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of the Rector of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

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Regulations of the student mobility competition at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń Student Mobility for InternationAl CoopeRaTion: SMART1

Pursuant to art. 52 section 3 of resolution No. 37 of the NCU Senate of 16 April 2019 – Statutes of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2019, item 120 as amended) in connection with order No. 225 of the NCU Rector of 16 November 2021 - Regulations for the organisation and management principles of the "Excellence initiative - research university" programme at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2021, item 374, as amended)

it is provided as follows:

§ 1

Student mobility competition at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń "Student Mobility for InternationAl CoopeRaTion: SMART1, hereinafter referred to as "the competition", is organised under the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" programme (IDUB) in which the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, hereinafter referred to as " the University", was awarded the status of the Research University by the decision of the Minister of Science and Higher Education.

§ 2

1. The objective of the competition is to enable students at the University to gain international research experience through conducting an independent research project or participating in the implementation of a research project conducted at a foreign university or scientific institution, hereinafter referred to as "the institution" as part of learning visits under the Erasmus+ programme.
2. A maximum of two editions of the competition per year are planned until 2025, until the funds allocated for this purpose in the IDUB programme are exhausted.
3. Participation in the competition does not release the student from their obligations to participate in the learning activities in which they have undertaken to participate as part of their study visit under the Erasmus+ programme.
4. A research project is supported financially from the IDUB funds.
5. The scholarship referred to in paragraph 1 shall be:

- 1) PLN 80 gross per day for visits to Group 1 countries, i.e. Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom;
 - 2) PLN 75 gross per day for visits to Group 2 countries, i.e. Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain;
 - 3) PLN 70 gross per day for visits to Group 3 countries, i.e. Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Northern Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, Hungary.
6. Subject to section 9, the final amount of the scholarship for the entire period of the internship shall be determined by multiplying the number of days of stay specified by the applicant by the applicable daily rate for the host country referred to in section 5.
 7. In the event the stay is terminated or shortened in relation to that declared in the application, the laureate is obliged to return part of the scholarship in the amount calculated in proportion to the shortened period of stay.
 8. The cases referred to in section 7 shall be reported by the laureate to the chairman of the IDUB coordination team within 7 days after returning to the country.
 9. The number of days for which a scholarship may be obtained in one edition of the competition may not exceed 180. For trips lasting more than 180 days, it is possible to apply for additional financial support for the same trip in the next edition of the competition, but the total number of days for which additional financial support for the same trip may be obtained in different editions of the competition may not exceed the total number of days of stay specified by the applicant. The provision of section 7 shall apply accordingly.
 10. The stipend is paid in PLN currency and does not include additional benefits offered to participants by the Erasmus+ program. Income tax will be deducted from the amount of the scholarship obtained in the competition, in accordance with the applicable regulations.

§ 3

1. Applications for the competition, in accordance with the form attached as Annex No. 1 to this Order, shall be sent using the online form provided at www.umk.pl/idub by the date specified in the competition announcement.
2. A competition application should include:
 - 1) CV with a list of accomplishments, including the applicant's academic activity (maximum 1 A4 page);
 - 2) a certificate of the grade point average obtained in the previous academic year, issued by the dean's office of the faculty in which the applicant is studying;
 - 3) a letter of motivation or recommendation from an academic supervisor employed at the University with a justification of how the trip will affect the applicant's academic development (maximum 1 A4 page);
 - 4) GDPR consent statement.
3. If the applicant plans to carry out a research project or participate in research work carried out at the institution to which they are going, the application should also include the following:
 - 1) a description of the independent research project or participation in research work conducted at the institution, detailing the applicant's role in its implementation (maximum 1 A4 page);
 - 2) written consent of the host institution to carry out an independent research project or participate in research work conducted at the institution.
4. In case of obtaining a scholarship within the competition, confirmation of the award of an Erasmus+ scholarship in the form of a financial agreement signed with the University must be delivered to the IDUB Secretary Office within one month from the date of signing the agreement.
5. Applications submitted under the competition shall be evaluated by a competition committee appointed by the IDUB coordination team. The committee is composed of experts representing each of the three field groups: (1) Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences,

- (2) Physical Sciences & Engineering and (3) Life Sciences, the coordinator of the Erasmus+ program at the University, and at least one representative of IDUB Work Team No. 2.
6. In the case of formal deficiencies in the application, the applicant shall be called upon to correct them within the time limit set by the selection committee.
 7. If the deficiencies are not supplemented within the prescribed period, the application shall be left without consideration.

§ 4

1. The substantive assessment of applications shall take into account the following:
 - 1) applicant's scientific activity to date (from 0 to 35 points);
 - 2) grade average point from the last year of studies (average grade point multiplied by 5, up to 25 points);
 - 3) Commitment and motivation to scientific work on the basis of the applicant's letter of motivation or a recommendation from a research supervisor employed at the University with a justification of how the trip will affect the applicant's scientific development (from 0 to 10 points);
 - 4) status of the institution:
 - a) Young Universities for the Future of Europe (5 points),
 - b) a partner university of University Excellence Centers (5 points),
 - c) partner University for research teams in emerging fields (5 points);
 - 5) substantive value of the research project (from 0 to 15 points). The Application assessment form is attached as Annex 2 to this order.
2. The competition committee prepares a ranking list of competition applicants, which it submits to the rector through the head of the IDUB coordinating team.
3. The coordinating team reviews the ranking lists submitted by the competition committee and recommends the winners of the competition.
4. The competition shall be decided by the rector by decision.
5. The lists of competition winners shall be announced at www.umk.pl/idub by the date indicated in the announcement. The decision and evaluation sheet are sent by e-mail to the address provided in the application form.
6. The trip that is the subject of the application must take place no later than within 12 months from the announcement of the decision of the competition committee.

§ 5

1. The applicant may request the Rector's decision to be reconsidered by sending a written request (a scan of the signed document) to mobilnosc_ds@umk.pl no later than 7 days after receiving the decision.
2. The request may be based solely on the grounds of a breach of the competition regulations.
3. The decision of the Rector issued following the request to reconsider the application shall be final.

§ 6

1. The laureates are obliged to take out insurance at their own expense for the duration of their stay abroad with regard to:
 - a) medical expenses or health insurance,
 - b) personal accident insurance,
 - c) civil liability insurance relevant to the activities performed in connection with the implementation of an independent research project or participation in research work conducted at a foreign institution.
2. Payment of the scholarship shall be conditional on the presentation to the organizers of the competition of a contract concluded with an insurer within the scope referred to in section 1 letters a-c.

§ 7

1. The person who has been granted financial support under the competition is obliged to submit to the chair of the IDUB coordinating team a report on the completed visit approved by the scientific supervisor employed at the University within 2 months from the date of return.
2. The Organizer is entitled to amend the provisions of these Regulations. The Organizer shall each time inform about any amendments to these Regulations by publishing a new version at www.umk.pl/www.umk.pl/idub.

§ 8

Order No. 188 by the NCU Rector of 2 December 2022 Regulations of the student mobility competition at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń Mobility for International Cooperation: SMART1 (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2022 item 313) is hereby revoked.

§ 9

The Order comes into force on 19 July 2023.

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