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by the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

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Regulations of the competition for visiting professors at NCU in Toruń 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 Order No. 14 of the Rector of NCU dated 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 internationalize the research and teaching activities conducted at the University through short-term visits of outstanding foreign researchers.

Article 2

The competition is open to individuals employed at a foreign research institution in the position of Assistant Professor, Researcher, Associate Professor, Full Professor, Reader, or an equivalent position, hereinafter referred to as the 'Visiting Professor'.

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 between Toruń or Bydgoszcz and the Applicant's place of residence, as well as the duration of the stay:
 - 1) Travel:

Distance (km) in a straight line between the place of residence 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:

- PLN 572.00 for each day of stay. Paid accommodation in a university apartment is possible upon prior arrangement of the stay dates.

3. The template of the agreement concluded between the University and the Visiting Professor is provided as Annex 1 to the Regulations.

Article 4

1. Applications, in accordance with the template provided as Annex 2 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 Project Implementer);
 - 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 to in Article 4.2.3, which the Applicant considers their most significant achievements;
 - 5) Confirmation of the invitation (scan) from the University unit hosting the Applicant;
 - 6) Project – a description of the activities the Applicant plans to undertake during the visit (research activities, teaching: planned exercises, seminars, and lectures), indicating the University 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 in which the Applicant is employed;
 - 3) Assessment of the project submitted by the Applicant, taking into account the impact that the mobility will have on the development of the University's host unit.
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. 29 by the Rector of NCU dated 9 March 2020 on the awarding of NCU grants to foreign researchers at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin 2020, item 77) shall apply accordingly.
2. Questions regarding the project should be sent to: mobilnosci@umk.pl.

Article 9

Order No. 217 by the Rector of NCU dated 8 October 2020, Regulations of the Competition for Visiting Professors at NCU in Toruń under the 'Excellence Initiative – Research University' Programme (NCU Legal Bulletin 2020, item 355), is hereby repealed.

Article 10

The Order enters into force on 27 January 2026.

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