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by the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

from 27th January 2026.

Regulations of the competition for postdoctoral fellows traveling to foreign institutions 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 2024, item 10, as amended), and Order No. 14 of the Rector of NCU of 22 January 2026, the Organizational Regulations and Management Rules 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’, within the framework of the ‘Excellence Initiative – Research University’ programme, hereinafter referred to as ‘IDUB’.
2. The purpose of the competition is to enable early-career researchers employed at the University to gain international research experience through postdoctoral fellowships at recognized foreign research institutions.

Article 2

1. A person who has obtained a doctoral degree within up to 3 years, or in justified cases up to 5 years, prior to submitting the application, and is employed at the University in a research or research-and-teaching staff position, may participate in the competition.
2. In justified cases, a person who has initiated proceedings for the award of a doctoral degree prior to submitting the application and who meets the other eligibility criteria for the competition may participate.

Article 3

1. Visits funded through the competition last from 3 to 6 months.
2. The visit budget comprises travel, accommodation and subsistence costs, calculated as lump sums depending on the distance from Toruń or Bydgoszcz to the destination and the duration of the stay:

1) Travel expenses:

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
over 9 000	PLN 7 800.00

2) Accommodation and subsistence expenses:

- a) PLN 440.00 per day of stay in OECD countries,
- b) PLN 278.00 per day of stay in non-OECD countries;

3) Social security contributions (ZUS) and income tax advances will be deducted from the lump-sum amounts paid.

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 the difference from other sources.

Article 4

1. Applications, 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 academic activities, obtained degrees and titles (the only required degree is a doctoral degree, subject to Article 2.2), research fellowships and scholarships, and membership in scientific societies and organizations – maximum three pages;
 - 2) A list of completed and ongoing research projects, including information on the funding source, 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 to be their most significant achievements;
 - 5) Confirmation of the invitation (scan) from the host institution;
 - 6) Project – a description of the activities the Applicant plans to undertake during their visit (research activities, and, if applicable, teaching activities), indicating the host research unit – maximum three pages.
3. Submitting the 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 groups of disciplines:
 - 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 undergo substantive evaluation. In justified cases, the Applicant may be asked 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 academic 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 process.
5. The decision on awarding 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 of the decision’s delivery 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, after considering the application, is final.

Article 7

1. The trip must be completed by November 30, 2026.
2. The grant settlement is made by submitting a final report in English to the relevant disciplinary council via the IDUB Program 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 ineligibility to participate in future competitions under the IDUB program. In the case of a negative assessment of the visit’s implementation, the disciplinary 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 the provisions of these Regulations, the provisions of Rector’s Order No. 30 of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń dated March 9, 2020, on the Regulations for Fellowship Trips of Staff and PhD Students of 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. 216 of the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń dated October 8, 2020, on the Regulations of the Competition for Postdoctoral Fellows Traveling to Foreign Centres under the ‘Excellence Initiative – Research University’ program (NCU Legal Bulletin 2020, item 354) is hereby repealed.

Article 10

The Order shall enter into force on January 27, 2026.

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