

Regulations of the sabbatical fellowships of the Foundation for Polish Science

§ 1

General provisions

1. The present regulations set down the principles and procedures for holding a competition and awarding with the sabbatical fellowships.
2. The sabbatical fellowships are awarded in a competition to beneficiaries of the Mistrz programme, formerly known as the Subsydia Profesorskie, to enable them a research visit to leading foreign scientific centres.
3. Beneficiaries of the Mistrz programme may apply for the sabbatical fellowship upon completing their project in the Mistrz programme and obtaining the Foundation's approval of the final project report.
4. At the time of applying for the sabbatical fellowship, the Mistrz programme's beneficiary must be an employee of a Polish research unit.
5. The sabbatical fellowship may be awarded for a period of 3 to 6 months, for a visit to only one foreign research unit of the beneficiary's choice.
6. The sabbatical fellowship must begin within 9 months of being awarded.
7. The sabbatical fellowships are financed by the Foundation for Polish Science, hereafter referred to as the Foundation, from its own funds.
8. The maximum funding for the sabbatical fellowship is EUR 5,500.00 per month or the equivalent of this amount in another convertible currency.
9. With the reservation stemming from section 8 above, the funding granted for the sabbatical fellowship is set by the Foundation Board based on the costs of the beneficiary's stay at the foreign research unit and the costs of the beneficiary's one return trip the foreign research unit.
10. Each year the Foundation Board may award up to three sabbatical fellowships.
11. Beneficiaries are eligible for the sabbatical fellowship only once.

§ 2

Competition procedure

1. The competition is held once a year.
2. Information about the call for applications and the application deadline is published on the Foundation's website.
3. Candidates should submit their applications for the sabbatical fellowship via the electronic form available on the Foundation's website.
4. An application for the sabbatical fellowship may be withdrawn upon the candidate's request at any stage of the competition procedure.
5. Applications are subject to a formal and merit evaluation. Applications that fail to meet the formal requirements will not be passed on for merit evaluation.

6. To perform a merit evaluation of applications, the Foundation Board appoints reviewers. The reviewers are obliged to maintain confidentiality of their participation in the competition procedure and of any materials they receive in connection with that procedure. The list of reviewers is confidential.
7. The Foundation makes every effort to ensure that the competition procedure is free of any real or potential conflicts of interest.
8. Each application is evaluated by at least two reviewers.
9. The reviewers evaluate primarily the following:
 - a) the candidate's scientific achievements and his/her scientific activity of past five years,
 - b) the research plan the candidate intends to carry out at the foreign research unit,
 - c) the prestige of the foreign research unit.
10. Based on the reviewers' opinions, the Foundation Board decides, by way of a resolution, who will receive sabbatical fellowships. The Board's decision may not be appealed.
11. All participants in the competition will be notified in writing of the results. The list of recipients is published on the Foundation's website. The Foundation may publicize the competition results and the scientific achievements of the recipients on the internet or in other media.
12. The Foundation treats any recommendations as well as opinions and materials gathered during the competition procedure as confidential and will not disclose them to any third parties.
13. The Foundation may suspend payment of the sabbatical fellowship, in particular if the recipient fails to meet his/her accepted obligations, violates the principles of professional ethics, or jeopardizes the Foundation's good name.

§ 3

Duties and rights of the sabbatical fellowship recipient

1. The recipient of the sabbatical fellowship is obliged to conduct research throughout the period of the fellowship.
2. Upon ending the sabbatical fellowship, the recipient should present the Foundation with a brief report on completion of the research plan at the foreign research unit.
3. The recipient of the sabbatical fellowship has the right to resign from the fellowship or a part thereof.
4. The recipient of the sabbatical fellowship may perform teaching duties at the foreign research unit.
5. The recipient's publications related to research carried out as part of the outgoing fellowship should contain the relevant information about the funding provided by the Foundation.

§ 4

Property rights and responsibility for research results

1. The Foundation claims no rights to the results of research carried out as part of the sabbatical fellowship, nor does it take any responsibility for the effects and interpretations of such research.
2. The rights of the recipient and the foreign research unit to the effects of research and any benefits resulting from research work carried out during the sabbatical fellowship are set down in the relevant binding legal regulations.

§ 5
Concluding provisions

1. Any and all materials and opinions gathered during the competition procedure shall remain confidential.
2. The present Regulations were approved by way of the Foundation Board's resolution No. 54/2011 of 23 March 2011, and subsequently amended by way of the Foundation Board's resolutions No. 105/2011 of 7 June 2011 and No. 117/2011 of 29 June 2011.
3. Any changes to the present regulations must be made in the same procedure as the Regulations were approved.
4. The present Regulations come into force on the date of the decision of the Minister of Science and Higher Education approving the rules for awarding outgoing fellowships of the Foundation for Polish Science.