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by the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

from 27th January 2026.

Regulations of the ‘Publications’ competition for funding publication costs under the ‘Initiative of Excellence – 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), in connection with Order No. 14 of the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University of 22 January 2026 on the Organizational Regulations and the Rules for the Management 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 organized at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, hereinafter referred to as the ‘University’, under the ‘Excellence Initiative – Research University’ program, hereinafter referred to as ‘IDUB’.
2. The competition regulations define the rules and procedures for awarding funds to cover publication costs.
3. The purpose of the competition is to enable academic teachers to obtain funding to cover publication costs in prestigious scientific journals and to ensure their dissemination in Open Access (OA).
4. Funds allocated for publications are disbursed on a rolling basis until the amounts designated for this purpose in a given calendar year are exhausted.

Article 2

An academic teacher employed at the University may participate in the competition.

Article 3

1. Funding to cover publication costs may be granted for publishing an article in the Open Access (OA) system in scientific journals ranked in Q1 according to Web of Science.
2. The maximum level of funding for the costs specified in Article 3.1 is PLN 15,000.00, including VAT.
3. Funding for publication costs under the competition is possible only after obtaining the prior positive decision referred to in Article 5.4.

Article 4

1. A necessary condition for applying for funding of publication costs is the submission of an application, which constitutes Annex 1 to the Regulations. The application must be submitted using the online form available on the IDUB program website.
2. The application, prepared in English, includes:
 - 1) Information about the applicant (first name, last name, faculty, discipline, phone number, email address);
 - 2) Information about the publication submitted for funding, in particular:
 - a) Title of the article,
 - b) Authors of the publication along with their affiliations,
 - c) Name of the journal to which the publication will be submitted, indicating its Q1 ranking,
 - d) Total amount of requested funding for the publication, including VAT,
 - e) Full text of the publication for which the costs are to be funded;
 - 3) Opinion from the relevant Chair of the Scientific Disciplinary Council, or from the Dean in the absence of a Disciplinary Council.

Article 5

1. Applications submitted under the competition will be evaluated by a review committee, hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee', appointed by the Chair of the IDUB Coordinating Team.
2. The Committee is composed of:
 - 1) A representative of the IDUB working team, serving as Chair;
 - 2) A representative of the humanities, social sciences, and arts;
 - 3) A representative of the exact, natural and technical sciences;
 - 4) A representative of the life sciences;
 - 5) Two staff members of the University Library.
3. The Committee's evaluation takes into account an analysis of the bibliometric parameters of the journal to which the publication submitted in the application is intended. The indicators considered in the assessment of the application are specified in Annex 2 to the Regulations.
4. The decision to fund a publication, following the Committee's evaluation, is made by the Chair of the IDUB Coordinating Team.

Article 6

1. An applicant may request a reconsideration of the decision referred to in Article 5.4 by submitting a request within 7 days to the email address: publikacje@umk.pl. The request may be based solely on a violation of the competition procedures.
2. The Chair's decision, following the review of the request, is final.

Article 7

1. A condition for the settlement of funds received for covering publication costs is:
 - 1) Submission of the publication to the journal, in accordance with the declaration provided in the application referred to in Article 4.1;
 - 2) Submission of the invoice for publishing the article in the OA system to the IDUB Program Section.
2. Failure to settle funds awarded for a given category of expenses will result in the inability to submit another application (including in subsequent editions of the competition) for funding expenses in that category.

Article 8

The Order No. 21 of the Rector of Nicolaus Copernicus University dated 12 February 2024, concerning the 'Publications' competition for funding publication costs under the 'Excellence Initiative – Research University' program (NCU Legal Bulletin 2024, item 44), is hereby repealed.

Article 9

The Order shall enter into force on 27 January 2026.

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