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by the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

from 27th January 2026.

Regulations of the competition for mobility grants for experienced research and research-and-teaching staff under the ‘Excellence Initiative – Research University’ programme

Pursuant to Article 52.3 of Resolution No. 37 of the Senate of Nicolaus Copernicus University of 16 April 2019, Statute of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin 2024, item 10, as amended), and Rector’s Order No. 14 of 22 January 2026 on the Organizational Regulations and Management Principles of the ‘Excellence Initiative – Research University’ programme at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin 2026, item 20).

it is provided as follows:

Article 1

1. The competition is organized at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, hereinafter referred to as the ‘University’, under the ‘Excellence Initiative – Research University’ programme, hereinafter referred to as ‘IDUB’.
2. The aim of the competition is to enable experienced researchers employed at the University to gain international research experience through short-term visits to recognized foreign research institutions.

Article 2

1. The competition is open to individuals employed at the University in the position of Professor or University Professor.
2. The competition is also open to individuals employed at the University in the position of Assistant Professor or Assistant, provided they obtained a doctoral degree more than three years prior to submitting the application.

Article 3

1. Visits funded through the competition shall last from 2 to 4 weeks.
2. The budget of the visit consists of travel and accommodation and subsistence expenses, calculated as lump sums depending on the distance from Toruń or from Bydgoszcz to the destination and the duration of the stay:
 - 1) Travel:

Distance (km) in a straight line between Toruń or Bydgoszcz and the travel destination	Amount per person
Below 500	PLN 1 300.00
500 - 999	PLN 2 600.00
1 000 – 2 999	PLN 3 900.00
3 000 – 5 999	PLN 5 200.00
6 000 – 9 000	PLN 6 500.00
Above 9 000	PLN 7 800.00

- 2) Accommodation and subsistence expenses:
 - a) PLN 857.00 for each day of stay in OECD countries,
 - b) PLN 643.00 for each day of stay in non-OECD countries;
- 3) Social security contributions (ZUS) and advance income tax payments will be deducted from the paid lump sums.
3. In particularly justified cases, the Rector may increase the lump sum rates referred to in Article 3.2.1 and 3.2.2.
4. In the case of applying higher lump sum rates, it is permissible to finance them from other sources.

Article 4

1. Applications for subsequent editions of the competition, in accordance with the template attached to the Regulations, must be submitted using the dedicated online form within the deadline specified in the competition schedule published on the IDUB programme website.
2. The application in English must include the following information:
 - 1) A curriculum vitae in which the Applicant describes their scientific activity, obtained degrees and titles, research stays and fellowships, and membership in scientific societies and organizations – maximum three pages;
 - 2) A list of completed and ongoing research projects, including information on the source of funding, their budget, and the Applicant's role in the project (principal investigator or participant);
 - 3) A list of the ten most important publications published in the last five years;
 - 4) Copies (scans or electronic versions) of three of the publications referred in Article 4.3, which the Applicant considers their most significant achievements;
 - 5) Confirmation of the invitation (scan) from the institution hosting the Applicant;
 - 6) Project – a description of the activities the Applicant plans to undertake during the visit (research activities and, if applicable, teaching activities), indicating the academic unit hosting them – maximum three pages.
3. Submission of the application constitutes acceptance of the competition regulations.

Article 5

1. The application is subject to formal and substantive evaluation by the relevant Field Council, within three field groups:
 - 1) Humanities, social sciences, and arts;
 - 2) Exact, natural, and technical sciences;
 - 3) Life sciences.
2. Applications that do not meet the formal requirements will not be subject to substantive evaluation. In justified cases, the Applicant may be requested to complete the application within 24 hours.
3. The substantive evaluation, conducted on a scale of 0–100 points, includes:
 - 1) Assessment of the Applicant's scientific profile;

- 2) Assessment of the reputation of the research institution hosting the Applicant;
- 3) Assessment of the project submitted by the Applicant, taking into account the impact that the mobility will have on their professional development and on the scientific development of the University unit in which they are employed.
4. Each Field Council identifies the Applicants who achieved the highest scores in the competition.
5. The decision on the awarding of funding is made by the Rector based on the submitted ranking lists, after consulting the IDUB Coordinating Team.
6. The list of awardees will be published on the IDUB programme website no later than the date specified in the competition schedule.
7. Decisions regarding the awarding of funding, together with the application evaluation form, will be sent by email 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 one week from the date of receipt of the decision, to the email address: mobilnosci@umk.pl. The appeal may be based solely on a violation of the competition procedures.
2. The Rector's decision following the consideration of the appeal is final.

Article 7

1. The visit must commence within 6 months from the date of the decision. Exceeding this deadline will result in a proportional reduction of the funding corresponding to the period of delay.
2. The grant is settled by submitting a final report in English to the relevant Field Council via the IDUB Programme Section, in accordance with the template available on the IDUB website, within two weeks of the completion of the visit. Failure to submit the final report will result in ineligibility to participate in future competitions under the IDUB programme. In the event of a negative evaluation of the visit, the Field Council may require the Applicant to return all or part of the funds referred to in Article 3.2.

Article 8

1. In matters not regulated by these Regulations, the provisions of Order No. 30 of the Rector of NCU dated 9 March 2020, Regulations on Research and Training Visits of Staff and Doctoral Students at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin 2020, item 78), shall apply accordingly.
2. Questions regarding the project should be sent to: mobilnosci@umk.pl.

Article 9

Order No. 215 of the Rector of NCU dated 8 October 2020, Regulations of the Competition for Experienced Research and Research-and-Teaching Staff Traveling to Foreign Institutions under the 'Excellence Initiative – Research University' Programme (NCU Legal Bulletin 2020, item 353), is hereby repealed.

Article 10

The Order enters into force on 27 January 2026.

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