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**ORDER No. 81**

**of the Rector of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń**

of 9 April 2021

**Regulations of the Competition for Emerging Fields for granting funds towards cooperation development in the international partnership with leading research institutions under the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" programme.**

Pursuant to art. 52.3 of Resolution No. 37 of the Senate of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń of 16 April 2019 - the Statutes of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Biuletyn Prawny UMK of 2019, item 120 as amended) in connection with order No. 229 of the NCU Rector of 2 November 2020 - Regulations for the organisation and management of the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" programme at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Biuletyn Prawny UMK of 2020, item 392).

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

**Article 1**

1. The competition is organized under the "Excellence Initiative –Research University" programme, hereinafter referred to as "IDUB", at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, hereinafter referred to as the "University".
2. The aim of this competition is to enable research team operating under the emerging research field (EF) establishing and developing long-term cooperation at international level with leading research institutions, in particular:
  - 1) international capacity building by promoting good practices and innovative solutions towards internationalization and being the subject of the Initiative of Excellence - Research University programme;
  - 2) organization of exchange, lectures, study visits at the seat of University or partners including person who is involved in the implementation of research and development work;
  - 3) carrying out research and development academic work of an international dimension with foreign partners;
  - 4) development and implementation of the strategy connected with disseminating the results of research carried out together with foreign partners.

**Article 2**

1. The application for funding may be submitted by a person who belongs to the scientific team of the emerging research field (EF) within three field groups:

- 1) Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences;
  - 2) Exact Sciences, Natural Sciences and Engineering;
  - 3) Life Sciences.
2. Each application referred to in art. 2.1 shall be approved by the chairman of the relevant emerging field.
  3. Within one emerging field, more than one application may be submitted, but only one application regarding a given research field shall be selected for funding.

#### Article 3

1. The budget of the competition shall come from the funds of IDUB for supporting international academic partnerships under the emerging research fields.
2. The maximum amount of funding shall be PLN 60 000.
3. The period of funding for activities indicated in the application for funding from the competition funds shall not exceed 24 months.
4. Within the budget of the competition, the following activities may be financed:
  - 1) arrivals/departures within international partnerships;
  - 2) organization of academic conferences;
  - 3) organization of summer schools, workshops, etc.;
  - 4) introducing other scientific initiatives.
5. The funds allocated within the competition shall be used to cover any necessary costs of the implementation of the activities indicated in Art. 3.4.
6. Detailed catalog of eligible costs and expenditure rules shall be specified by Organizational and management rules of the "Excellence Initiative -Research University" programme at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń.

#### Article 4

1. Submissions for the competition, in accordance with the template attached as the annex to these Rules, must be sent via a dedicated online form available on <https://www.umk.pl/idub>. The approval of the leader of the Emerging Field mentioned in Art. 2.2 shall correspond to the Emerging Field of the application and shall be attached to the submission.
2. Deadline of submission shall expire 30 working days after the day of the competition notice.
3. A submission in English must include the following information:
  - 1) description of the aim accepted for fulfillment;
  - 2) substantive description of activities planned to undertake;
  - 3) description of potential benefits for the University in terms of international cooperation, resulting from the implementation of the planned activities.

#### Article 5

1. Applications shall be evaluated with regard to their formal and substantive aspects by competition committees composed of experts from Scientific Councils for Fields of Science (RNDN) in three field groups:
  - 1) Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences;
  - 2) Exact Sciences, Natural Sciences and Engineering;
  - 3) Life Sciences.
2. Applications that do not meet formal requirements shall not be submitted for further substantive assessment. Where justified, the Applicant may be requested to complete the application within 24 hours.
3. The substantive assessment on a scale of 0-100 points shall include:

- 1) assessment of comparability of the planned activities with the aim of the competition, legitimacy and feasibility of the implementation of the planned objectives to support;
  - 2) assessment of legitimacy of the planned costs in relation to the subject and scope of activities;
  - 3) assessment of the planned activities, including the assumed influence on the international cooperation development of the emerging field to which the Applicant belongs to.
4. Each RNDN shall indicate the laureates who received the best results in the competition procedure. The list of the laureates shall be announced at <https://www.umk.pl/idub/wyniki-konkursow/> no later than the date specified in the schedule of the competition.
  5. Decisions on the award of funding along with the proposal evaluation report shall be delivered by e-mail to the address from which the Applicant's submission to the competition was sent.
  6. The decision of the RNDN shall be subject to the motion for reconsideration of the proposal filed in writing within one week from the date of its delivery to [idub@umk.pl](mailto:idub@umk.pl).
  7. The decision of the RNDN following the motion for reconsideration shall be final.

#### Article 6

1. The funds granted must be spent on the implementation of the project no later than 31 December 2023. Extending the deadline shall result in the loss of the funds in proportion to the period of extension.
2. The RNDN shall settle the awarded funds following the completion of the project on the basis of:
  - 1) the report on the implementation of the undertaking submitted by the Applicant (according to the template available on the website of the project);
  - 2) the assessment of the implementation of the project provided by the leader of the relevant Emerging Field.
3. Both documents shall be completed in English and submitted to the RNDN no later than 30 days following the completion of the project. In the event of a negative assessment of the implementation of the visit, the RNDN may require the Applicant to return all or part of the funds referred to in Art.3.2.

#### Article 7

In matters not regulated by these Rules, the following provisions shall apply accordingly:

- 1) order No.15 of the NCU Rector of 12 February 2019 -Rules for mobility of employees, doctoral students, and students of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Biuletyn Prawny UMK of 2019, item 40).
- 2) order No. 16 of the NCU Rector of 12 February 2019 – Rules for organizing and financing of visits made by guests from abroad to the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Biuletyn Prawny UMK of 2019, item 41 as amended).

#### Article 8

The order becomes effective as of 9 April 2021.

**R E C T O R**

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