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**on: submitting research project funding proposals under the M-ERA.NET 3
Call announced by the National Science Centre.**

This is to inform you that the National Science Centre (NCN), in cooperation with the M-ERA.NET 3 network, has launched the M-ERA.NET 3 Call 2024 for international research projects in the area of material science and material engineering.

The NCN Council has decided to allocate **EUR 1,500,000** for research projects carried out by the Polish research teams under the M-ERA.NET 3 Call 2024 within the following subjects:

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- Sustainable advanced materials for energy
- Innovative surfaces, coatings and interfaces
- High performance composites
- Functional materials
- Materials addressing environmental challenges
- Next generation materials for advance electronics

Submission deadline for pre-proposals is 14 May 2024, (12:00 noon CET).

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

- M-ERA.NET 3 Call 2024: <https://www.m-era.net/joint-calls/joint-call-2024>
- NCN: <https://www.ncn.gov.pl/ogloszenia/konkursy/m-era-call2024>
- RSC: www.cwn.uj.edu.pl under tab "Open calls" → "National Science Centre open calls".

Information on drawing up proposals:

- A research project 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).
- International consortia of at least 3 research teams from at least 3 participating countries can apply for funding. The principal investigator of the Polish research team must hold at least a PhD degree.

Countries participating in the call: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Brazil, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Canada, South Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, South Africa, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey.

- Under the call, 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 budget for the Polish research team in the joint proposal must be the same as the budget in the national proposal in the OSF submission system.** The budget in the NCN proposal should 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 = 4.3463 PLN.**

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- A purchase of a qualified electronic signature should be planned under the direct costs, amounting ca. PLN 370 (this cost includes 2 years of signature validity, including an additional extension for another 2 years (4 years in total)).
- 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.
- **We recommend that Polish applicants consult the budget table of the Polish part of the project** (see the Budget Table of the Polish research team - the template is annexed to this RSC Information) with the NCN. The budget table xlsx format should be sent to magdalena.nowak@ncn.gov.pl **by 30 April 2024.**

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>

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Requirements for the principal investigator:

- The principal investigator must hold at least a PhD degree;
- In a national proposal under the M.ERA-NET 3 call, no person who is planned to conduct a research activity in the proposal submitted under the MINIATURA call and for whom the funding decision has not become final cannot be designated as the principal investigator;
- **The principal investigator may only be employed over the entire course of the project's implementation at the entity planned as the host entity**, pursuant to a contract of employment for at least half time of the full-time work;
- **The principal investigator shall spend at least 50% of the project's duration on the territory of the Republic of Poland**; The foregoing duration does not include evidenced project-related business trips or holiday, time off work and other excused absence at work governed by the applicable laws;
- the principal investigator in a national proposal in the M.ERA-NET 3 call must not be a person for whom, on the last day of submitting proposals, the total number of ongoing NCN projects and proposals recommended for funding or under evaluation at the NCN is greater than or equal to 3 (excluding proposals submitted or funded under: PRELUDIUM BIS and DIOSCURI).

Form of submitting proposals:

➤ international level (two-step procedure):

- I. preparation by Polish research team in cooperation with foreign partners a full joint proposal, the so-called pre-proposal in English, which the Consortium Leader submits in the electronic network system M-ERA.NET Submission System **Submission deadline for pre-proposals is 14 May 2024, (12:00 noon CET).**

PLEASE NOTE: At the pre-proposal submission stage, Polish applicants submit no documents to the NCN.

- II. Submission deadline for full proposals is **20 November 2024, (12:00 noon CET).**

➤ National level (single-step procedure)

Preparation by the Polish research team of a national proposal for the Polish part of the project, which should be submitted to the NCN in electronic form via the OSF system **within 7 days after the deadline for submitting joint full proposals** at international level.

Submission deadline for NCN UNISONO proposals by the Polish research teams is **27 November 2024 (4:00 p.m. CET)**

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PLEASE NOTE: The information provided in national proposals and in joint full proposals must be consistent. Joint proposals annexed to domestic proposals must be consistent with joint proposals submitted at international level.



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JU internal regulations:

Pursuant to 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 RSC:

- **By 8 May 2023**

- a completed **budget table** constituting Annex 1 to this RSC Information in order to verify the costs presented in the pre-proposal;
- **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/>

If a project is shortlisted for Stage II, the call assistant at the RSC will contact the applicant to set individual deadlines for the submission of further project documents.

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Should you have any questions or queries regarding the call please contact the call assistant at the RSC, Ms Joanna Wrona, phone No. 12 663 30 08, jwrona@uj.edu.pl

Annex:

- 1) Model - Budget table (the cost estimate for the Polish part of the project).

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