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**On: submitting funding proposals of non-competitive conceptual projects 'The Best of the Best! 4.0.' under the Knowledge Education Development Operational Programme (POWER) co-funded by the European Social Fund (2022 edition).**

This is to inform you that the Ministry of Education and Science (MEiN) has announced a call for submitting offers to support exceptionally gifted students in order to enhance their research activity, innovation, creativity through furtherance of their participation in international competitions, contests, conferences.

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Deadline for submitting proposals (offers) to the MEiN is 15 June 2022.

**Terms of the call are available on the websites:**

- MEiN: <https://www.gov.pl/web/edukacja-i-nauka/zaproszenie-do-skladania-ofert-w-ramach-iii-naboru-ofert-do-projektu-pozakonkursowego-o-charakterze-koncepcyjnym-pt-najlepsi-z-najlepszych-40-w-ramach-programu-operacyjnego-wiedza-edukacja-rozwoj-wspolfinansowanego-ze-srodkow-europejskiego-funduszu-spolecznego>
- RSC: <http://www.cwn.uj.edu.pl> under tab "Open calls" "Minister of Education and Science open calls"

**Principal terms of the scheme:**

- Funds may be obtained by the university with an exceptionally gifted student/students forming a team.
- Funding may be given, especially to student's participation in international competitions, contests, and conferences.
- Under the call, support may be granted to the students who meet all of the following conditions:
  - they are students of first- or second-cycle programme in the university that submits the proposal (offers may be processed by inter-university teams after indicating the university responsible for the offer);
  - they have documented fluent command of at least one foreign language at a level not lower than B2 (confirmed in particular by teacher's declaration on the level of the student's foreign language proficiency or a certificate confirming the knowledge of a foreign language);
  - have a positive opinion of a science supervisor or a supervisor of the student research society on the current research activity.
- **Project implementation time frame may not exceed 12 months and may not exceed the date of 30 June 2023.**
- The amount of funding allocated for eligible expenditure under the project is 100%. Costs incurred from the date of announcing the invitation, i.e. 4 May 2022, may be considered eligible.
- The cost of implementing one project may not exceed:
  - PLN 80,000.00 - for a project implemented by one student;
  - PLN 320,000.00 - for a project implemented by a team of students.

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- Direct costs may include:
  - travel expenses and fees for participation in competitions, contests and international conferences;
  - costs related to the substantive preparation of candidates to participate in competitions, contests and international conferences;
  - expenses incurred in order to facilitate the implementation of tasks included in the project by students with disabilities;
  - purchase of materials and services directly related to the purpose of the competition, contests, international conferences (expenditure of the purchase of materials may not exceed 10% of the total of project's other direct costs).
- Indirect costs amount to 5% of project's direct costs.
- In order to avoid double financing, the project cannot finance the costs of tasks currently performed by the university, where the student studies, financed from the state budget for the education of full-time students and from European funds.
- VAT is an eligible cost - please use gross amounts in the project's budget.

### **Form of submitting proposals:**

The MEiN requires that proposals be submitted only electronically. The proposal shall be drawn up in accordance with provisions of the call documentation. The approved by JU authorities proposal (offer) will be sent by RSC to the MEiN using the Electronic Platform of Public Administration Services ePUAP.

### **The submitted offer should be supported by:**

- power of attorney for the person authorized to represent the university and to sign the offer (the documentation will be provided by a call assistant at the RSC);
- project cost estimate (prepared as per the MEiN template);
- student's CV (prepared as per the MEiN template);
- student's declaration of consent to the processing of personal data for the purposes of the offer evaluation process, granting co-financing (MEiN template) and implementation of the funding agreement;
- A document confirming command of at least one foreign language at a level not lower than B2 (confirmed in particular by teacher's declaration on the level of the student's foreign language proficiency or a certificate confirming the knowledge of a foreign language);
- a copy of the document confirming the disability - for the students who intend to take priority in the selection in case they are among the best candidates

### **JU internal regulations:**

Pursuant to the Ordinance 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 are asked to deliver to the RSC:

- **by 2 June 2022:**
  - **an education project entry form** filled out in the electronic system JU Project Zone available at: <https://strefaprojektow.uj.edu.pl/>
  - **a draft proposal with the cost estimate** (electronic version sent as a pdf file to the address of the call assistant at the RSC)
  - **by 9 June 2022 – the final version of the proposal alongside the required annexes** (electronic version sent in as a pdf file signed with a qualified electronic signature or a pdf without signatures supported with an email declaration of its acceptance, or a scan of the hard copy with handwritten signatures) – signatures required:

project author and the head of the JU organisational entity (i.e. Dean or Director/Head of other organisational entity).

In the case of documents sent in the form of a scan of the hard copy with handwritten signatures, it is required to deliver to the call assistant at the RSC a PDF file without signatures.



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The final version of the proposal shall be saved as a pdf titled as follows: Surname and given name of the principal investigator, name of the programme (Kowalski\_Jan\_MEiN\_Najlepsi z Najlepszych\_09-06-2022).

With queries regarding drawing up and submitting the proposal please contact the call assistants at the RSC:

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