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by the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

of 17 January 2022

Regulations of „Excellence Initiative– Debuts” competition under „Excellence Initiative– Research University” (IDUB) 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 relation to Order No. 225 by the NCU Rector of 16 November 2021, Organization and management rules of “Excellence Initiative – Research University” program at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Legal Bulletin of 2021 item 374 as amended)

it is provided as follows:

§ 1

„Excellence Initiative– Debuts” (ID – Debiuty) competition, hereinafter referred to as the „competition”, is organised under the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" programme (*pl. IDUB*) in which the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, hereinafter referred to as "the University", by decision of the Minister of Science and Higher Education was granted the status of a Research University.

§ 2

1. The purpose of the competition is to support the development of scientific activities in line with the University's four major goals as a research university (4xI@NCU), which are internationalization, interdisciplinarity, innovation and integrity. This includes all kinds of preliminary, exploratory, pilot research, queries, research internships, research trips, active participation in scientific conferences or consulting trips. Funding does not include salary increases for the implementation of a scientific activity.
2. The competition is aimed at researchers at the University who are not currently managing and have not in the last 5 years managed their own research grant obtained from external funds from the National Science Center (NCN), the Ministry of Education and Science (MEiN), the National Program for the Development of the Humanities (NPRH), the National Center for Research and Development (NCBR), the Foundation for Polish Science (FNP) or the National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA).
3. Applicants shall not be members of University Centers of Excellence or Emerging Fields research teams established at the University under IDUB.

4. The amount of funding for one project awarded under the competition shall not exceed 50.000 PLN (fifty thousand PLN).
5. Editions of the competition shall be organized at least once a year until 2025, until the funds allocated for this purpose in the IDUB program are exhausted.

§ 3

1. Recruitment in the competition shall be conducted in three separate groups, constituted by:
 - 1) young scientists within the meaning of Article 360 section 2 of the Act of July 20, 2018. - Law on higher education and science (Journal of Laws of 2021, item 478 as amended) who have the doctoral degree and are employees of the University;
 - 2) academic teachers who are under 50 years of age on the day of submitting the application,
 - 3) academic teachers who meet the criteria set forth in item 1 or 2, who in the last 3 years have given birth or raised a child using maternity or parental leave.
2. During the course of IDUB program, an applicant may obtain funding in the competition only once.
3. Entries for the competition, in accordance with the template attached as Annex No. 1 to these Regulations, shall be submitted using the dedicated online form made available at www.umk.pl/idub by the deadline indicated in the competition announcement. The application prepared in English should include:
 - 1) applicant's details (name, surname, faculty, unit, discipline, date of birth, date of graduation, date of obtaining a doctoral degree, date of obtaining a postdoctoral degree, telephone number, e-mail address);
 - 2) a list of the applicant's 3 most important scientific publications within the last 5 years, affiliated at the University;
 - 3) a list of the applicant's 10 most important scientific achievements and activities from the last 5 years, including received awards, scholarships, involvement in the work of science clubs, successes of students and doctoral students, participation in the organization of conferences, workshops, scientific schools, speeches at prestigious conferences, participation in research projects, etc.
 - 4) information on the research areas from Web of Science that best describe the applicant's research interests (maximum of 3), indicating whether at least one of them falls within the areas by which university centers of excellence are evaluated;
 - 5) project's scientific description (objectives, current state of knowledge, innovativeness);
 - 6) indication of the proposed names of research activities (§ 2 section1) with their description, total amount, cost estimate and justification of the planned expenditures;
 - 7) description of the planned direction of own scientific development;
 - 8) a list of applications for grants to the agencies listed in § 2 section 2 of the Regulations, for which the applicant has applied in the last 5 years with information on the title of the project, the name of the program and the agency, along with a note at which stage of verification the application was rejected;
 - 9) applicant's signed declaration in accordance with Annex No.2 to these Regulations.
4. Submission of an application is tantamount to acceptance of these Regulations.
5. An application is subject to formal and substantive evaluation conducted by a relevant Scientific Council for a Field of Science, in three field groups:
 - 1) Humanities, Social Sciences, Arts;
 - 2) Physical Sciences and Engineering;
 - 3) Life Sciences.

6. Applications that do not meet formal requirements shall not proceed to further substantive assessment. In justified cases the applicant may be called to complete the application within 24 hours.
7. For the purpose of substantive assessment, a scale of 0-100 points shall be adopted.
8. Each Scientific Council for a Field of Science prepares a ranking list of competition participants, which is submitted to the Rector via the head of the Coordinating Team.
9. The coordinating team reviews the ranking lists submitted by the Scientific Councils for the Field of Science and recommends the winners of the competition (at least 7 people in each edition), who received the best results in the course of competition proceedings.
10. The competition is settled by the Rector's decision.
11. The list of successful applicants shall be announced at www.umk.pl/idub on the date indicated in the announcement.
12. Information about the result of the competition shall be sent to the applicant by e-mail to the address from which the competition application was sent.
13. The winners of the competition receive financial support in the form of a grant for the implementation of the project submitted to the competition. The awarding of funds is done by opening a financial limit and granting authorization to dispose of the funds, which is notified to the winner by the IDUB Secretary's Office.
14. The winners of the competition are additionally given the opportunity to receive substantive support in the preparation of grant applications from internal experts selected as part of the "Excellence Initiative– Expert" program at the University, without the need to file a separate application.
15. The list of successful applicants may be expanded and funded from the budget of university centers of excellence with the approval of the head of the relevant center, in cases where the research areas represented by the applicant are within the scope of the center's activities.

§ 4

1. A project which has received financial support in the competition must be implemented within 12 months from the moment the winner is authorized to dispose of the funds granted for its implementation, unless the competition announcement states otherwise. The outcomes of the project should be:
 - 1) submitting a grant application to one of the following institutions: NCN, NCBR, NPRH, FNP, NAWA;
 - 2) preparing an article for publication within 3 months of the project's completion;
 - 3) participation in at least one training in soft competences conducted under the IDUB program at the University;
 - 4) mobility competition entry in case of groups referred to in § 3 section 5 items 1 and 2 of the Regulations.
2. The project report shall be submitted, in accordance with the model constituting Annex No. 3 to these Regulations, within 6 months from the date of completion of the project, to the Department of Science at Nicolaus Copernicus University or the Department of Science and International Projects at the Nicolaus Copernicus University CM.

§ 5

1. The rector's decision may be appealed in writing within seven days of the announcement of the results to the following address: debiuty@umk.pl.
2. The Rector's decision after considering the appeal is final.

§ 6

1. Order No. 47 by the NCU Rector of 1 April 2020 Regulations of "Excellence Initiative - Debuts" competition under "Excellence Initiative- Research University" program (IDUB) (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2020 item. 105) is hereby revoked.
2. The Order comes into force on 17 January 2022.

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