

# **Regulations**

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on the award of Support Grants to FNP scholarship-holders

### Preamble

Since 2001, the Foundation for Polish Science has awarded Support Grants to scholarship-holders returning from foreign placements funded by the FNP in order to permit them to make full use of the knowledge and skills acquired during their stays at the best academic institutions in the world after returning to Poland.

### § 1. General resolutions

- 1.1. Grants for Foundation for Polish Science scholarship-holders returning from foreign placements funded by the following programmes – foreign scholarships for young doctors, including scholarships awarded since 2004 on the basis of the agreement concluded with the Polish-American Commission “Maria Skłodowska-Curie Joint Fund II” and the Polish Research Scholarship programme at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies of University College London (SSEES) – have the objective of allowing young academics to take up new research subjects and facilitating their academic work after returning to Poland through help with modernising their research techniques.
- 1.2. The amount of a grant for the various programmes for a given year is determined by the Foundation for Polish Science Board.

### § 2. Persons entitled to obtain the grant and object of funding

- 2.1. Grants may be awarded to recipients of scholarships who fulfil all the following conditions:

- they have already completed a scholarship abroad
- they have submitted a report on the scholarship
- following return to Poland they are continuing academic work at a national institution of higher education or one at which one of the statutory objectives is to conduct scientific research.

- 2.2. Grants may be designated for:

- a. purchase of apparatus, equipment and other items facilitating the scholarship-holder's research work
- b. purchase of and subscription to academic journals and publications, including electronic publications
- c. purchase of computer equipment
- d. purchase of software
- e. attendance at an academic conference, on condition that the scholarship-holder is an active participant

- f. maintaining academic cooperation with the institution at which the scholarship-holder was based through short (up to 14-day) trips to the institutions and invitation of academics from these institutions for equally short (up to 14-day) visits to the scholarship-holder's home institution.

2.3. Grants may not be designated to academic research conducted by third parties (legal entities or natural persons), with the exception of invitation of academics from the foreign institution at which the scholarship-holder's placement was held.

2.4. Decisions on the way in which the grant is used are made by the scholarship-holder in consultation with the management of the institution by which he/she is employed.

2.5. Equipment bought from grant funds constitutes part of the scholarship-holder's research tools and is the property of the employing institution.

### § 3. Preparation and submission of an application for award of a grant

3.1. A condition for acquisition of a grant is a scholarship-holder's submission of an application for its award.

3.2. An application for award of a grant should be submitted on the form which constitutes attachment no. 1 to the Regulations at a date no later than six months after the scholarship-holder's return to Poland; this restriction does not apply to beneficiaries of a SSEES scholarship from the 2001-2003 rounds of the programme.

3.3. In cases where the placement abroad was extended beyond the period covered by the FNP scholarship, the Foundation may request that the scholarship-holder submit additional explanations.

3.4. The following should be attached to the application:

- information about the scholarship-holder's academic intentions
- a detailed account of anticipated purchases, to which in each case two price offers from suppliers should be attached, and a detailed account of other ventures (e.g. conferences)
- a justification of the expedience of the planned purchases.

3.5. The application for award of a grant should be prepared by the scholarship-holder in consultation with the dean/director of the academic institution by which he/she is employed and attested by the director of the institution department.

3.6. Detailed guidelines concerning preparation of the application are provided by the Instructions on making applications for the "Support Grants" programme, attachment 2 to the Regulations.

#### § 4. Means of awarding grants

4.1. Grants are awarded by the Board of the Foundation for Polish Science.

4.2. Written information on the award of a grant is received by the scholarship-holder and the academic institution by which he/she is employed.

4.3. During the term of realisation of a signed contract, the scholarship-holder has the right to make a supplementary application. The total amount of the grant may not exceed the limit foreseen for the year in which the contract was signed.

#### § 5. Realisation of grant

5.1. The realisation of the awarded grant takes place on the basis of the Contract specifying the means of its realisation.

5.2. The grant should be realised in a period of one year from the day of its award. An extension of the time of realisation may be made in special circumstances solely on the basis of the written agreement of the Foundation.

#### § 6. Obligations of the scholarship-holder

6.1. The scholarship-holder is responsible for realisation of the grant and using the funds in accordance with the objective for which they were awarded.

6.2. The scholarship-holder is obliged to submit to the Foundation a written report on the realisation of the grant attested by the authorities of the institution by which he/she is employed within one month of the day on which the awarded funds were spent.

#### § 7. Final resolutions

7.1. Any changes to these Regulations require ratification by the FNP Board.

7.2. The Regulations come into effect on 19 April 2005.