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On: submitting research project funding proposals under the 2022 NAWA Polish Returns call.

This is to inform you that the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA) has announced a call for projects under the Polish Returns NAWA Programme. The aim of the programme is to allow prominent Polish scientists to return to their country and take up employment at Polish higher education institutions, scientific units or research institutes and form a research team.

The programme is open for returning scientists representing all scientific fields. The representatives of the field of art may attend the programme, provided that the actions to be pursued in the project are expected to be of a scientific nature.

The programme enables the returning scientist to take up employment at a Polish institution and includes 2 tracks, depending on the stage of the returning scientist's academic career:

- **Junior scientist**
- **Experienced scientist**

The programme's objective is to conduct research activities planned in the proposal by the returning scientist during the implementation of the project, applying at the same time for domestic and international research grants, which allows the scientist or a group of scientists (if applicable) for the continuation of research activity in Poland after the completion of the project.

The Programme entails a **Research Component** or **Application component** - starting grant funded adequately by the National Science Centre (NCN) when it comes to basic research and by the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) when it comes to applied research and development work.

The 2022 Polish Returns call is addressed to scientists who fulfil the following conditions:

- **Junior scientist track** - the returning scientist may be a person who:

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- is a Polish citizen;
- holds a doctoral degree obtained not earlier than 7 years before submitting the application;
- has worked abroad as a scientist for the past year (to the day of 9 May 2022) at a foreign university, scientific institute or scientific enterprise registered outside the Republic of Poland (the stay financed with funds from the Polish state budget is not included in the period of research work abroad);
- has not lived nor worked in Poland (work in Poland is understood as work performed for an entity registered on the territory of the Republic of Poland, on the basis of a contract of employment or acting as a principal investigator of a research grant with affiliation of a Polish entity, provided that remuneration was paid on that account) for the past year (to the day of 9 May 2022);
- can demonstrate scientific or artistic achievements or achievements in performed implementations that are internationally recognized, and stand out in the context of a given discipline and career stage.
- **Experienced scientist track** - the returning scientist may be a person who:
 - is a Polish citizen;
 - holds at least a doctoral degree;
 - has worked abroad as a scientist for the past four years (to the day of 9 May 2022) at a foreign university, scientific institute or scientific enterprise registered outside the Republic of Poland (the stay financed with funds from the Polish state budget is not included in the period of research work abroad);
 - has not lived nor worked in Poland (work in Poland is understood as work performed for an entity registered on the territory of the Republic of Poland, on the basis of a contract of employment or acting as principal investigator of a research grant with affiliation of a Polish entity, provided that remuneration was paid on that account) for the past four years (to the day of 9 May 2022);
 - can demonstrate scientific or artistic and scientific achievements or achievements in performed implementations that are internationally recognized, and stand out in the context of a given discipline and career stage;
 - managed the implementation of at least one research project selected in a national or international competition.

The call for proposals at the NAWA is open until 25 June 2022, 3:00 p.m. (Warsaw local time).

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

- NAWA: <https://nawa.gov.pl/> under the tabs "NAWA Programmes" "Programmes for Scientists"
- RSC: www.cwn.uj.edu.pl under the tab "Open calls" go to "NAWA (Polish National Agency for Academic Research)"

Please make yourselves familiar with the information on drawing up proposals:

- The project should commence between 1 April 2023 and 30 October 2023.



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- **Junior scientist track**

- Project implementation may last from 24 to 36 months;
- Remuneration for the returning scientist may amount from PLN 220,000 - PLN 240,000 per year;
- The project group's remuneration may not exceed PLN 120,000 per year.

- **Experienced scientist track:**

- Project implementation may last from 36 to 48 months;
- Remuneration for the returning scientist may amount from PLN 300,000 to PLN 330,000 per year;
- The project group's remuneration may not exceed PLN 250,000 per year.

Under the project, the returning scientist together with the employing institution intend to set up a working group. In both tracks, **the project group members** may be research staff, auxiliary persons, technicians and staff responsible for administrative management of the project; newly employed staff who work on the implementation of the project, perform specific tasks in the project or who have been working for the employing institution.

It is allowed not to set up the project group provided that it is not required by the type or scope of conducted research.

The amounts of remuneration of the project group members is determined by the returning scientist.

- A supportive function is performed by **the person inviting**, who may be an independent research of an organisational entity, and whose task is to support the returning scientist in the implementation of substantive tasks and familiarising with the structures of the institution employing during the entire period of project implementation.
Remuneration of the person inviting amounts to **PLN 14,400** per year in both tracks.
- The due **research component** in the maximum amount of **PLN 200,000** must be used within 18 months of concluding the contract with the NCN. The research component is financed from the NCN funds, and is devoted exclusively to basic research. The research component is optional in the proposals submitted to the NAWA.
- The due **application component** in the maximum amount of **PLN 400,000** must be used within the first 18 months of concluding the contract with the NCBR. The application component is financed from the NCBR funds and is devoted exclusively to applied research and development work. The application component is optional in the proposals submitted to the NAWA, and in the event that it is planned in the proposal, it is not possible to apply for funding the NCN research component.
- A list of eligible costs in the research component and the application component funded respectively by the NCN and NCBR funds is available in call documentation on the NAWA website at: <https://nawa.gov.pl/> under the tabs „NAWA Programmes”, → „Programmes for Scientists”.
- Under the project, the returning scientist receives a **scholarship** that may be used to cover the costs of resettlement expenses (travel costs) **in the form of one-off mobility allowance** (lump sum) equal to PLN 20,000.



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The scholarship for the returning scientist as well as the amount devoted to the adaptation and organisation of the workplace may be increased by 20% in the case of the returning scientist with a moderate or significant degree of disability.

- In the event that the project **contains neither the research component nor the application component**, the maximum amount of funding may not exceed:
 - **PLN 1,143,200** for Junior Scientist track;
 - **PLN 2,397,600** for Experienced Scientist track;
- In the event that the project **contains the research component**, the maximum amount of funding may not exceed:
 - **PLN 1,143,200** from NAWA's resources and **PLN 200,000 from NCN's resources** or **PLN 400,00 from NCBR's resources** for the Junior Scientist track;
 - **PLN 2,397,600** from NAWA's resources and **PLN 200,000 from NCN's resources** or **PLN 400,000 from NCBR's resources** for the Experienced Scientist track;
- For signing a project funding agreement with the NAWA it is prerequisite that **the returning scientist is not to be employed in Poland from the moment of submitting the application until receiving the decision of the NAWA Director.**

In the event of receiving funding, the host entity is required to:

- hire the returning scientist **under a full-time contract of employment for the entire** period of implementation of the project;
- establish a project group (if applicable);
- provide conditions for the returning scientist and the project group to implement tasks in the project, **including office and laboratory space, research equipment, and the access to infrastructure enabling research and classes to be conducted;**
- **provide administrative and financial support** to carry out project's activities, including services related to the arrival of the returning scientist and the establishment of the project group;
- provide support for the returning scientist and the project group in applying for funds for research and development work, in obtaining required approvals, opinions, permits or authorisations, including the application to the appropriate ethics committees, in participation in conferences and networking;
- participate in programme evaluation;
- in the event that the research component or the application component is planned in the project - submit a proposal to the NCN or the NCBR respectively in order to receive funding, and once the funding is received, support implementation and provide administrative and financial support of the component;

Terms of submitting the proposal and obligatory annexes:

- The returning scientist submits the proposal on their own behalf and the institution employing.
- The proposal should be supported with:
 - links to the most important publications of the returning scientist (from 3 to 5) provided that free access to the full text of the publications is publicly available, otherwise copies of



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the publications. when it comes to patents and implementations, it is required to provide their numbers as well as appropriate links or attach scans of the documents confirming them. In the case of the representatives of the field of art, it is required to attach copies of catalogues with an ISBN number or other formal confirmation;

- a scan of the document confirming that the returning scientist holds an academic degree/title;
- the commitment of the institution employing - signed by an authorised representative of the institution employing (a template of the document is attached as Annex 5 to the call announcement);
- the information addressed to the NAWA on the invitation for the returning scientist, signed by the person inviting (a template is attached as Annex 6 to the call announcement);
- the declaration of the returning scientist (a template of the document is attached as Annex 7 to the call announcement);
- a copy of the documents confirming unambiguously that the returning scientist has worked abroad on conditions specified in part 2.4 of the call announcement (a certificate from the HR department or a certificate issued by a representative of the employer's entity, which includes job title and period of employment);
- the power of attorney for the returning scientist to submit the proposal and to operate the account in the NAWA IT system under the programme on behalf of the institution employing The RSC will draw up the power of attorney for all applicants in the call;
- a declaration stating that no public aid is being received (a template of the document is attached as Annex 9 to the call announcement).

Documents templates are available on the NAWA website at: <https://nawa.gov.pl/> under the tabs "NAWA Programmes" "Programmes for Scientists".

JU internal regulations

Pursuant to the Ordinance no 56 of JU Rector of 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) are asked to deliver to the RSC:

- **by 13 July 2022:**
 - **a proposal draft** (electronic version sent as a pdf file) to the address of the call assistant at the RSC) for the purposes of review and verification of formal eligibility,
 - **a research project entry form** and a **VAT eligibility form**, filled out in the electronic system **JU Project Zone** at: www.strefaprojektow.uj.edu.pl/;
- **by 20 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) to the address of the call assistant at the RSC. Signatures required: project author (the returning scientist) and the head of the JU organisational entity in which the project is to be implemented (i.e. Dean or Director/Head of



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other organisational entity).

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.

With queries and doubts regarding preparing the proposal you are welcome to contact the call assistant at the RSC, Ms Marta Sikora, phone no 12 663 38 56, marta.sikora@uj.edu.pl

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