Competition for scholarships for researchers from Ukraine

who joined the competition

Excellence Initiative – Research University

financed as part of the subsidy for the University increased by 2%

Rules

1.1. Purpose of the competition

The competition is an expression of solidarity with the Ukrainian academic community and it is created to support the best researchers from Ukraine. The main goal of the competition is to enable researchers to come to the University of Lodz to conduct research, which in turn will contribute to strengthening the scientific potential and development of our University. These activities are also part of one of the strategic objectives of the University of Lodz, namely to increase the degree of internationalisation.

The competition is dedicated to persons holding at least a doctoral (PhD) degree.

1.2. Time limit and other conditions for the application submission

Applications submission deadline	The call for applications will be held **from 15 to 27 March** 2022 until 15.00
Method of submitting the application	Applications should be prepared in word format and sent in electronic form to the e-mail address: **magdalena.zalasa@uni.lodz.pl**
Language in which the application must be prepared	The application together with annexes should be drawn up in Polish or English

1.3. Scope of activities eligible for funding under the call

The funding shall cover researchers who will conduct scientific research at the University of Lodz in the form of:

1) scientific traineeship,
2) a period of stay to conduct research as a *visiting professor*.

2.1. Time frame for the implementation of the Project

Deadline for the outcome of the competition	Planned date of the conclusion of the competition: **7 April 2022**
Duration of stay	The scholarship holder's stay may **last from 3 to 6 months**, with the possibility of extension and employment under an employment contract in order to continue scientific research at the University of Lodz. The implementation of the Project should take place continuously.

2.2. Requirements for the Applicant:

1) Ukrainian citizenship,
2) holding at least a doctoral (PhD) degree,
3) significant, documented scientific achievements,
4) current employment at a university or scientific institute in Ukraine.

In the application form, the scholarship holder descriptively presents information on the subject matter that he/she would like to pursue at the University of Lodz (Project). Scientific discipline/field that he/she represents and in which his/her scientific achievements are included should also be indicated.

2.3. List of required information and annexes to the application

1. Description of scientific research planned to be carried out at the University of Lodz (***Project; no more than 1 A4 page***).
2. A CV, including a list of publication achievements and/or other important scientific achievements.
3. List of ongoing/completed research projects.
4. A copy of a confirmation of obtaining doctoral (PhD) degree/ doctoral degree (Polish equivalent of doctor with habilitation)/ a title of professor.
5. In the case of persons cooperating with researchers from Poland in previous years, it is required to attach a short letter of recommendation.
6. GDPR clause constituting ***Annex No. 2*** to the hereby Rules.

2.4. Procedure for evaluation and selection of applications for funding

Formal and substantive evaluation of the application is carried out by experts from individual fields/scientific disciplines, indicated by Deans, in cooperation with the Science Centre of the University of Lodz. They draw up an opinion in which they shall indicate whether or not the financing is justified. **The final decision on granting funding is made by the Rector**.

2.5. Budget of the Scholarship Programme

The total allocation of funds is **1 000 000 PLN** while the University of Lodz reserves the right to make changes in this matter.

Source of funding for the programme: IDUB

2.6. Scholarship amount

As part of the competition, a scholarship will be paid to the beneficiary's account in the amount of:

- **7200 PLN gross** - professor
- **5600 PLN gross** - doctor/PhD (Polish equivalent of doctor with habilitation)
- **5000 PLN gross** - doctor/PhD
- **4500 PLN gross** - doctor/PhD - young researchers (holding a doctoral degree, but only if no more than 7 years have passed since obtaining the degree)

Insurance costs are borne by the scholarship holder.

2.7. Payment schemes

The University of Lodz pays the researcher a monthly salary in the form of a scholarship to the indicated bank account (**Annex No. 1** to the hereby Rules)

2.8. Reporting and verification

1. The scholarship holder submits a final report in which he/she describes the effects of his/her activity during his/her stay at the University of Lodz. The report is accompanied by the opinion of the scholarship holder's supervisor, who is indicated by the Dean of the Faculty at the time of launching the scholarship.
2. The Dean or the person(s) appointed by him/her evaluate the report in terms of its merits and issue an appropriate opinion, and then together with the report they submit it **to the Rector's Representative for the Initiative of Excellence - Research University (IDUB) competition**s.

The opinion may be used as a basis for a possible extension of the scholarship/employment.

The template of the final report is attached **as Annex 3** to the hereby Rules.

2.9. Requirements for a hosting institution (University of Lodz)

The hosting institution employs a researcher in a position corresponding to his/her competences and based on the institution's internal regulations.

1. The University of Lodz indicates **an immediate supervisor** responsible for coordinating activities related to the stay and supporting the scholarship holder in successive implementation of these activities.
2. The hosting institution provides the scholarship holder with administrative and organisational support.
3. It confers research and/or didactic tasks to the researcher and provides the necessary conditions (place, infrastructure, tools) for their implementation.