

Regulations of the Foundation for Polish Science Programme in Support of Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation in Social Sciences and Humanities

I. Programme Subject and Aim

1. The Foundation for Polish Science (FNP) implements a programme in social sciences and humanities aimed at broadening the cooperation between Polish and Ukrainian scientific communities and implementing joint scientific projects that will deepen the knowledge on issues connected with the development of civil society, democracy, European integration and security. The projects must concern matters important to both countries.
2. The programme materializes the statutory goal of the FNP to support scientists and research teams recognized in their environment, who work in the scientific fields that are important for the civilizational, cultural and economic development of Poland and its international prestige.
3. Scientific research conducted under the programme should combine various perspectives and approaches, while its results should be useful in solving real problems identified by the applicants in their research field.
4. The FNP particularly encourages initiatives that show innovative character, test unconventional research methods, challenge stereotypes and prejudices, introduce new solutions and significantly change the current state of knowledge.
5. The programme will be implemented through a competition.

II. Call for Proposals

1. An application submitted to the competition should be authored by two persons who hold at least a doctoral degree:
 - one person being a researcher employed at an institution conducting scientific research in Poland on the date of application submission;
 - one person, regardless of his/her nationality, was a scientific employee at an institution conducting scientific research in Ukraine on the date of aggression against Ukraine (February 24, 2022).
2. The application should be submitted on behalf of both researchers by the person working in Poland and the institution conducting scientific research in Poland at which the project will be implemented (hosting institution).
3. The application should be submitted in electronic form via the online database at: www.wnioski.fnp.org.pl, within the deadline specified for the given competition and indicated on the programme website.
4. The submitted research project envisages the implementation of the research over a 12-month period indicated in the application, which should start not earlier than the deadline for submitting applications and not later than 8 months following the deadline for submitting applications.
5. A total of up to 3 projects are expected to be awarded in each competition.
6. Applications should be submitted in English.
7. Applications will be evaluated by an international panel of experts appointed by the FNP.

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8. The application should include:
 - the applicants', their home institutions' and the hosting institution's data;
 - both applicants' CVs (up to two A4 pages each);
 - a list of up to three major publications of each applicant, with electronic versions of their full or partial contents in the original languages;
 - a description of the planned scientific research, indicating its relevance to the FNP programme's theme and the objective(s) to be achieved through the project (up to four A4 pages);
 - information on the division of tasks to be implemented by the applicants with the specification of planned project results (e.g. publication, screenplay, exhibition, lecture, workshop, training, website, application, etc.; up to two A4 pages);
 - information on the planned dissemination activities of the project results (up to one A4 page);
 - information on the hosting institution's contribution to the project funding (if applicable).

III. Funding

1. The total budget of one project for a 12-month period is PLN 268 800.
2. The budget allocated to each of the two applicants is PLN 134 400 for the period of 12 months and includes: a unit rate for a monthly salary of PLN 8 000 and a lump sum of PLN 38 400 (representing 40 % of the total salary costs) for other research-related costs (e.g. equipment, travel expenses, access to databases or archives, translations, promotion, remuneration for students, etc.).
3. Funding for the projects comes from the FNP's own funds and from donations made to the FNP for this purpose.
4. The FNP encourages the hosting institution to co-finance the project, e.g. in terms of applicants' salaries, indirect costs, scholarships for students, engagement of other scientists, etc.

IV. Competition Criteria

1. The competition criteria are:
 - originality of the research topic;
 - adequacy of the research topic, research methods and assumptions to achieve the programme's aim;
 - applicants' experience and scientific achievements in the proposed project field;
 - mode of the project results' dissemination and promotion.

V. Project Implementation

1. The project will be funded based on an agreement between the FNP, the hosting institution and the two applying researchers.
2. Funds will be transferred by the FNP in semi-annual advance tranches to the account indicated in the agreement by the hosting institution, which is responsible for the financial management of the project.
3. In case of unforeseen circumstances that would delay the project implementation, it is possible to extend the duration of the project and disbursement of the funds by six months

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compared to the original deadline specified in the agreement, without increasing the project funding and without requiring an annex to the agreement, following a request of both applicants approved by the hosting institution and after obtaining the consent of the FNP.

4. The final report on the project implementation must be submitted within three months after its completion. The report will contain a description of the achieved results and related dissemination activities, highlighting the work done by each applicant.

VI. Final Provisions

1. The Regulations come into force on the day of enactment by the FNP Board.
2. Any changes to the Regulations may be made in the same way as they were enacted.
3. The FNP Board decides in all cases not regulated by these Regulations.