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**Information by the Project Support Centre (CAWP)
of 4 October 2021**

**on: submitting young researcher scholarship proposals under
the START 2022 Foundation for Polish Science (FNP)**

This is to inform you that the Foundation for Polish Science (FNP) has announced the START 2022 call for proposals intended to award the achievements of young researchers and support their advancement.

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Prospective call entrants are persons who meet all of the following conditions:

1. they are doctoral students or doctors in Poland or carry out R&D activities¹ in Poland at an entity whose statutory objectives include research or development;
2. they have a track record in research;
3. are no older than 30 years in the year of submitting proposals (at the moment this means people born in 1991 or later).

This age limit may be extended:

- for women who have given birth to a child or to persons acting as guardians to children – 1 year per child,
- on account of a leave from research activity (up to a 2-year extension), see details in the terms and conditions of the START programme and the Guidelines on drawing up proposals,
- the aforementioned reasons for extending the age limit shall not be cumulative.

The deadline for submissions at the FNP is 22 November 2021.

Terms of the call and application procedure are available on the websites:

- FNP: www.fnp.org.pl/oferta/start/
- CAWP: www.cawp.uj.edu.pl, under tab "Open calls" → "Foundation for Polish Science (FNP)"

Information and terms of call:

- One may be awarded the START scholarship only once.
- The scholarship is awarded for a period of 12 months.
- The scholarship may be used towards a freely chosen goal. The FNP requires the grantee to carry out research in the period of receiving the scholarship.
- Under the START programme, honours are also conferred on candidates whose research achievements have received the highest notes from reviewers, and have been found outstanding.
- Under the programme, the FNP may award a supplementary travel grant for short study visits to one or two research centres abroad. Those study visits should serve the purpose of initiating cooperation and learning the methods of research work at those centres. The aforementioned persons will be selected from among the candidates who have expressed their will to benefit from such a visit in the scholarship proposal, and have attached required documents (see details in the terms and conditions of the START programme and in the Guidelines on drawing up proposals).
- The principal criterion in review of proposals is the quality of research and originality of the candidates' research achievement, evaluated based on the documents attached to the proposal. Significant bearing on the note will also

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have the candidate's research plans for the year to come, described in the proposal.

Additional information on call:

- Proposals submitted in the START funding proposal will also be considered in the Professor Barbara Skarga Scholarship Competition, for a given year's laureates of the programme. The winner of the competition may be a person who boldly moves across frontiers between domains in their research, opening up new perspectives and creates new values in scholarly investigation. The scholarship paid to such a person will be increased.
- The FNP awards also distinctions to outstanding candidates whose research achievements were assessed the highest by the call reviewers in three fields: humanities and social sciences, life and medical sciences, and physical sciences and technology.
- As part of the START programme, the Prof. Adam Sobiczewski Fund has also been established. Its aim is to co-finance selected scholarships of the highest-ranked START programme laureates working in the fields of science: theoretical physics, mathematics and astronomy.
- From 2022, for the first time under the START programme, a scholarship with distinction named after prof. Waclaw Szybalski will be granted, awarded to an outstanding young scientist conducting research in biotechnology, genetics or molecular biology.

Form of submitting proposals:

The procedure of proposal submission has two stages:

1. **On line registration of candidates:** sending in electronic versions of the proposal, publication and other required annexes to the address: wnioski.fnp.org.pl/.
2. Sending a **printout of the proposal with all signatures and attachments as required** (publication texts excluded) to the address of the Foundation for Polish Science.

Information on drawing up proposals

- Technical guidelines:
 - the proposal should be signed by the candidate and the applicant (University representative);
 - in the entry form, fill the applicant's (institution's) data blank with the following data:
Prof. dr hab. Piotr Kuśtrowski, JU Vice-Rector for Research and the address: Jagiellonian University, ul. Gołębia 24, 31-007 Krakow;
 - please avoid using block letters in the proposal. First names, surnames and proper names should be capitalised. Title/degree to be entered using an abbreviation, e.g.: mgr; mgr inż.; dr; dr inż.; lek.; dr n. med. etc.;
 - Once the proposal has been filled out and confirmed, the applicant's data cannot be modified.
- Technical guidelines concerning annexes:
 - individual annexes should not be merged with one another; individual pages of the proposal (without annexes) should not be placed each in a separate plastic folder;
 - preferred font type to be used in the documents: Times New Roman, font size: 12, line spacing: 1;
 - annexes other than those enumerated in the Guidelines on drawing up proposals should not be attached to the proposal.

JU internal regulations:

Pursuant to the Order no [56 of JU Rector 11 July 2016](#) on: *The procedure for drawing up and implementing projects funded from external sources at Jagiellonian University* persons interested in entering the call are asked to submit at the CAWP:

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- **by 8 November 2021, a draft proposal**, for the purposes of review and verification of formal eligibility (as a pdf file) the address of the call assistant at the CAWP),
- **by 15 November 2021, a proposal printout alongside annexes as required**. The proposal should be signed by the candidate, their academic supervisor and the head of JU organisational entity (i.e. dean or director / head of other organisational entity).

Information on approval of the proposal by JU authorities will be delivered by a call assistant at the CAWP. Signed complete proposals in paper version will be sent by the CAWP to the FNP.

Please note:

Doctoral students interested in applying in the START programme who have been granted extension of their programmes, as well as persons with doctoral degree not affiliated with Jagiellonian University by means of an employment contract, civil-law contract, or acting part in research or projects should seek permission to submit the proposal with JU Vice-Rector for Research. A letter requesting the aforementioned permission should be approved by the author's academic supervisor and head of JU organisational entity (i.e. dean or director / head of other organisational entity). Only upon approval by JU Vice-Rector for Research can a proposal be submitted in the call.

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Out of concern for the quality of the submitted proposals, especially in terms of meeting formal requirements, you are encouraged to consult your proposals and to deliver the documents to the CAWP well ahead of the above mentioned deadlines.

With queries regarding drawing up and submitting the proposal please contact the project advisor (*opiekun projektu*) at the CAWP, Ms Kaja Stompór-Lesiecka, kaja.stompor@uj.edu.pl, phone no 38 663 12 87.

Paper version of the documents (proposal alongside annexes as required) will be received at the secretariat of the Project Support Centre (ul. Czapskich 4, first floor, room no 103).

ⁱ R&D (research and development activities) is creative work carried out systematically with a view to enlarge the amount of knowledge, including knowledge of the human being, culture and society as well as to find new applications for this knowledge.

They include three types of tasks:

- basic research (theoretical and experimental work carried out in pursuit of knowledge rather than specific applicable results);
- applied research (research carried out in pursuit of new knowledge for specific applications);
- experimental development (work consisting in applying of the existing knowledge to development of new products, services and processes, or improvement of the existing ones).

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