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of the Rector of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

of 10 April 2020

Rules of the call for the implementation of research related to the COVID 19 epidemic in the field of physical sciences/engineering and life sciences

Pursuant to art. 52.3 of resolution No. 37 of the Senate of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń of 16 April 2019 - Statutes of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Biuletyn Prawny UMK of 2019, item 120)

i t i s o r d e r e d as follows:

Article 1

The call for the implementation of research related to the Covid-19 epidemic, hereinafter referred to as the "call", is organised under the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" programme (IDUB).

Article 2

1. The objective of the call is to provide financial support to scientific teams submitting original research ideas in the field of basic or application research in the fields of physical sciences/engineering and life sciences with implementation potential for COVID-19, in particular involving a better understanding of the mechanism of action and infection of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, methods of diagnosis, quick and reliable testing, treatment and prevention of the spread of the disease, including the broadly understood medical protection, ways of protecting healthcare professionals, as well as the use of IT tools in the above mentioned subject matter.
2. The leader of the team taking part in the call may be a staff member of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń holding at least the degree of doktor and having documented scientific achievements in areas related to the objective of the call.
3. The research referred to in art. 2.1 shall have a maximum duration of 12 months. The results of the research must be made publicly available as soon as they are available.
4. An application for the implementation of research that was or is already funded from other sources may not be submitted in this call

Article 3

1. The total budget of the call shall be PLN 400 000 and shall come from the funds dedicated under the IDUB budget to the support of international academic partnerships of Centers of Excellence and Emerging Fields in 2020.

2. The amount of co-funding of the application shall be between PLN 25 000 and PLN 100 000.
3. The funds may be pooled to cover the total costs of project implementation provided that the formal requirements for pooling funds are met.
4. The declared share of the funds referred to in art. 3.3 shall require at the stage of submitting the application the confirmation by the administrator of those funds in the form of a statement.
5. The funds received under this call must be used to cover all necessary costs relating to the implementation of the planned research, i.e. salaries, purchase of apparatus and materials, external services including the cost of access to apparatus or research infrastructure. The detailed catalogue of eligible costs under the call and the principles of their disbursement are specified in order No. 6 of the Rector of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń of 23 January 2020 - Organizational and management rules of the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" programme at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Biuletyn Prawny UMK of 2020, item 19 as amended).

Article 4

1. Applications in PDF format and drawn up in English or Polish (application form attached as annex 1 to these Rules) should be submitted to the e-mail address idub@umk.pl.
2. The submission deadline shall be 23 April 2020.
3. The submission of the application shall be deemed to constitute the acceptance of these Rules.
4. Only complete applications that contain all the required information shall be considered in the call.
5. Applications submitted under the call shall be evaluated formally and substantively by the Call Committee composed of representatives of Scientific Councils for Fields of Science (RNDN) in Physical Sciences and Engineering (ST) and Life Sciences (NZ) who are not employees of the University.
6. Submissions that do not meet formal requirements shall not be subject to substantive assessment. In justified cases, the Applicant may be requested to complete the application within 24 hours.
7. The substantive assessment of applications shall take into account:
 - a) the conformity of the planned research with the objective of the call, the scope of the research and the possibility of its implementation, including the research schedule and the feasibility of its implementation as well as the implementation potential of the conducted research;
 - b) the substantive quality of the planned research;
 - c) the justification of planned costs in relation to the subject and scope of research;
 - d) achievements of the project promotor;
 - e) the potential of the planned research team and the tasks of its members.
8. Based on the results of the substantive assessment, the Call Committee shall make a ranking list (the application assessment report is attached as annex 2 to these Rules).
9. The selection of applications qualified for funding shall take place at a meeting of representatives of both Scientific Councils for Fields of Science (RNDN), i.e. Physical Sciences and Engineering (ST) and Life Sciences (NZ). Selected applicants may be called to a meeting for the purpose of verifying the cost estimate of the applications.
10. The decision of the call committee shall be final and may not be appealed against.
11. The list of applications selected for funding shall be published on <https://www.umk.pl/idub/wyniki-konkursow/> by 7 May 2020 and sent by e-mail to the address given in the application form.

Article 5

1. Queries regarding the call can be sent to idub@umk.pl.
2. These Rules may be amended only in particularly justified cases and the amendment may not affect adversely the conditions of participation in the call.

Article 6

The order becomes effective as of 10 April 2020.

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