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by the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

from 27th January 2026.

Regulations of the competition for postdoctoral fellows visiting Nicolaus Copernicus University 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 – the Statute of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2024, item 10, as amended), and Regulation No. 14 of the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University of 22 January 2026 on the organisational regulations and management principles of the ‘Excellence Initiative – Research University’ programme 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’, under the ‘Excellence Initiative – Research University’ programme, hereinafter referred to as ‘IDUB’.
2. The aim of the competition is to internationalise the research and teaching activities conducted at the University through the implementation of postdoctoral fellowships for young researchers from abroad.

Article 2

1. A person who obtained a doctoral degree at a foreign research institution within 3 years, and in justified cases within 5 years, prior to submitting the application may participate in the competition.
2. In justified cases, a person with respect to whom proceedings for the award of a doctoral degree were initiated prior to the submission of the application may participate in the competition.

Article 3

1. Visits financed from funds obtained through the competition shall last from 3 to 6 months.
2. The visit budget consists of travel and accommodation and subsistence costs, calculated as lump sums depending respectively on the distance between Toruń or Bydgoszcz and the Applicant’s place of residence, and on the length of stay:

1) Travel expenses:

Distance (km) in a straight line between the place of residence and the 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 400.00 for each day of stay.

3. The template of the agreement concluded between the University and the fellow is attached as Annex 1 to the Regulations.

Article 4

1. Applications, in accordance with the template attached 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 (the only required degree is a doctorate, subject to Article 2.2, research fellowships and scholarships, and membership in scientific societies and organisations – maximum three pages;
 - 2) A list of completed and ongoing research projects, including information on the funding source, project budget, and the Applicant's role in the project (Principal Investigator or Project Implementer);
 - 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 listed in Article 4.2.3, which the Applicant considers their most significant achievements;
 - 5) Confirmation of the invitation (scan) from the University unit that will host the Applicant;
 - 6) A project – a description of the activities the Applicant plans to undertake during their visit (research, teaching: planned exercises, seminars, and lectures), indicating the University unit where they will be hosted – maximum three pages.
3. Submission of an application constitutes acceptance of the competition regulations.

Article 5

1. The application is subject to formal and substantive evaluation conducted by the appropriate Field Council, within three field groups:
 - 1) Humanities, social sciences, and art studies;
 - 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 asked to complete the application within 24 hours.
3. The substantive evaluation, carried out on a scale of 0–100 points, includes:
 - 1) Evaluation of the Applicant's scientific profile;

- 2) Evaluation of the reputation of the research institution where the Applicant obtained their doctoral degree;
- 3) Evaluation of the project submitted by the Applicant, taking into account the impact that the mobility will have on the development of the University host unit.
4. Each Field Council identifies the Applicants who achieved the highest scores in the competition procedure.
5. The decision on the award of funding is made by the Rector based on the submitted ranking lists, after consulting the IDUB Coordinating Team.
6. The list of laureates will be published on the IDUB programme website no later than the date specified in the competition schedule.
7. Decisions regarding the award of funding, together with the application evaluation form, shall be sent by email to the address from which the Applicant submitted their competition application.

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 breach of the competition procedures.
2. The Rector's decision, following the consideration of the appeal, is final.

Article 7

1. The visit must be completed by 30 November 2026.
2. The grant must be settled by submitting a final report in English to the relevant disciplinary council via the IDUB Programme Section, in accordance with the template available on the IDUB website, within two weeks of the end of the visit. Failure to submit the final report will result in the Applicant being ineligible to participate in future IDUB programme competitions. In the case 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 Regulation No. 29 of the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University of 9 March 2020 on the award of NCU grants to foreign researchers at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2020, item 77) shall apply accordingly.
2. Questions regarding the project should be sent to: mobilnosci@umk.pl.

Article 9

Order No. 218 of the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University dated 8 October 2020 on the competition for postdoctoral fellows visiting Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń under the 'Excellence Initiative – Research University' programme (NCU Legal Bulletin of 2020, item 356) is hereby repealed.

Article 10

The Order shall enter into force on 27 January 2026.

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