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of the Rector of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

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Regulations of the student mobility competition at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń Student Mobility for International Cooperation: SMART3

Pursuant to art. 52.3 of resolution No. 37 of the NCU Senate of 16 April 2019 – Statutes of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2019, item 120, as amended) in connection with order No. 225 of the NCU Rector of 16 November 2021 - Regulations for the organisation and management principles of the "Excellence initiative - research university" programme at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2021, item 374, as amended)

it is ordered as follows:

§ 1

Student mobility competition at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń "Student Mobility for International Cooperation: **SMART3**, hereinafter referred to as "the competition", is organised under the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" programme (IDUB) in which the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, hereinafter referred to as " the University", was awarded the status of the Research University by the decision of the Minister of Science and Higher Education.

§ 2

1. The objective of the competition is to enable students at the University to gain international research experience by granting financial support to conduct research projects in foreign scientific units.
2. A maximum of two editions of the competition per year are planned until 2025, until the funds allocated for this purpose in the IDUB programme are exhausted.
3. Funding for a scientific visit of 2 to 4 weeks, hereinafter referred to as the "internship", may be obtained in a foreign scientific institution under the competition. Particular preference shall be given to applications for visits to partner universities for university centres of excellence or partner universities for research teams in emerging fields under IDUB and partners belonging to the consortium - Young Universities for the Future of

Europe.

4. One application for funding of an internship may be submitted in one edition of the competition.
5. If the internship funding is awarded, the grant is given in the form of an internship agreement for the amount which is the sum of travel and subsistence costs calculated on the basis of lump sums as specified in § 2.6 and § 2.7 depending on the distance from Toruń or Bydgoszcz respectively to the final destination and the duration of the stay.
6. Travel costs shall be calculated in accordance with the following table:

Distance (km) in straight line from Toruń or Bydgoszcz to the place of destination	Amount
below 500	PLN 1,040
500 – 999	PLN 2,080
1,000 – 2,999	PLN 3,120
3,000 – 5,999	PLN 4,160
6,000 – 9,000	PLN 5,200
above 9,000	PLN 6,240

7. The lump sum to cover subsistence costs shall be:
 - 1) PLN 300,00 gross per each day for internship in an OECD country,
 - 2) PLN 200,00 gross per each day for the internship in a non-OECD country.
8. Income tax shall be deducted from the amount of financial support received in the competition in accordance with the applicable regulations.

§ 3

1. Competition applications should be sent by the date specified in the call for proposals via an online form available at www.umk.pl/idub a model of which is attached as Annex 1 to this Order.
2. Submissions to the competition must include:
 - 1) CV with a list of achievements including the applicant's scientific activities (maximum one A4 page);
 - 2) description of the independent research project or the participation in research work conducted in the institution specifying the role of the applicant in its implementation (maximum one A4 page);
 - 3) certificate confirming the average grade obtained in the previous academic year issued by the Dean's Office of the faculty at which the applicant is studying;
 - 4) covering letter or a recommendation from a scientific supervisor employed at the University stating how the visit will contribute to the applicant's scientific development (maximum one A4 page);
 - 5) written consent of the host institution for the implementation of an independent research project or participation in research work conducted at the institution;
 - 6) GDR statement.
3. Applications submitted under the competition shall be assessed by competition selection committees appointed by the IDUB coordinating team in each of the three field groups: (1) Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, (2) Physical Sciences & Engineering and (3) Life Sciences.
4. In the event of formal defects in the application, the applicant shall be invited to correct them within a time limit set by the competition committee.
5. In the event that formal defects are not remedied within the specified time limit, the application shall not be considered.

§ 4

1. The substantive assessment of applications shall take into account the following:
 - 1) applicant's scientific activity to date (from 0 to 20 points);
 - 2) substantive value of the research project (from 0 to 25 points);
 - 3) grade average point from studies (average grade point multiplied by 5, to 25 points);
 - 4) relevance of the participation in the research project on the scientific development of the applicant (from 0 to 10 points);
 - 5) rank of the host institution (from 0 to 10 points);
 - 6) status of a host institution as a partner institution of the University under the YUFE programme or under interuniversity partnerships implemented by university centres of excellence and research teams in emerging fields (from 0 to 10 points).

The application assessment form is attached as annex 2 to this order.

2. Each competition committee shall prepare a ranking list of participants in the competition, which shall be submitted to the Rector through the chair of the IDUB coordinating team.
3. The coordinating team shall give its opinion on the ranking lists submitted by the competition committees and recommend competition laureates.
4. The Rector shall take a decision on the result of the competition.
5. Lists of competition laureates shall be published at www.umk.pl/idub by the date specified in the call. The decision and the assessment form shall be forwarded by e-mail to the address given on the application form.
6. The visit applied for must be implemented no later than 12 months after the date of publishing the decision of the selection competition committee.
7. Laureates of the competition shall be required to obtain the consent of the Dean of the Faculty for mobility abroad connected with the implementation of the internship.
8. Upon acceptance of the internship application, an agreement shall be signed between the University and the host unit unless the parties agree otherwise. The agreement specifies in particular: the substantive conditions of the internship and the division of any intellectual property rights. The internship programme is attached to the agreement as an annex. A model agreement is attached as annex no. 3 to this order.
9. Upon acceptance of the application for the internship, the laureate of the SMART3 competition shall sign an agreement with the University for the funding of the internship abroad which is attached as annex 4 to this order.

§ 5

1. The applicant may request the Rector's decision to be reconsidered by sending a written request (a scan of the signed document) to mobilnosci_ds@umk.pl no later than 7 days after receiving the decision.
2. The request may be based solely on the grounds of a breach of the competition regulations.
3. The decision of the Rector issued following the request to reconsider the application shall be final.

§ 6

1. The laureates are obliged to take out insurance at their own expense for the duration of their stay abroad with regard to:
 - a) medical expenses or health insurance,
 - b) personal accident insurance,
 - c) civil liability insurance relevant to the activities performed in connection with the implementation of an independent research project or participation in research work conducted at a foreign institution.
2. Payment of funds for the implementation of a project or participation in research work conducted at the institution shall be subject to presentation to the organisers of the competition of an agreement concluded with an insurer within the scope referred to in §

6.1(a-c).

3. The outgoing person shall be required to comply with all COVID-19 restrictions relating to preventing, countering and combating COVID-19 in force at the institution where they conduct an independent research project or participate in research activities conducted at the institution.

§ 7

1. The person who has been granted financial support under the competition is obliged to submit to the chair of the IDUB coordinating team a report on the completed visit approved by the scientific supervisor employed at the University within 2 months from the date of return.
2. The Organiser is entitled to amend the provisions of these Regulations. The Organiser shall each time inform about any amendments to these Regulations by publishing a new version at www.umk.pl/idub.

§ 8

The order becomes effective as of 10 February 2022.

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