



# LEGAL BULLETIN

## NICOLAUS COPERNICUS UNIVERSITY IN TORUŃ

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### ORDER No. 45

by the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

of 22 March 2023

#### **Rules of the Call for Proposals for investments in apparatus under the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" program – second edition**

Pursuant to § 52 section 3 of the Resolution No. 37 by the NCU Senate of 16 April 2019 Statute of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2019 item 120 as amended) in connection to Order No. 225 by the NCU Rector of 16 November 2021 Organizational regulations and rules of management for “Excellence Initiative- research university” program at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2021, item 374 as amended).

**it is provided, as follows:**

#### § 1

1. The calls for proposals are organized under the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" program (*pl IDUB*) in which the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń was awarded the status of a Research University by the decision of the Minister of Science and Higher Education.
2. The objective of the call for proposals is to provide apparatus support for the Excellence Centers(CE) and emerging research fields - Emerging Fields (EF).
3. A pool of funds is provided for the winners of the competition in the period 2023-2026 in the amount of 7.2 million PLN, including:
  - 1) a pool of funds for winners who are members of university Excellence Center - 3.6 million PLN, with a maximum of 720,000 PLN for members of one center;
  - 2) a pool of funds for winners who are members of the EF - 3.6 million PLN.

#### § 2

1. Funds for investment in apparatus may be used for the following purposes:
  - 1) purchase of a new apparatus or a research facility;
  - 2) construction of a new apparatus or a research facility;
  - 3) extension of an existing apparatus or a research facility;
  - 4) modernization of an existing apparatus or a research facility;
  - 5) covering the costs of leasing or hiring of an apparatus;

- 6) covering the costs of access to an apparatus or research infrastructure.
2. The term "apparatus" shall also refer to software.
  3. The maximum amount of funding under the call for proposals for investment in apparatus is 500 000 PLN for a single application for EF and 720 000 PLN for a single application for CD.
  4. The funds may be pooled to cover the costs of an apparatus provided that formal requirements for pooling funds from different sources are met.

### § 3

1. Applications for the competition shall be submitted in English via a dedicated online form available on the program website IDUB [www.umk.pl/idub](http://www.umk.pl/idub).
2. An application shall include the following information:
  - 1) first and last name of the applicant, e-mail address, contact person, research party, affiliation to a specific EF or CE and field (Humanities, Social Sciences and the Arts, Life Sciences, Exact and Natural Sciences), NCU unit (faculty, institute)
  - 2) project title/apparatus name;
  - 3) investment / project type (in accordance with § 2 section 1 of the Rules);
  - 4) planned deadline for implementation/purchase/manufacture (it may not exceed 2 years from the date of submitting the application);
  - 5) amount requested, total cost of the project, own contribution including the source of funding;
  - 6) planned material scope of the investment in apparatus:
    - a) name of scientific and research apparatus,
    - b) number,
    - c) planned unit outlay (in PLN),
    - d) total outlay;
  - 7) description of the planned material scope, including reasons for the planned outlay (in the case of extension or modernization, provide information on the ownership title of the scientific and research apparatus which is subject to the extension – find attached declaration confirming apparatus value;
  - 8) list including a description of scientific research or development works and other activities for which the planned apparatus is essential, particularly with regard to their importance for the implementation of activities under the IDUB program and for the development of national and international collaboration in science;
  - 9) planned results of works and research tasks carried out with the use of the requested apparatus and their significance for the development of the EF/CE and the NCU; indicate the innovativeness of the planned research;
  - 10) information on the applicant's scientific achievements to date related thematically to the planned investment evidencing the period of 4 years preceding the submission of the application (publications, patents, grants or other - maximum 20 items);
  - 11) the possibility for other entities to use the requested apparatus when it is made available to these entities or in the course of the applicant's collaboration with these entities;
  - 12) information that the requested apparatus is not available at the University and that the apparatus is unique at the NCU level;
  - 13) preparation of the applicant to carry out the purchase of the apparatus and use it as well as their preparation to cover the costs of using the apparatus and conducting tests with its use,

- 14) Confirmation of the possibility of funding the contribution by the relevant fund administrator – in case of declaration to pool resources for the purpose of covering the cost of purchase referred to in § 2 section 4 and § 3 section 2 item 5;
  - 15) A GDPR consent statement.
3. The required documents in an electronic form, in accordance with the template in Annex 1 to these Rules, must be submitted to the Director of the relevant CE or the Head of the EF for preliminary approval and opinion.
  4. The relevant head of the university Excellence Center or the head of the research team of the emerging research field shall give a preliminary opinion on the application within 5 working days. Failure to express a position within this period is equivalent to a positive opinion of the application.
  5. Applications shall be evaluated in formal and substantive terms by relevant Scientific Councils for Fields of Sciences, namely Scientific Council for Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts (HS), Scientific Council for Exact and Natural Sciences (ST) of Scientific Council for Life Sciences (NZ).
  6. Applications that do not meet formal requirements shall not be submitted for further substantive evaluation; where justified, the Applicant may be requested to complete the application within time limit of 24 hours.
  7. Substantive evaluation of applications shall be conducted according to the following criteria:
    - 1) the scientific level of research conducted by the applicant– maximum 33 points;
    - 2) the anticipated results of the work and planned research tasks carried out using the requested apparatus and their significance for the development of EF, CD and the University, as well as an indication of the innovativeness of the planned research – maximum 20 points;
    - 3) the legitimacy of the purchase of apparatus from the point of view of ongoing or planned research – maximum 15 points;
    - 4) the possibility of co-financing the work or tasks to be carried out from other sources – maximum 10 points;
    - 5) uniqueness of the apparatus requested– maximum 10 points;
    - 6) the possibility of using the apparatus provided for funding by other entities, especially entities of the University, in connection with its planned provision or as part of the applicant's cooperation with these entities – maximum 7 points;
    - 7) applicant's readiness for the purchase of the apparatus and its use, as well as covering the costs of using the purchased apparatus and conducting research with it– maximum 5 points.
  8. On the basis of conducted substantive evaluation, relevant Scientific Councils for Fields of Sciences shall prepare ranking lists and recommend winners, separately for applications submitted under CD and EF.
  9. The decision to award funding shall be made by the Rector on the basis of the submitted ranking lists, after consultation with the IDUB coordinating team.
  10. The list of winners shall be announced on [www.umk.pl/idub](http://www.umk.pl/idub) by the date specified in the announcement, and participants in the competition receive the decision together with the application evaluation sheet by e-mail to the address from which the competition application was sent.
  11. The Rector's negative decision may be appealed against in a written form within 7 days of the decision's delivery, The appeal should be sent to: e-mail [aparatura@umk.pl](mailto:aparatura@umk.pl).
  12. The Rector's decision issued after the appeal shall be final.

#### § 4

By submitting the application, the Applicant accepts these Rules.

§ 5

The order comes into force on 22 March 2023.

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