
 - the entity conferred on the applicant a doctoral degree, unless since the conferment of the degree the applicant has completed (a) documented post-doctoral scholarship(s) outside of Poland, of aggregate duration of 3 years, including at least one uninterrupted 12-month fellowship;
 - the entity employed the applicant in the three years preceding the deadline for proposal submission under the call (i.e. between 15 December 2019 and 14 June 2022);
 - it constitutes as group of entities.
- The host entity must employ the applicant (principal investigator) for the whole duration of the project on the basis of a full-time employment contract for the sole purpose of performing research tasks and participation in trainings related to the project implementation.
- The academic supervisor must have experience in research sufficient for offering subject-specific assistance over the project's course as well as offering the project's principal investigator mentoring assistance. The host institution is required to employ an academic supervisor on the day of announcing the call (i.e. on 15 March 2022) and for the entire period of project implementation under a working time arrangement allowing them to supervise the project and the principal investigator.

Terms of drawing up cost-estimate of the project:

- Under the heading of direct costs the following items may be included:
 - Remuneration for the principal investigator only full-time remuneration at the host institution, on the basis of a full-time employment contract over the entire duration of the project. A 24-month remuneration for the principal investigator comprises:
 - living allowance in the amount of EUR 65,760;
 - mobility allowance in the amount of EUR 41,400;
 - family allowance in the amount of EUR 7,200 eligible beneficiaries are persons whose spouse /
 - partner and/or child(ren) change(s) place of residence and come(s) to Poland to accompany them for a period of at least of 3 months over the course of research project implementation;
 - special needs allowance in the amount of EUR 4,800 eligible are persons with long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others (Article 1 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities).
 - o Remuneration for other members of the research team, including:
 - remuneration for academic supervisor up to PLN 2,000 a month;
 - remuneration and scholarships for students and doctoral students up to PLN 5,000 a month for one person;
 - remuneration for other members of the research team.
 - Other direct costs:
 - purchase of research equipment, devices and software: cost per item may not exceed EUR 2,500 (PLN 10,834);

other direct costs of the research, including materials, small laboratory equipment, IT and
office equipment (cost per item may not exceed EUR 2,500 (PLN 10,878)), third-party
services, business trips, individual visits and consultations of external collaborators or
consultants, gratifications for joint contractors, purchase of data(bases) and specialist
research publications, costs of publishing research results, costs of publishing monographs
(once approved by the NCN).

PLEASE NOTE: costs of publishing a monograph resulting from a research project implementation do not count as eligible costs unless favourably evaluated in the review process by the NCN.

- costs of actions aimed at promoting the project and its results.
- Project direct costs, with the exception of remuneration for the principal investigator, may not exceed an equivalent of EUR 100,000 (PLN 435,140)
- The following items may be included:
 - Open Access indirect costs in the amount up to 2% of direct costs, which may be directed exclusively toward the costs related to the making publications or research data available in open access. Please include these costs in the planned budget in the maximum possible amount;
 - other indirect costs in the amount up to 20% of direct costs, which may be directed toward the costs related to the project indirectly, including also costs of making publications or research data available in open access.
- A purchase of a qualified electronic signature should be included in the project's budget under direct costs, amounting ca PLN 205 (a signature suite + validity extension valid 4 years).
- Basic data of the entity (JU) required for the completion of the proposal are available on the website of the RSC: https://cwn.uj.edu.pl/projekty/dla-wnioskujacych/dokumenty

Form of submitting proposals:

The POLONEZ BIS 2 call admits only of proposals submitted in electronic form. The proposal alongside the required annexes shall be **submitted in electronic form by the principal investigator in the ZSUN/OSF** (Zintegrowany System Usług dla Nauki/Obsługa Strumieni Finansowania) system, accessed through the website: osf.opi.org.pl

Internal regulations:

Pursuant to the Order no 56 of JU Rector 11 July 2016 on: *The procedure for drawing up and implementing projects funded from external sources at Jagiellonian University* persons interested in entering the call (not applicable to JUMC entities) will submit at the RSC:

- by 30 May 2022:
 - a draft proposal in the form of a PDF file generated by the ZSUN/OSF system, the address of the call assistant at the RSC);
 - the "Host Institution Capacity Form", filled out and signed with a qualified electronic signature by the Head of the JU organisational entity acting as the project's host entity (i.e. dean, director/head of other organisational entity)
 - a research project entry form and a VAT eligibility form, filled out in the electronic system JU Project Zone at: https://strefaprojektow.uj.edu.pl/;
- by 08 June 2022 (3:30 p.m. GMT+1):
 - o **final version of the proposal** in the form of a pdf file generated by the ZSUN/OSF system: select option 'Print PDF' named in accordance with the template: Surname and given name of the principal investigator, name of the programme, date of the document (Kowalski_Jan_POLONEZ_BIS 2 08_06_2022), signed with a qualified electronic signature by the head of the JU organisational entity, i.e. the dean or director/head of other organisational entity) acting as the project's host entity;
 - a document generated by the ZSUN/OSF: "Confirmation of proposal submission by the Principal Investigator / authorised representative";
 - a signed scan of the document generated by the ZSUN/OSF: "Confirmation of submitting the proposal by the principal investigator" or a document signed with a qualified electronic signature.

Out of concern for the quality of the submitted projects, especially in terms of meeting formal requirements, you are encouraged you to deliver the documents to the call assistant at the RSC well ahead of the above mentioned deadlines.

Please consider the above mentioned deadlines as final.

Please bear in mind that sending the proposal in the system cannot be reversed and prevents later modifications. In view of the above, the proposal should be sent in using the ZSUN/OSF system, supported with a signed version of the document "Confirmation proposal submission by a representative of the entity" and "Confirmation of proposal submission by the principal investigator". The above mentioned documents, signed by JU authorities, shall be delivered by a call assistant at the RSC to the email addresses you have specified.

With queries regarding drawing up and submitting the proposal please contact the call assistant at the RSC, Ms Agata Pik, phone no 12 663 38 42, agata.pik@uj.edu.pl

In matters regarding employment and remuneration in the prepared projects, please contact Ms Aleksandra Weiss, phone 12 663 38 73, aleksandra.weiss@uj.edu.pl

Whereas regarding the drawing up of a Data Management Plan in research projects, please contact:

- Mr Leszek Szafrański, phone 12 663 35 89, l.szafranski@uj.edu.pl
- Ms Katarzyna Szczepaniec, phone 12 663 34 42, <u>k.szczepaniec@uj.edu.pl</u>
- Ms Małgorzata Galik, 12 663 35 89, malgorzata.galik@uj.edu.pl

A link to a YouTube on-line course on completing the Data Management Plan: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSIRR8VSm40

Signed by / Podpisano przez:

Piotr Kazimierz Kuśtrowski

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