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of the Rector of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

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Rules of the call for proposals for scientific grants for interdisciplinary research teams "Inter disciplinas excellentia" at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

Pursuant to art. 52.3 of the Statutes of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń of 16 April 2019 (Biuletyn Prawny UMK of 2019, item 120)

it is ordered as follows:

Article 1

The call for proposals is organised by the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, hereinafter referred to as the "University", under the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" programme (IDUB).

Article 2

1. The objective of the call for proposals is to select interdisciplinary research teams and to support the development of their scientific activities embedded in the four most important objectives of the Nicolaus Copernicus University as a research university (4xI@NCU), i.e. internationalisation, interdisciplinarity, innovation and integrity.
2. The support for the selected research teams shall cover the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022.
3. Employees and doctoral candidates taking part in the call for proposals may not at the same time be members of any emerging fields or centres of excellence.
4. The proposed research team must represent at least 2 scientific disciplines which fall within the thematic area of humanities, social sciences, the arts, or life sciences.

Article 3

1. The prize in the call shall be a scientific grant in the amount of:
 - a. PLN 60 000 per year for the laureates of the call;
 - b. PLN 30 000 per year for the finalists of the call;
 - c. PLN 15 000 per year for the distinguished teams.
2. The funds from the grant awarded may be used for: scientific internships, research visits, translation of publications, active participation in scientific conferences or consultancy visits, preliminary, exploratory, and pilot research, queries, incentive allowances, purchase of apparatus and materials.

3. The call is addressed to the NCU employees who have shown significant documented scientific activity in the last 3 years (including publications, monographs, organisation of conferences and workshops). The proposed teams may include already existing teams (in one or more of the NCU units) or completely new teams whose employees are planning interdisciplinary scientific cooperation.
4. The proposed team composition shall include employees, postdoctoral interns, doctoral candidates, and masters' students who will be involved in the works of the team. The individuals who meet the definition of a young scientist within the meaning of Act 2.0 should be indicated. The maximum number of employees in the proposed team shall be 3 and the maximum number of all members shall be 5. Each NCU employee, intern, doctoral candidate or master's student may be a member of one team. Each team must indicate the team leader who shall be the main administrator of the allocated funds. The role may be performed by a young scientist provided his/her scientific achievements and experience in organisational work indicate to high scientific self-reliance and readiness to lead an interdisciplinary team.

Article 4

1. Submissions to the call for proposals must be sent to: *interdyscyplinarosc@umk.pl* by 1 June 2020.
2. A complete submission in one PDF file in Polish or English on the form attached as Appendix 1 to this Order should include:
 - 1) the proposed name of the team and a list of team members specifying their status (employee, postdoctoral intern, doctoral candidate, master's student), scientific disciplines they represent, information on who is a young scientist within the meaning of the Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science (i.e. Dz.U. of 2020, item 85 as amended) and who is the team leader – not more than 1 page of A4 format;
 - 2) the description of the planned direction of development of the team: scientific, human resources, in terms of internationalisation of research over the next 3 years and in the long term; the description should explain the significance of the proposed research in world science and its up-to-date nature – not more than 1 page of A4 format;
 - 3) a list of proposed research activities with a brief description – not more than 1 page of A4 format;
 - 4) a cost estimate of the grant and a substantiation of the planned expenditure broken down into individual expenditure categories – not more than 1 page of A4 format);
 - 5) a list of 10 most important scientific publications, including scientific monographs, selected from among all publications of the team members from the last 3 years, affiliated to the NCU indicating the publications which are on the current list of journals of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education.
 - 6) a list of up to 10 most important scientific activities carried out in the last 3 years, in particular those implemented in cooperation with domestic and foreign partners (name the institution and the country), including but not limited to organised conferences, workshops, summer schools, joint research projects, and submitted grant applications – not more than 2 pages of A4 format;
 - 7) optional: letters in support of the proposed team and its scientific plans, especially in the context of planned cooperation from domestic or foreign collaborators – not more than 3;
 - 8) a scan of the signed statement concerning the processing of personal data of the applicant and each member of the team in accordance with the template attached as Annex 2 to these Rules of Procedure

Article 5

1. The required documents shall be sent by the team leader.
2. Submission of the application shall be deemed to constitute acceptance of these Rules and Regulations.
3. Submitted applications shall be evaluated by the experts from Scientific Councils for Fields of Science (*pl. RNDN*), separately in two scientific fields: Humanities, Social Sciences and the Arts, and Life Sciences.
4. Submissions that do not meet formal requirements shall not be subject to substantive assessment.
5. The experts shall indicate for each field of science the laureates (at least 4 teams), the finalists (at least

4 teams), and the distinguished teams (at least 8 teams) who received the best results in the selection procedure.

6. The list of selected interdisciplinary teams shall be published on the website <https://www.umk.pl/idub/wyniki-konkursow/> by 30 June 2020 at the latest and sent by e-mail to the team leader.
7. Along with the decision on whether or not the grant has been awarded, the leaders of all the proposed teams shall receive a proposal evaluation sheet, including partial marks and optional expert comments.
8. The leader of the awarded team shall be obliged to prepare and send by 31 January 2023 to interdyscyplarnosc@umk.pl a final report in accordance with the template attached as Annex 3.

Article 6

1. The decision of the experts may be appealed against in justifiable cases in writing and sent to interdyscyplarnosc@umk.pl within 7 days from the date of publishing the results of the call .
2. The decision of the experts following the appeal shall be final.

Article 7

1. Queries regarding the project may be sent to: interdyscyplarnosc@umk.pl.
2. The organizer has the right to amend the provisions of these Rules provided that the conditions of participation in the project are not affected.

Article 8

The order becomes effective as of 17 April 2020.

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