Research grants for young scientists
Types of grants

A → B  Mobility funding grants

R + D  Research funding grants naukowe

R + D A → B  Mobility and research funding grants

Text: Young Scientists Development Council of the University of Lodz
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**Miniatura**

**Project leader:** a person who has obtained a PhD degree (details described in the rules of the competition)

**Does the project allow you to create a team:** no

**Project duration:** 12 months

**A competition for the following sciences:** Exact and Technical Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts Studies, Life Sciences

**Project cost estimate:** up to PLN 50 000

**Deadline:** a continuous call for applications

**WWW:** [www.ncn.gov.pl](http://www.ncn.gov.pl)

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**Diamond Grant**

**Project leader:** a person who, on the date of the application deadline, is a student of one or two fields of study

**Does the project allow you to create a team:** no

**Project duration:** 48 months maximum

**A competition for the following sciences:** Humanities, Social Sciences, Exact and Technical Sciences, Life Sciences

**Project cost estimate:** up to PLN 220 000

**Deadline:** please follow the website of the Ministry

**WWW:** [www.gov.pl](http://www.gov.pl)
### Preludium R+D

**Project leader:** a person who does not have a PhD degree on the day on which the deadline for the call for application expires

**Does the project allow you to create a team:** no

**Project duration:** 12 or 24 or 36 months

**A competition for the following sciences:** Exact and Technical Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts Studies, Life Sciences

**Project cost estimate:** up to PLN 210 000

**Deadline:** the first half of June

**WWW:** [www.ncn.gov.pl](http://www.ncn.gov.pl)

### Sonatina R+D A+B

**Project leader:** a person with a PhD degree awarded within 3 years prior to the year of application; a person whose degree will be awarded in the semester in which the application deadline falls; and a person for whom employment in the proposed research project will be planned under the terms set out in the regulations

**Does the project allow you to create a team:** no

**Project duration:** 24 or 36 months (including international internship from 3 to 6 months)

**A competition for the following sciences:** Exact and Technical Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts Studies, Life Sciences

**Project cost estimate:** no

**Deadline:** the first half of March

**WWW:** [www.ncn.gov.pl](http://www.ncn.gov.pl)
**Sonata**  R+D

- **Project leader:** a person who obtained a PhD degree within 2 to 7 years prior to the year of application
- **Does the project allow you to create a team:** yes (interns, doctoral students, postdocs)
- **Project duration:** 12 or 24 or 36 months
- **A competition for the following sciences:** Exact and Technical Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts Studies, Life Sciences
- **Project cost estimate:** no upper limit
- **Deadline:** the first half of December
- **WWW:** www.ncn.gov.pl

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**Sonata BIS**  R+D

- **Project leader:** a person who has obtained a PhD degree within the period from 5 to 12 years before the year of application
- **Does the project allow you to create a team:** yes (interns, doctoral students, postdocs)
- **Project duration:** 36 or 48 or 60 months
- **A competition for the following sciences:** Exact and Technical Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts Studies, Life Sciences
- **Project cost estimate:** no upper limit
- **Deadline:** the second half of September
- **WWW:** www.ncn.gov.pl
Opus/Opus Lap

Project leader: a person who in their scientific achievements has at least one published or accepted for publication work. In the case of scientific activity in the field of creativity and art, a project leader should have at least one published or accepted for publication work or at least one artistic or artistic-scientific achievement.

Does the project allow you to create a team: yes (interns, doctoral students, postdocs)

Project duration: 12 or 24 or 36 or 48 months

A competition for the following sciences: Exact and Technical Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences and Art Studies, Life Sciences

Project cost estimate: no upper limit

Deadline: June and December

WWW: www.ncn.gov.pl

ERC starting grant

Project leader: a person who obtained a PhD degree within 2 to 7 years prior to the year of application.

Does the project allow you to create a team: yes (interns, doctoral students, postdocs)

Project duration: Up to 60 months

A competition for the following sciences: all types of science

Project cost estimate: up to EUR 1 500 000

Deadline: January

WWW: www.erc.europa.eu
**Polskie Powroty**  

Project leader: a person returning to Poland, with a PhD degree defended up to 7 years before submitting the application. During the period indicated in the call for applications, the person worked as a researcher at a foreign university, research institute or research department of a company and did not live and work in Poland.

Does the project allow you to create a team: yes (interns, doctoral students, postdocs)

Project duration: from 24 to 36 months (JR); from 36 to 48 months (ER)

A competition for the following sciences: all types of science

Project cost estimate: up to PLN 1 193 200 (JR); up to PLN 2 447 600 (ER)

Deadline: March/April

WWW: www.nawa.org.pl

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**ULAM**

Project leader: a person with at least a PhD degree who wants to come to Poland in order to do a postdoctoral internship

Does the project allow you to create a team: no

Project duration: from 6 to 24 months

A competition for the following sciences: all types of science

Project cost estimate: up to about PLN 240 000

Deadline: June

WWW: www.nawa.org.pl
Grants from Visegrad Fund

Project leader: no limits

Does the project allow you to create a team: the projects require creating a consortium

Project duration: up to 18 or up to 36 months depending on the competition

A competition for the following sciences: all types of science (research topics must be consistent with the strategic objectives of the Visegrad Group)

Project cost estimate: no limitations resulting from the Regulations

Deadline: February/June/October

WWW: www.visegradfund.org

MSCA Individual Fellowships (European Fellowship lub Global Fellowship)

Project leader: a person with a PhD degree, provided that no more than 8 years have passed from the date of obtaining the degree

Does the project allow you to create a team: no

Project duration: up to 24 months + return phase of 12 months (for the Global Fellowship)

A competition for the following sciences: all types of science

Project cost estimate: ~ EUR 150 000

Deadline: September

WWW: www.ec.europa.eu
**AXA fellowships**

**Project leader:** a person who obtained a PhD degree within 5 years prior to the year of submitting application

**Does the project allow you to create a team:** no

**Project duration:** up to 24 months

**A competition for the following sciences:** all types of science

**Project cost estimate:** ~ EUR 125 000

**Deadline:** September

**WWW:** www.axa-research.org

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**TANGO**

**Project leader:** a person who managed (manages) a NCN project

**Does the project allow you to create a team:** no

**Project duration:** up to 15 or 36 months (details on the website)

**A competition for the following sciences:** all types of science

**Project cost estimate:** up to PLN 250 000 or PLN 3 000 000 (details on the website)

**Deadline:** April/June

**WWW:** www.gov.pl
National Programme for the Development of Humanities

**Project leader:**
The competitions are addressed to both young and experienced researchers; however, meeting by the project leader’s the young scientist criterion is taken into account in the application assessment.

**Does the project allow you to create a team:**
yes (specific guidelines depend on the competition and module)

**Project duration:**
24–60 months (depending on the competition and module)

**A competition for the following sciences:**
Humanities

**Project cost estimate:**
up to PLN 1 800 000

**Deadline:**
December/January

**WWW:**
www.gov.pl

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Program COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) cost.eu

As part of the campaign, there is an opportunity to receive funding as part of the following grants:

- **STSM** (Short Term Scientific Missions);
- **ITC Conference Grants** (conference grants for young scientists from the ITC countries that include Poland)

**WWW:**
The up-to-date announcement can be found on the website of COST in the Browse Actions tab: www.cost.eu

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EURAXESS
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A portal that allows you to search for current offers of grants and jobs in Polish and foreign scientific institutions.