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## **Call for proposals**

**Announcing institution:** Foundation for Polish Science – Intermediate Body under  
Priority 2 FENG

### **Measure: 2.2 First Team**

Priority 2: Environment conducive to innovation

European Funds for a Smart Economy Programme 2021-2027

**Call number: 1/2026**

### **Brief description of the act:**

The First Team call for proposals is addressed to early-stage researchers in order to support their projects focused on innovative scientific research with high implementation potential and to achieve scientific independence by leading a research team, developing international scientific cooperation and establishing cooperation with economic entities operating in Poland. The measure is also intended to enhance the competitiveness of Polish applications submitted to ERC calls. The scope of the supported projects is not limited to specific fields of science, but refers to the current list of priorities included in the National Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization (ENEI).

The support should also give those starting their scientific careers, working in the First Team, the opportunity to gain experience in conducting internationally groundbreaking scientific research.

### **Who can apply for funding:**

Applicants to the programme are research organisations that designate a person to act as the Principal Investigator for the project – the author of the research concept presented in the application, who has held a doctoral degree for no less than 2 and no more than 9 years, with the start of this period being the date of obtaining the degree, and ending in the year preceding the deadline for submitting applications in the competition (regardless of nationality). The 9-year period may be extended if the conditions described in the Project Selection Criteria are met.

Throughout the entire duration of the project, the Principal Investigator should be employed at the Beneficiary's unit in at least 50% part-time position. Students and young scientists (doctoral students or Young Doctors) should be involved in their team.

## What can be funded:

Funding is available for research and development work that has potential implementation value and is relevant to solving economic or socio-economic problems. The project must involve cooperation with at least one foreign research partner and one domestic economic partner (company), with financial support being granted only to the Beneficiary's research organisation. Funding does not cover basic research.

Call for proposals budget: **PLN XX million**

Project funding: **up to PLN 4 million**

Call for proposals deadline: **20 January 2026 - 17 February 2026**, 4 p.m. (CET)

How to submit applications: electronically, via the FNP electronic system at:  
<https://wnioski2023.fnp.org.pl>.

Documents: Competition documentation is available at [www.fnp.org.pl](http://www.fnp.org.pl) in the tab *Our offer > Programs > FIRST TEAM FENG*

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