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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: SMART2

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: **SMART2**, 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 through conducting an independent research project or participating in the implementation of a research project conducted at a foreign university or scientific institution, hereinafter referred to as "the institution" as part of internship or placement visits under the Erasmus+ programme.
2. The call for competition applications shall be run on a rolling annual basis until 2025, until the funds allocated for this purpose in the IDUB programme are exhausted.
3. The competition is intended for persons outgoing for internships or placements organised under the Erasmus+ programme for a duration of two to four months.
4. The competition does not release the person from their obligations to participate in the internships or placements implemented under the Erasmus+ programme in which they have undertaken to participate as part of their study visit under the Erasmus+ programme.
5. The applicant shall receive financial support for the implementation of the research project paid from the IDUB funds.
6. The financial support referred to in § 2.4 shall be:

- 1) PLN 95 gross per day for visits to Group 1 countries, i.e. Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom;
 - 2) PLN 90 gross per day for visits to Group 2 countries, i.e. Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain;
 - 3) PLN 85 gross per day for visits to Group 3 countries, i.e. Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Northern Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey.
7. The final amount for the entire duration of the placement shall be determined by multiplying the number of days of stay specified by the applicant by the applicable daily rate for the relevant host country referred to in § 2.6.
 8. In the event the stay is terminated or shortened in relation to that declared in the application, the laureate is obliged to return part of the scholarship in the amount calculated in proportion to the shortened period of stay.
 9. The laureate shall report the cases referred to in § 2.8 to the chair of the IDUB coordinating team within 7 days of their return to their country.
 10. The support shall be paid in PLN and does not include additional benefits offered to participants under the Erasmus+ programme.
 11. Income tax shall be deducted from the financial support received in the competition in accordance with the applicable regulations.

§ 3

1. Applications to the competition must be submitted in accordance with the model attached as Annex No. 1 to this Order using the on-line form available at www.umk.pl/idub.
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. In the case of receiving financial support under the competition, confirmation of the award of the Erasmus+ grant in the form of a financial agreement signed with the University must be delivered to the IDUB Secretariat within one month from the date of signing the agreement.
4. 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.
5. In the event of formal defects in the application, the applicant shall be invited to correct them within a time limit set by the selection committee.
6. In the event that the 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 25 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) status of the institution:
 - a) Young Universities for the Future of Europe (5 points),
 - b) partner university for university centers of excellence (5 points),
 - c) partner University for research teams in emerging fields (5 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 the 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.

§ 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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