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**on: submitting young researcher scholarship proposals under the START  
2023 Foundation for Polish Science (FNP).**

This is to inform you that the Foundation for Polish Science (FNP) has announced the START 2023 call for proposals intended to award the achievements of young researchers and support their advancement.

Prospective call entrants are persons who meet all of the following conditions:

1. they are doctoral students or doctors in Poland or carry out R&D activities in Poland at an entity whose statutory objectives include research or development;
2. they have a track record in research;
3. are no older than 30 years in the year of submitting proposals (at the moment this means people born in 1992 or later).

This age limit may be extended:

- for women who have given birth to a child or to persons acting as guardians to children – 1 year per child,
- on account of a leave from research activity (up to a 2-year extension), see details in the terms and conditions of the START programme and the Guidelines on drawing up proposals,
- the aforementioned reasons for extending the age limit shall not be cumulative.

The deadline for submissions at the FNP is 31 October 2022.

Terms of the call and application procedure are available on the websites:

- FNP: [www.fnp.org.pl/oferta/start/](http://www.fnp.org.pl/oferta/start/)
- [www.cwn.uj.edu.pl](http://www.cwn.uj.edu.pl), under tab "Open calls" → "Foundation for Polish Science (FNP)"

**Information and terms of call:**

- One may be awarded the START scholarship only once.
- The scholarship is awarded for a period of 12 months.
- The scholarship may be used towards a freely chosen goal. The FNP requires the grantee to carry out research in the period of receiving the scholarship.
- Under the START programme, honours are also conferred on candidates whose research achievements have received the highest notes from reviewers, and have been found outstanding.
- Under the programme, the FNP may award a supplementary travel grant for short study visits to one or two research centres abroad. Those study visits should serve the purpose of initiating cooperation and learning the methods of research work at those centres. The aforementioned persons will be selected from among the candidates who have expressed their will to benefit from such a visit in the scholarship proposal, and have attached required documents (see details in the terms and conditions of the START programme and in the Guidelines on drawing up proposals).
- The principal criterion in review of proposals is the quality of research and originality of the candidates' research achievement, evaluated based on the documents attached to the proposal. Significant bearing on the note will also

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have the candidate's research plans for the year to come, described in the proposal.

#### **Additional information on call:**

- Proposals submitted in the START funding proposal will also be considered in the Professor Barbara Skarga Scholarship Competition, for a given year's laureates of the programme. The winner of the competition may be a person who boldly moves across frontiers between domains in their research, opening up new perspectives and creates new values in scholarly investigation. The scholarship paid to such a person will be increased.
- The FNP awards also distinctions to outstanding candidates whose research achievements were assessed the highest by the call reviewers in three fields: humanities and social sciences, life and medical sciences, and physical sciences and technology.
- As part of the START programme, the Prof. Adam Sobiczewski Fund has also been established. Its aim is to co-finance selected scholarships of the highest-ranked START programme laureates working in the fields of science: theoretical physics, mathematics and astronomy.
- Since 2022, under the START programme, the scholarship with distinction named after prof. Waclaw Szybalski has been granting to an outstanding young scientist conducting research in biotechnology, genetics, or molecular biology.

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

The procedure of proposal submission has two stages:

1. **On line registration of candidates:** sending in electronic versions of the proposal, publication and other required annexes to the address: [wnioski.fnp.org.pl/](http://wnioski.fnp.org.pl/).
2. Sending **a printout of the proposal with all signatures** to the address of the Foundation for Polish Science.

#### **Information on drawing up proposals**

- Technical guidelines:
  - the proposal should be signed by the candidate and the applicant's representative (as for our University, the Vice-Rector for Research is the representative);
  - in the entry form, fill the applicant's (institution's) data blank with the following data:  
*Prof. dr hab. Piotr Kuśtrowski, JU Vice-Rector for Research and the address: Jagiellonian University, ul. Gołębia 24, 31-007 Krakow;*
  - please avoid using block letters in the proposal. First names, surnames and proper names should be capitalised. Title/degree to be entered using an abbreviation, e.g.: mgr; mgr inż.; dr; dr inż.; lek.; dr n. med. etc.;
  - Once the proposal has been filled out and confirmed, the applicant's data cannot be modified.
- Technical guidelines concerning annexes:
  - All annexes shall be in a pdf format and shall be attached to the proposal solely in electronic form.
  - File names shall be given in accordance with the guideline on drawing up proposals, i.e. each file name begins with the candidate's surname, and after a dot goes a document type, e.g.: Kowalski.CV, Kowalski.List, Kowalski.opinion, for details go to [instrukcji przygotowania wniosku.](#), pp. 11-12.
  - File names given to the annexes of the electronic version of the proposal should not include Polish diacritics.
  - **Annexes other than those enumerated in the Guidelines on drawing up proposals should not be attached to the proposal.**

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### **JU 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 are asked to submit at the RSC:

- **by 17 October 2022 - the final version of the proposal** (electronic version, sent in as a pdf file to the address of the call assistant at the RSC)
- **by 25 October 2022, a proposal printout in one copy alongside annexes as required sent in electronic version** to the address of the call assistant at the RSC. The proposal should be signed by the candidate, their academic supervisor and the head of JU organisational entity (i.e. dean or director / head of other organisational entity).

#### **Please note:**

If both the candidate and candidate's academic supervisor have a qualified electronic signature, they can use it to sign the proposal form. Then, the proposal form along with annexes, signed by the candidate, candidate's academic supervisor and head of JU organisational entity (Dean, Director/Head of other organisational entity) shall be sent to a call assistant at the RSC.

The approved by JU authorities proposals will be delivered by a call assistant at the Research Support Centre to candidates in order to upload the proposals to the FNP system using the [wnioski.fnp.org.pl/](http://wnioski.fnp.org.pl/) website.

**The candidate must send electronically the complete proposal form along with required annexes in the FNP system.**

Whereas, **the proposal forms with required signatures in a paper version shall be sent to the FNO by the RSC.**

#### **Please note:**

Doctoral students interested in applying in the START programme who have been granted extension of their programmes, as well as persons with doctoral degree not affiliated with Jagiellonian University by means of an employment contract, civil-law contract, or acting part in research or projects should seek permission to submit the proposal with JU Vice-Rector for Research (not applicable to doctoral students or persons holding doctor's degree related to the JUMC).

To this end, it is necessary to submit via the secretariat of the Research Support Centre (ul. Czapskich 4, first floor, room no 103 – a letter requesting the consent containing the justification and approval of the academic supervisor and the head of JU organisational entity (i.e. Dean, Director/Head of other organisational entity). Only upon approval by JU Vice-Rector for Research can a proposal be submitted in the call.

It is possible to submit the letter in electronic version with qualified electronic signatures of the aforementioned persons and send it to the address of a call assistant at the RSC. The call assistant at the RSC shall inform you of the decision of JU authorities.

Out of concern for the quality of the submitted proposals, especially in terms of meeting formal requirements, you are encouraged to consult your proposals and to deliver the documents to the CWN well ahead of the above mentioned deadlines.

You are welcome to contact call assistants at the CWN with your questions and doubts:

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Faculty of Law and Administration, Faculty of Philosophy, Faculty of History, Faculty of Philology, Faculty of Polish Studies, Faculty of Physics, Astronomy and Applied Computer Science and extra-faculty entities.

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Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, Faculty of Chemistry, Faculty of Biology, Faculty of Management and Social Communication, Faculty of International and Political Studies, Faculty of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Biotechnology, Faculty of Geography and Geology.

Paper version of the documents, i.e. the letter requesting the consent for the proposal submission (if applicable), a proposal form will be received at the secretariat of the Research Support Centre (ul. Czapskich 4, first floor, room no 103).

Whereas, as for CMUJ candidates, please contact the Division of Domestic Programmes at the Research Department of the JUMC. <https://nauka.cm-uj.krakow.pl/struktura-dzialu/sekcja-programow-krajowych/>.



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