



# LEGAL BULLETIN

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**Order No. 128**

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

of 18 August 2022

**Rules of competition for research grants for research groups under „Excellence Initiative – Research University” program.**

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 relations to Order No. 229 by the NCU Rector of 16 November 2021 Organizational and management rules 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:

### **Chapter 1**

#### **Aim and objective of the competition**

##### **§ 1**

1. The competition is organized within the framework of the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" (IDUB) program.
2. The aim of the competition is to select IDUB scientific groups and to support the development of their scientific activities in line with the four most important goals of the University as a research university (4xI@NCU), which are internationalization, interdisciplinarity, innovation and integrity. No more than 5 groups in each field group shall be selected: i.e. humanities, social and arts sciences, life sciences, and science and technology.
3. The selected IDUB scientific groups shall be characterized by significant scientific potential confirmed by publications in recognized journals and monographs published by prestigious publishing houses.
4. The winner of the competition - the IDUB scientific group will receive support in the amount of PLN 200,000 for a period of 3 years of operation, i.e. from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

### **Chapter 2**

#### **Rules of the competition**

##### **§ 2**

1. The competition is open to scientific teams operating at the University. The members of these teams demonstrate (for the last 5 years): documented scientific activity, activity in acquiring

external funds, patents, commercialization of research results and activity in international cooperation. The competition is open to interdisciplinary teams.

2. The prerequisite for a team to enter the competition is the submission of a plan for the development of scientific potential for a period of 3 years, i.e. from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. Teams that are winners of the competition shall be granted the status of an IDUB scientific group.
3. The submitted composition of the scientific team shall list all persons who will be involved in the work of the team from January 1, 2023.
4. The composition of the scientific team shall include up to 10 persons. Each reporting scientific team shall include in its composition employees of the University employed in the research and research and teaching group, including persons with less than 7 years of doctoral degree and at least one person from the University's doctoral school. The team may include persons studying at the University, who are not counted when determining the numerical composition of the team.
5. One may belong only to one research team forming an IDUB research group.
6. A person submitted to a research team may not be part of a university Excellence Center established within IDUB and also newly established research teams of emerging research fields.
7. Each submitted scientific team shall indicate the candidacy of the person heading the IDUB research group.

### **Chapter 3** **The course of the competition**

#### § 3

1. The application for the competition within the relevant Scientific Council for a Field of Science, i.e., the Council for the Humanities, Social Sciences and the Arts (HS), the Council for Exact and Technical Sciences (ST), or the Council for Life Sciences (NZ), in accordance with the form attached as Annex No. 1 to the Rules, shall be made electronically by the date indicated in the schedule of IDUB competitions. The form will be made available after the announcement of the competition [www.umk.pl/idub](http://www.umk.pl/idub).
2. The application shall be submitted in English.
3. The application shall include:
  - 1) the name of the team, the name of the candidate to lead the research team, a list of the people who make up the research team, specifying the position (employee, including up to 7 years after the doctorate, doctoral school student, student) and the role in the team, if specified;
  - 2) an indication of the main research area to which the IDUB scientific group will be assigned (humanities, social and arts sciences, life sciences or science and technology);
  - 3) a list of a maximum of 10 scientific publications of the team members from the last 5 years, indicating publications that are listed in bibliometric databases Web of Science or Scopus, and monographs or edited monographs from the level II list of the MEiN or chapters that have appeared in such monographs; the list should document the research activities of all of them, excluding doctoral students and undergraduates;
  - 4) a list of the 10 most important scientific accomplishments of the team members over the past 5 years, including awards won, research projects obtained, fellowships; wykaz 10 najważniejszych aktywności naukowych zrealizowanych w ostatnich 5 latach, w tym współpraca z partnerami zagranicznymi (należy podać nazwę instytucji oraz kraj), zorganizowane konferencje, warsztaty, szkoły letnie;

- 5) a description of the planned development of the research team, with a timetable and cost estimate, in terms of: internationalization of research, seeking external funding for research in the next 3 years and in the long term, and the development of research staff with less than 7 years of a doctoral degree, doctoral students and students; the description should explain the importance of the proposed research in science and its relevance;
  - 6) plans to take advantage of the support provided by the IDUB Science Groups competition and other IDUB initiatives;
  - 7) GDPR consent statements from all team members;
  - 8) optional: letters of support for the scientific team and its scientific plans, especially in the context of the planned collaboration, from domestic or foreign collaborators - a maximum of 3
4. The description referred to in section 3 item 6 shall include the development indicators that the scientific team plans to achieve in the period from 1.01.2023 to 31.12.2025, including: the planned number of scientific articles, the planned number of monographs, the planned number of applications in competitions for national and international grants, the planned number of patents and patent applications, and the number of conferences and other scientific events that the team plans to organize. An obligatory element of the development plan is the submission of an application in a competition organized by the National Science Center or the National Center for Research and Development.
  5. The submitted applications are evaluated in terms of form and content by the relevant councils for fields of science.
  6. Substantive evaluation of an application shall be conducted according to the following criteria:
    - 1) evaluation of the accomplishments of the research team members: maximum 35 points;
    - 2) evaluation of activities planned for implementation: maximum 35 pts;
    - 3) evaluation of past effectiveness in obtaining external funds, patents and commercialization of research results: maximum 20 points;
    - 4) assessment of the extent of international cooperation of the research team members, documented by international publications and projects: maximum 10 pts.
  7. Applications that do not meet formal requirements shall not be subject to substantive evaluation; in justified cases, it is permissible to call on applicants to supplement their applications within 48 hours.
  8. Applications shall be evaluated and a ranking list shall be prepared by the relevant council for a field of science, which shall recommend no more than five awardees in a given field group who received the best results in the competition procedure.
  9. The decision to award funding is made by the Rector on the basis of the submitted ranking lists, after consulting with the IDUB coordination team.
  10. The list of winners shall be announced at [www.umk.pl/idub](http://www.umk.pl/idub) by the date indicated in the announcement, and those participating in the competition shall receive the decision together with the application evaluation chart (according to the template specified in Annex 2) by e-mail to the address from which the team's application to the competition was sent
  11. From a negative decision of the Rector, the applicant is entitled to a request for reconsideration filed in writing within 7 days of the date of delivery of the decision to the address [grupynaukoweIDUB@umk.pl](mailto:grupynaukoweIDUB@umk.pl).
  12. The decision of the Rector issued as a result of an application for reconsideration shall be final.

**Chapter 4**  
**Supervision of research groups' activities**

§ 4

1. The operations of the IDUB research teams shall be subject to annual monitoring by the field councils (annual report in accordance with the model set forth in Appendix No. 3) and evaluation in the last quarter of 2025 according to the team's achievements in relation to the development plan underlying the acquisition of IDUB research group status.

**Chapter 5**  
**Final provisions**

§ 5

1. Questions regarding the project may be sent to: [grupynaukoweIDUB@umk.pl](mailto:grupynaukoweIDUB@umk.pl).
2. Sending an application is equivalent to acceptance of these Rules.

§ 6

The Order comes into force on 18 August 2022.

**R E C T O R**

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