

FAQ Grants4NCUstudents

1. Do all documents have to be prepared in English (including CV, description of achievements and opinion of the supervisor)?

Yes, according to the Rules par. 5(2) all documents have to be prepared in English.

2. Do all projects have to have international character?

There is no such requirement regarding the project. But the trip should relate to international conferences.

3. Does the research project budget have to include only costs, which will be included in invoices?

In most cases - yes. Purchase of materials, reagents, equipment and conference fees, etc. must be documented.

4. Can I pay for the delegation by private means of transport to the location of the study from the received funding?

If such an item in the cost estimate is well justified, it can be financed.

5. Is a trip to a foreign library for a research query treated as a trip or as a research project?

„Trip” in the Rules means a trip to the international conference, exhibition or international competition.

6. Are there guidelines for what may / may not be included in the cost estimate?

What cost I can apply for as part of the internship?

There is no strict cost catalog for the Grants4NCUStudents competition, however, the planned expenditure cannot be inconsistent with the Order No. 238 of the Rector of the Nicolaus Copernicus University of 2 November 2020 (Organisational and management rules of the "Excellence Initiative - Research University").

The cost estimate can include: purchase of equipment, other fixed assets, materials and services provided by external entities necessary for the implementation of the program, participation in conferences.

Grants4NCUStudents competition does not provide the financing of salaries.

7. Does the project description refer to objectives as research objectives (e.g. study some classification) or practical objectives (e.g. article publishing)? The same if we talk about „expected effects” – as a research objectives (e.x. expected results) or practical objectives?

The aim of the project should be understood as the research aims. However, expected results is both expected results (in general) and e.g. publication.

8. Are there separate budgets for research projects for students and doctoral students? Are there separate budgets for people who are in and out of Emerging Fields? Are all applications evaluated together?

There is one budget for all applications in this competition. However, the winners of the competition are selected, within each field, in six groups: 1) individual project applications from students; 2) individual project applications from doctoral students; 3) team project applications; 4) individual trip applications from students; 5) individual trip applications from doctoral students; 6) team trip applications.

9. If the project involves inviting several artists to collaborate, can I also include a salary for them in the cost estimate?

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11. Should I include any confirmation of achievements (e.g. scans of articles, certificates) or just a list of them?

The applicants should attach a list. If the competition committee wants to know the details, the applicant will receive information by e-mail.

12. Is the amount of the grant PLN 5 000 a net/gross amount?

This is the gross amount.

13. Does the publication set out in the project have to be published within 12 months (in which the project must be carried out according to the Rules) or is it sufficient to submit it within this time?

There is no such requirement. It is important to note the fact, publication of the project results is taken into account when evaluating the next application-applied in next editions of the competition.

14. Does the publication have to be created as a result of the project?

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15. Who is a member of the expert committee?

Scientific and teaching staff from the Nicolaus Copernicus University, who represents the disciplines to which the projects relate.

16. What number of projects will be funded in the competition?

There is no specific number of projects to be financed. The number of projects funded depends primarily on their quality as expressed by the high ratings of reviewers, but also on the number of different types of applications (individual or team).

17. Can I pay for the trip to another part of Poland to make a query and the development of monuments from the received funding?

Yes, according to the Rules as part of the research project.

18. Who can I contact for questions/doubts about the competition?

Questions should be sent by e-mail to:

Grants4NCUStudents@umk.pl.

19. How detailed should be the work plan and cost estimate?

According to the Rules only the number of pages of the annexes is limited. However, the level of details of the description and the cost estimate is entirely up to the applicant.

20. Can I propose an idea for a preliminary study, which I am going to apply then for funding as part of a larger project in the next edition of the Preludium to NCN?

The notified project may concern preliminary studies for a larger research task.

21. Should I include in my application the fact, I would like to apply for bigger grant?

And this project will be a part of the whole.

There is no such requirement.

22. Do the students who are graduate this academic year in June can take part in this competition?

The duration of the grant is 12 months, so part of the project would be implemented after graduation. The project should be completed in the course of studies with the status of a student / doctoral student.

23. Is it possible to apply with exactly the same application and the same attachments, which received a negative decision and lack of funding in the previous edition of the competition?

The regulations do not prohibit this, but if there were any comments, objections, suggestions in the evaluation sheet - it would be better if the authors took them into account.

24. Is it possible to participate in two team applications at the same time, i.e. in one team to be its manager, and in the other to be a member of the team?

You can't. These are two team applications (regardless of the role played) that is, not in accordance with the regulations.

25. For visit applications - is it mandatory to attach to the application a document confirming participation in the event, e.g. in a conference?

It is not necessary to attach a document at the application stage, unless the applicant already has one. On the other hand, you need to provide it before receiving funding.

26. What about applications for visit with a very close deadline, e.g., a month after the end of the call?

In such cases, you should choose trips with a more "safe" deadline, i.e., take into account the time until the announcement of the results, that is the time of receipt of applications and their evaluation and the Rector's decision (a total of 2 to 2.5 months). Visits can be implemented only after the announcement of the results of the competition.