



# LEGAL BULLETIN

## NICOLAS COPERNICUS UNIVERSITY IN TORUŃ

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### ORDER No. 18

by the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń u

from 27th January 2026.

#### **Regulations of the competition ‘Grants for European Grants’ under the programme ‘Excellence Initiative – Research University’**

Pursuant to Article 52.3 of Resolution No. 37 of the Senate of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń of 16 April 2019 on the Statutes of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2024, item 10, as amended), in conjunction with Order No. 14 of the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń of 22 January 2026 on the organisational regulations and management principles of the programme ‘Excellence Initiative – Research University’ at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2026, item 20).

**it is provided** as follows:

#### Article 1

1. The competition is organised at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, hereinafter referred to as the ‘University’, as part of the programme ‘Excellence Initiative – Research University’, hereinafter referred to as ‘IDUB’.
2. The aim of the competition is to increase the number of international research grants under the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions or other prestigious programmes, in particular those funded by the European Commission, by providing financial support to academic staff for the preparation of such grant applications.
3. The support referred to in Article 1.2 is provided on the basis of an application for funding for the preparation of research grants, hereinafter referred to as the ‘application’.
4. As a result of the implementation of the application, it is required to submit to the relevant institution a research grant proposal under the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, or other prestigious programmes, in particular those funded by the European Commission.

#### Article 2

1. The application may be submitted by an academic staff member, hereinafter referred to as the ‘Applicant’, employed at the University as their primary place of work, who intends to apply for a research grant under the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, or another prestigious programme, in particular one funded by the European Commission, as:
  - 1) Coordinator,
  - 2) Consortium leader,
  - 3) Work package leader (WP Leader),
  - 4) Sole applicant,

- 5) Representative of the University as the host institution for a European Research Council grant or a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Individual Fellowship.
2. In the event that funding for the preparation of a research grant is awarded, the Applicant becomes the project manager responsible for its implementation in accordance with the submitted application.
3. In particularly justified cases, the Rector may allow an Applicant who does not occupy any of the roles referred to in Article 2.1 to participate in the competition.
4. Each application referred to in Article 2.1 requires the approval of the head of the organisational unit in which the Applicant is employed.

#### Article 3

1. The competition is funded from IDUB resources.
2. The maximum amount of funding for an application is PLN 60,000.00.
3. The funding period for activities related to the preparation of a research grant, as specified in the application, shall be no shorter than 2 months and no longer than 12 months.
4. The commencement of the activities referred to in Article 3.3 may take place no earlier than the date of submission of the application to the competition.
5. Eligible costs under the competition are governed by the Catalogue of Eligible Costs, which constitutes Annex No. 1 to the Regulations.
6. Costs incurred under the awarded funding shall be considered eligible provided that an application for a research grant under the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, or another prestigious programme, in particular one funded by the European Commission, is submitted and that the application receives a positive formal evaluation.
7. The eligibility period for costs begins 12 months prior to the submission of an application for a research grant under the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, or another prestigious programme, in particular one funded by the European Commission, and ends on the date of completion of activities specified in the application.
8. Costs incurred in connection with the preparation of a research grant are reimbursed under the competition on the basis of the relevant financial documents and in accordance with the University's Accounting Policy.
9. Funding under the competition 'Grants for European Grants' is awarded until the allocation earmarked for this purpose in the IDUB budget is exhausted.

#### Article 4

1. The submission of applications in the competition is continuous.
2. Applications to the competition, in accordance with the template set out in Annex No. 2 to the Regulations, must be submitted using the dedicated online form available on the IDUB programme website.
3. An attachment to the application is the approval of the head of the organisational unit in which the Applicant is employed, referred to in Article 2.4.
4. The application in English shall include the following information:
  - 1) A curriculum vitae in which the Applicant describes their scientific activities, obtained degrees and titles, research internships and fellowships, and membership in scientific societies and organisations;
  - 2) A list of completed and ongoing research projects, including information on the source of funding, their budgets, and the Applicant's role in the project (project manager or participant);
  - 3) A list of the five most important publications published in the last five years;
  - 4) Copies (scans or electronic versions) of three of the publications referred to in point 3, which the Applicant considers to be their most significant achievements;
  - 5) A project, which includes:

- a) a description of the research grant application that the Applicant intends to submit under the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, or another prestigious programme, in particular one funded by the European Commission,
- b) a description of the activities that the Applicant plans to undertake in order to complete the research grant application referred to in point (a) and submit it under the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, or another prestigious programme, in particular one funded by the European Commission.

#### Article 5

1. The formal and substantive evaluation is carried out by the competent field council, in accordance with the declaration made by the Applicant in the application. The council shall provide its assessment within 30 days of the submission of a formally correct application.
2. Applications that do not meet the formal requirements shall not undergo substantive evaluation. In justified cases, the Applicant may be requested to complete the application within 7 days.
3. The substantive evaluation, conducted on a scale of 0–100 points, includes:
  - 1) An assessment of the Applicant's scientific profile;
  - 2) An assessment of the project submitted by the Applicant, which includes:
    - a) an evaluation of the outline of the application that the Applicant intends to submit under the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, or another prestigious programme, in particular one funded by the European Commission; and
    - b) an evaluation of the activities that the Applicant plans to undertake in order to complete and submit this application under the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, or another prestigious programme, in particular one funded by the European Commission.
4. The field council submits to the Rector an evaluation of the application along with a recommendation and justification for either funding or rejecting the application.
5. The decision on the award of funding is made by the Rector.
6. The decision on the award of funding, together with the application evaluation form, shall be sent by e-mail to the address from which the Applicant submitted their application to the competition.

#### Article 6

1. An appeal against the Rector's decision may be submitted in writing within 7 days from the date of receipt of the decision to the following address: idub@umk.pl. The appeal may be based solely on a violation of the rules governing the conduct of the competition.
2. The Rector's decision, following the consideration of the appeal, is final.

#### Article 7

1. The Applicant, who upon the award of funds becomes the project manager, is responsible for carrying out the activities specified in the application in accordance with the approved budget and the rules set out in these Regulations.
2. The IDUB programme forwards all documentation related to the implementation of the application to the International Projects Section for financial control and verification of the eligibility of incurred expenses.
3. The organisational unit in which the project is implemented provides its administrative and financial support.
4. The settlement of the awarded funding shall take place no later than 31 December 2026, on the basis of:

- 1) The report on the implementation of the project submitted by the Applicant (using the form available on the project website);
  - 2) A document confirming the submission of a research grant application under the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, or another prestigious programme, in particular one funded by the European Commission;
  - 3) A document confirming the positive formal evaluation of the research grant application under the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, or another prestigious programme, in particular one funded by the European Commission.
5. The acceptance or rejection of the report is made by the field council.
  6. The project report shall be accepted, and its costs considered eligible, provided that a formally correct application for funding of a research grant under the European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, or another prestigious programme, in particular one funded by the European Commission, has been submitted.
  7. In the event that the report is not accepted, the project costs shall be deemed ineligible, and the project considered unimplemented. All costs shall then be borne from the budget of the organisational unit in which the project was carried out.
  8. Grants may be implemented until 30 November 2026.
  9. Failure to submit the project report will result in the inability to participate in subsequent competitions under the IDUB programme.

#### Article 8

Order No. 120 of the Rector of NCU of 29 April 2021 on the Regulations of the competition 'Grants for European Grants' under the programme 'Excellence Initiative – Research University' (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2021, item 180) is hereby repealed.

#### Article 9

The Order shall enter into force on 27 January 2026.

**R E C T O R**

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