

The Foundation for Polish Science (FNP)

with its registered office in Warsaw 02-611, at ul. I. Krasickiego 20/22

acting as the Implementing Authority (IA)

announces a call for projects by means of a continuous competition under

The Smart Growth Operational Programme 2014-2020 (SG OP),

Axis IV: Increasing the scientific research potential, Measure 4.4: Increasing the human potential in the R&D sector,

the TEAM-NET competition

In order to participate in the competition, the Applicant shall file application documents in electronic format by completing the form available at: <https://wnioski.fnp.org.pl>

The grant application should be sent between **1 October 2018 and 31 October 2018 by 16:00 (GMT+1)**. The competition is not divided into rounds.

Entities entitled to apply for aid:

The Applicant can be an entity or a group of entities (a consortium) conducting, on a continuous basis, scientific research or development work which meets the definition of a research unit as defined in the Act on the Principles of Financing Science of 30 April 2010 (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 87). The Applicants shall be legal entities which are research units or entities within which such units operate.

The Application shall include three to six research units. In the case of applications filed by a group of 3-5 units, at least one of them must have an "A" category, and when a group consists of 6 units, at least two of them must have the "A" category. The research units indicated in the application shall represent cumulatively at least two fields of science (in

line with the Appendix to the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 8 August 2011 on areas of knowledge, fields of science and arts and scientific and artistic disciplines).

Subject of the competition:

The grant applications submitted within the TEAM-NET competition shall include a research programme in at least two fields of science (in line with the Appendix to the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 8 August 2011 on areas of knowledge, fields of science and arts and scientific and artistic disciplines), envisaged for implementation by 3-6 research groups located in the research units indicated in the application including the tasks associated with the preparation of knowledge transfer. The application determines a clearly defined scientific challenge (a research problem) or a challenge of a social and economic nature (within National Smart Specialisations) and the method of work and approach to dealing with the said challenge.

The projects supported under the competition are research projects which provide for the implementation of industrial research and development work or experimental development work.

The budget and level of funding:

The amount of funding for the projects selected in the competition is PLN 100,000,000.00 (say: one hundred million 00/100 zlotys)

The level and amount of aid:

The maximum amount of project funding depends on the number of research teams indicated in the grant application and duration of the project; however, the funding for

one research team may not exceed PLN 3,500,000.00 (say: three million five hundred thousand 00/100 zlotys) per 36 months.

The principles of project selection:

Detailed information on the rules for the selection of projects is presented in the competition regulations available on the website of the IA at www.fnp.org.pl/oferta/team-net and in the registered office of the IA.

Deadline for communicating the results of the competition:

The process of project evaluation, from closing of the call for projects to the publication of the results of the competition, takes about 90 days.

The appeal procedure:

If the outcome of the project assessment is negative, the Applicant may appeal against such negative assessment outcome pursuant to the Act of 11 July 2014 on the Principles of Implementing Cohesion Policy Programmes Financed under the 2014-2020 Financial Perspective (Journal of Laws of 2017, item 1460, as amended).

Downloadable documents:

The Competition regulations and application documents are available on the website of the IA at www.fnp.org.pl/oferta/team-net.

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