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**on: submitting project funding proposals under the JPND BIS 2024 call published by the National Science Centre.**

This is to inform you that the National Science Centre (NCN), in cooperation with the JPND network (EU Joint Programme – Neurodegenerative Disease Research), is pleased to announce a call for **international research projects** with the aim of improving the understanding of disease mechanisms and advancing measurability of disease progression at early and pre-symptomatic stages of neurodegenerative diseases.

Proposals submitted to the call ***Mechanisms and measurement of disease progression in the early phase of neurodegenerative diseases*** must focus on one or several of the following neurodegenerative diseases:

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- Alzheimer's disease and other dementias,
- Parkinson's disease and PD-related disorders,
- Prion diseases,
- Motor neuron diseases,
- Huntington's disease,
- Spinocerebellar ataxia (SCA),
- Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA).

**Terms and conditions of the application procedure are available on the websites of:**

- JPND Call 2024: <https://neurodegenerationresearch.eu/initiatives/annual-calls-for-proposals/call-announcement-for-jpnd-2024-call-mechanisms-and-measurement-of-disease-progression-in-the-early-phase-of-neurodegenerative-diseases/>
- the National Science Centre: <https://www.ncn.gov.pl/ogloszenia/konkursy/jpnd-2024>
- The Research Support Centre: [www.cwn.uj.edu.pl](http://www.cwn.uj.edu.pl) → "Open calls" → "NCN open calls"

**Information on drawing up proposals:**

- International consortia of **at least three research teams** from at least **three different countries** participating in the call may apply for funding, but consortia may not be composed of more than seven research teams. The principal investigator of the Polish research team must hold at least a PhD degree.
- **Countries participating in the call:** Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Turkey.
- Research projects may be planned in the call for a period of either **24 or 36 months**.
- Both the minimum and maximum amount of funding are not specified– costs must be justified in relation to the subject and scope of research.

**Requirements for the principal investigator:**

- The principal investigator must hold at least a PhD degree.
- In a national proposal under the call, no person who is planned to conduct a research activity in the proposal submitted under the MINIATURA call and for

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whom the funding decision has not become final cannot be designated as the principal investigator.

- A principal investigator in a proposal cannot be a person for whom, at the time of submitting the proposal, the total number of ongoing through NCN projects and proposals recommended for funding or being evaluated by the NCN is greater than or equal to 3 (excluding proposals submitted or projects financed under DIOSCURI and PRELUDIUM BIS calls).
- **The principal investigator must be a person employed at the host institution for the**

**project for the entire project duration period pursuant to at least a part-time employment**

**contract.** The foregoing does not apply to persons receiving pension under the social insurance

scheme.

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- **The principal investigator shall spend at least 50% of the project's time on the territory of the Republic of Poland and shall remain at the disposal of the entity implementing the project.** This requirement does not apply to travel documented by business trips directly related to the implemented project as well as holidays, time off work and other absences from work regulated by generally applicable regulations.

#### Terms of funding:

- Under JPND Call 2024, funds can be applied for to cover salaries for members of the research team, salaries and scholarships for students and PhD students, purchase or manufacturing of research equipment and other costs crucial to the research project.
- The cost estimate must be justified in relation to the subject and scope of the research, be based on realistic calculations and specify the expenses that will be covered within NCN funds (so-called eligible costs).
- The budget in the NCN proposal must be quoted in PLN, while the budget in the joint proposal, in EUR. The EUR budget of the Polish part of the project in the joint proposal must be calculated according to the following exchange rate: **1 EUR = 4.3334 PLN.**
- As part of the direct costs, the project budget should include the cost of purchasing a qualified signature and its renewal of **approximately PLN 370.**
- Indirect costs may not exceed 20% of direct costs. Additionally, indirect costs of up to 2% of direct costs may be spent on open access to publications and research data. **Please include these costs in the planned budget in the maximum possible amount.**
- The costs of publishing works in the **Open Access** formula may be incurred only **as indirect costs.** Planning such measures under direct costs will be treated as a formal error
- **The information contained in the national application and in the joint application must be consistent and identical.**

#### Form of submitting proposals:

- **Stage I - international level:**
  - a joint pre-proposal drafted by the Polish research teams in cooperation with the foreign partners (in English) and submitted to the electronic submission system of the JPND network. Submission deadline for joint pre-proposals: **5 March 2024, 12 noon CET.** **PLEASE NOTE: At this stage, Polish applicants do not submit any documents to the NCN.**

- **Stage II**

- **international level:** a joint full proposal drafted by the Polish research teams in cooperation with the foreign partners (in English) and submitted to the electronic submission system of the JPND network. Submission deadline for joint full proposals: **25 June 2024, 12 noon CEST**.
- **national level:** an NCN proposal concerning the Polish part of the project drafted by the Polish research team and submitted to the NCN electronically via the OSF electronic submission system **within 7 days** of the joint full proposal submission date at international level, i.e. by **2 July 2024**.

**JU internal regulations:**

Pursuant to the Ordinance No. 129 by JU Rector of 10 November 2022 on: *The procedure for drawing up and implementing projects funded from external sources at Jagiellonian University and hiring and rewarding personnel of the project*, persons interested in entering the call (not applicable with JU MC) are asked to deliver to the Polish RSC by the following deadlines:

- **by 26 February 2024** - the completed **budget table** constituting Annex 1 to this RSC Information in order to verify the costs presented in the pre-proposal;
- **The Research Project Entry Form and the VAT Eligibility Form** filled out in the electronic system JU Project Zone at: <https://strefaprojektow.uj.edu.pl/>;

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In the event that the pre-proposal is qualified for the second stage of evaluation, the call assistant at the RSC will agree with the Principal Investigator on individual dates for submitting subsequent project documents resulting from the qualification of the proposal for the next stage of the call.

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>

Should you have any more questions or queries regarding the call, please contact the call assistant at the RSC, Ms Magdalena Jelonek, [magdalena.jelonek@uj.edu.pl](mailto:magdalena.jelonek@uj.edu.pl), phone No. 12 663 38 59.