EXTRACT

Of the Annex to the Resolution of the Council of the NCN **no** **97/2021 of 9 September 2021** on the amendment to the Terms and Conditions of Awarding Funds for the Implementation of Tasks Funded by the National Science Centre under research projects.

**THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDING FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TASKS**

**FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE UNDER RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**Under the Preludium BIS 3, doctoral students-scholarship holders**

**§ 3 Whenever these Terms and Conditions make reference to:**

1) NCN – it shall designate the National Science Centre;

6) research – it shall be understood as research within the meaning of Article 4.2 of the Act of 20 July 2018: Law on higher education and science (i.e. Journal of Laws of 2021, item 478);

7) basic research – it shall be understood as basic research within the meaning of Article 4.2.1 of the Act of 20 July 2018, Law on higher education and science;

10) projects - it shall be understood as research projects within the meaning of Article 2.2 of the Act on NCN, funding under NCN calls;

11) proposal – it shall be understood as a project funding proposal submitted under NCN calls;

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Annex 2 to the Terms and Conditions of Awarding Funds for the Implementation of Tasks Funded by the National Science Centre under research projects, annexed to the Resolution of the Council of the NCN no 79/2021 of 9 September 2021.

**COSTS IN RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**ELIGIBLE COST** is the cost that may be covered by the funding from NCN’s resources, provided that it meets all of the following conditions:

1) is unnecessary for the project implementation,

2) is incurred in the period of eligibility, i.e. from the date of the funding decision by the NCN Director coming into force until the date of completing the implementation of the research project,

3) is purposeful and economical,

4) is possible to be identified and verified,

5) complies with the regulations, including the internal regulations of the host entity and NCN’s regulations as well as the regulations specified in this document,

**(…)**

**2.1.3. Remuneration and scholarship for students and doctoral students**

Under this heading only the costs of remuneration together with non-salary labour costs included and scholarship costs planned exclusively for students and doctoral students intended to engage in the implementation of tasks in a project.

The funds under the budget of remuneration and scholarships for students and doctoral students may be planned for:

1. a) the NCN scholarships for students and doctoral students,
2. b) doctoral student scholarships,
3. c) remuneration for students and doctoral students,
4. **d) the PRELUDIUM BIS doctoral students scholarship.**

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Monthly amounts of **the PRELUDIUM BIS doctoral students scholarship:**

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are received on terms specified in the provisions of the Act of 20 July 2018: Law on higher education and science, provided that a doctoral student is selected by way of an open call procedure taking into account the following terms:

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| Entrants in the call may only be persons who have no doctoral degree and are not readers of a Doctoral School.  The call is carried out by a committee appointed by the head of the project’s host entity, acting as the applicant, comprising the principal investigator of a project in their capacity of the committee’s chair, and at least two persons appointed by them, who have adequate research or professional qualifications.  The committee shall evaluate the candidates on using a score, taking into account the candidate's competence for performing specific tasks in the research project and their research achievements to date, and preparing on this basis the ranking of the candidates in accordance with the following criteria:  ▪ the candidate's competence for performing specific tasks in the research project (70% of the final evaluation): | |
| 3 points | very good; |
| 2 points | good; |
| 1 points | weak; |
| 0 points | no competence. |
| ▪ candidate’s research achievements including papers in renowned academic publishing houses/journals (30% of the final evaluation): | |
| 4 points | exceptional; |
| 3 points | very good; |
| 2 points | good; |
| 1 points | weak; |
| 0 points | no research achievements. |

Results of the call shall be conveyed to the National Science Centre.

The National Science Centre allows for one change of a doctoral student in the PRELUDIUM BIS project, provided that:

* 1. a) a doctoral student is selected by way of a call procedure conducted by the end of the first year of the project implementation, in accordance with the above-mentioned regulations,
  2. b) the participating entity guarantees payments of the PRELUDIUM BIS doctoral scholarship for the full studying period of the doctoral student in the amount of and on terms specified above.

In the PRELUDIUM BIS call, funds for a doctoral student may be planned only in the form indicated in point d. In the period of receiving the PRELUDIUM BIS doctoral scholarship, a doctoral student shall not be receiving other remuneration or scholarship paid out of funds awarded under the heading of direct costs in other research projects funded under NCN calls, with the exception of remuneration for the principal investigator in the PRELUDIUM call.