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**Regulations for granting scholarships
constituting assistance for the Project's Scholarship Holders
within the framework of Measure 2.2 First TEAM (FENG 2021-2027)
of the Foundation for Polish Science**

§ 1

General provisions

1. These Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations") lay down the principles, eligibility conditions and the procedure for awarding and paying by the Beneficiary, from the project funds, scholarships constituting assistance for project scholarship holders due to their selection for conducting research works in the project (hereinafter referred to as "Scholarship"), within the framework of Measure 2.2 First Team conducted by the Foundation for Polish Science acting as an Intermediate Body (hereinafter referred to as the "Institution" or the "Foundation"), from the European Regional Development Fund within the framework of the Programme European Funds for Smart Economy 2021-2027.
2. Any terms not defined in these Regulations and capitalized shall have the meaning as defined in the Regulations for Project Selection.

§ 2

Terms, conditions and procedure for awarding the Scholarship

1. The eligibility of a Scholarship within the project shall be possible exclusively on the basis of a **scholarship agreement** concluded between the Scholarship Holder and the Beneficiary, in accordance with these Regulations and the Beneficiary's internal regulations, taking into account the applicable provisions of national law, in particular the Law on Higher Education and Science¹. The Scholarship shall be eligible within the project in accordance with the rules on eligibility of expenditure set out in the Catalogue of Eligible Expenditure under Measure 2.2 of the FENG.
2. The Scholarship shall be awarded by the Beneficiary **at the request of the Principal Investigator**. The Foundation reserves the right to approve the recruitment protocol. In the event that the Foundation exercises the right referred to in the preceding sentence, lack of the acceptance of the protocol by the Foundation shall result in the expenditure not constituting an eligible cost in the Project.
3. A Scholarship may be awarded to a person who meets **all of the following conditions**:
 - a) has been selected to carry out tasks in the project in a **competitive** procedure in accordance with the selection rules described in the Funding Agreement;
 - b) has the status of a student in first-cycle studies, second-cycle studies, uniform master's studies or equivalent studies, or is preparing a doctoral thesis as a doctoral student (in a doctoral school);

¹ In particular, taking into account social security regulations, access to the Project site, health and safety conditions and the authorization of the Scholarship Holder to perform tasks in the Project.

- c) **does not receive another scientific scholarship** under any other programme implemented by the Foundation for Polish Science, regardless of the source of its funding, with the exception of the Start programme.
4. **As a rule, the funds provided for the Doctoral Student Scholarship shall not be used to pay the so-called statutory doctoral school scholarships** referred to in Article 209 of the Act of 20 July 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science. **An exception** to this rule shall apply where the doctoral student is engaged in the implementation of the project and his/her admission to the doctoral school results from the involvement in the First TEAM Project and the doctoral school has no other funds to cover the statutory scholarship.
5. A doctoral student receiving the statutory doctoral school scholarship financed from the project funds may receive an additional Scholarship from project funds for involvement in the First Team project provided that the scope of tasks goes beyond the responsibilities arising from the statutory scholarship.
6. The conditions indicated in §2 (3) shall be fulfilled by the Scholarship Holder throughout the entire period of receiving the Scholarship. In the event that the Scholarship Holder ceases to fulfil any of the conditions referred to above, including, in particular, in the event of a change in the status referred to in § 2 (3)(b), the Beneficiary shall **discontinue the payment of the Scholarship** and shall immediately inform the Principal Investigator and the Institution.
7. In order to confirm the Scholarship Holder's fulfilment of the conditions set out in these Regulations, the Beneficiary shall **submit to the Institution, together with the first Payment Application** in which the Scholarship of the relevant person is reported, the following documents:
- a) a document confirming student/doctoral student status;
 - b) a declaration of the Scholarship Holder drawn up in accordance with the document template set out in Annex No. 1 to these Regulations.
8. In justified cases, the Beneficiary shall be entitled, on its own initiative or at the request of the Principal Investigator, **to decide to discontinue payment of the Scholarship**, in particular when the Scholarship Holder no longer meets the conditions for receiving the Scholarship, inter alia, when:
- a) has lost the status referred to in § 2(3)(b);
 - b) violated the provisions of § 3(6);
 - c) has not fulfilled the obligations set out in § 5 or § 8;
 - d) resigned from his academic work;
 - e) stays at a research centre abroad for purposes not directly related to the project;
 - f) has breached the principles set out in the Foundation's *Code of Ethics for Laureates and Beneficiaries* published on the Foundation's website;
 - g) does not perform tasks in the project or performs them in a manner that does not meet the expectations of the Principal Investigator;
 - h) breached other provisions of the Regulations.
9. In the event that the Beneficiary identifies the circumstances referred to in § 2 (8) the Beneficiary shall report to **the Institution** during what period and to what extent the Scholarship Holder has ceased to meet or has breached the conditions for receiving the Scholarship.

10. **At the request of the Institution**, in the event of the occurrence of the circumstances referred to in § 2 (6) or (8), the Beneficiary shall **discontinue payment of the Scholarship**.
11. The Principal Investigator of the Project shall immediately submit to the Beneficiary the application referred to in § 2 (8) where the circumstances referred to in § 2 (8) occur or where any other circumstance arises that may justify the withholding of the payment of the Scholarship.
12. Where a decision is taken to discontinue the payment of the Scholarship in accordance with § 2 (8)-(11), any Scholarship paid by the Beneficiary after the date indicated by the Beneficiary shall be considered by the Institution as **ineligible expenditure**.
13. In the event of termination of the Funding Agreement, upon the expiry of its term, the Scholarships paid by the Beneficiary shall be considered by the Institution as ineligible expenditure.

§ 3

Amount of the Scholarship and rules for its payment

1. **The amount** of the Scholarship in the Project and **the period** for which the Scholarship is awarded shall be **determined by the Principal Investigator in accordance with the rules set out in the Regulations for Project Selection** or its annexes, taking into account the statutory obligations of the doctoral school and the rules referred to in § 2(4) and 2(5). **When determining the amount** of the Scholarship, the Beneficiary shall also take into account the achievement of the Project's **objectives and its international character**.
2. In the event that the Beneficiary pays out a Scholarship in an amount that does not comply with the provisions of these Regulations or if the selection procedure of the Scholarship Holder was not in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, the Funding Agreement or the Regulations for Project Selection, the Scholarships paid by the Beneficiary shall be considered by the Institution as ineligible expenditure.
3. The Beneficiary shall be entitled to pay the Scholarship from the project funds starting from the month following the month in which the competitive selection procedure referred to in § 2 (3)(a) was concluded.
4. The Scholarship shall be paid during the period in which the Scholarship Holder fulfils the conditions set out in § 2 (3) and may be paid no longer than until the end of the calendar month in which the Scholarship Holder loses the status referred to in § 2 (3)(b).
5. The Scholarship shall be paid by the Beneficiary into the Scholarship Holder's bank account on a monthly basis or every three months, as agreed between the Beneficiary and the Principal Investigator. Depending on the arrangements, the Principal Investigator shall confirm to the Beneficiary the possibility of continuing to pay the Scholarship to the Scholarship Holder every month or every 3 months. The Beneficiary shall be **obliged to send to the Institution, together with the Payment Application** in the teleinformatic system for handling Payment Applications, every 3 months (throughout the period for which the Scholarship was granted) **a statement of the Principal Investigator** confirming that **the Scholarship Holder performs his/her tasks in the Project correctly**.
6. During the period of receiving the Scholarship, the Scholarship Holder shall not receive any remuneration from the Project funds on the basis of employment with the Beneficiary in any form.

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§ 4

Responsibilities of the Scholarship Holder

1. During the period of receiving the Scholarship, the Scholarship Holder shall, in particular, be obliged to:
 - a) carry out scientific work under the supervision of the Principal Investigator;
 - b) perform the tasks covered by the project;
 - c) inform the Beneficiary and the Principal Investigator immediately of any loss of status as referred to in § 2(3)(b);
 - d) inform the Beneficiary and the Principal Investigator of any problems related to the implementation of the Scholarship;
 - e) fulfil the reporting obligations set out in § 5 and the information and publicity obligations set out in § 8;
 - f) comply with the principles set out in the *Code of Ethics for Beneficiaries and Candidates in FNP Programmes*, published on the Foundation's website;
 - g) respect the principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, equality between men and women and the rights and freedoms set out in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

§ 5

Reports of the Scholarship Holder

1. **The Scholarship Holder's report on scientific work carried out** during the period of receiving the Scholarship shall be **annexed to the Beneficiary's mid-term and final report within the timeframe provided for in the Funding Agreement.**
2. The Scholarship Holder's reports shall cover all activities related to the Scholarship Holder's academic work and shall be prepared on the template provided by the Institution.
3. The Scholarship Holder shall submit **an interim report** to the Principal Investigator **no later than 7 days after the end of the interim reporting period indicated in the Funding Agreement**, but no earlier than on the last day of the reporting period to which the report relates (with the first report covering the period from the date of commencement of receipt of the Scholarship until the end of the **interim** reporting period, while the last reporting period is determined by the date of termination of receipt of the Scholarship).

§ 6

Suspension of Scholarship payment

1. In the event of a temporary loss of the ability to perform the Scholarship Holder's duties as defined in the Regulations or where there are justified grounds to expect that such duties will not be performed in the future (caused, in particular, by illness, maternity or parental leave), **the Principal Investigator** may decide to temporarily suspend payment of the Scholarship **for a period not exceeding 12 months.**
2. If the Principal Investigator intends to accept a new Scholarship Holder, it shall submit to **the Institution for approval an abbreviated procedure for the additional**

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recruitment of a replacement Scholarship Holder or the selection of another person from the list of candidates for the Scholarship considered in any previous competitions

3. If a person is selected as a replacement for the Scholarship Holder, **that person shall fulfil the criteria** for selection to the project as defined for the Scholarship Holder, in particular shall hold the status referred to in § 2 (3)(b) and shall meet the conditions defined in § 2 (3)(c). The Beneficiary shall provide the Institution with the data of the aforementioned person within 7 days from the date of completion of the recruitment procedure.
4. A person to replace a Scholarship Holder may only be selected once and the total replacement period shall not exceed 12 months.
5. The rules for payment of the Scholarship to the person selected as a replacement shall be analogous to the rules for payment of the Scholarship to the Scholarship Holder set out in § 3.

§ 7

Extension of the Scholarship payment period

1. Requests, together with a justification, concerning a change to the payment period of the Scholarship shall be submitted to the Beneficiary by the Principal Investigator and shall require that the Institution be informed.

§ 8

Information and promotional activities of the Scholarship Holder

1. During the period of receipt of the Scholarship, the Scholarship Holder shall inform, on the occasion of conferences, seminars and other public appearances, both about the support of the Scholarship and the project with funding from the European Union under the European Funds for Smart Economy Programme, as well as about the role of the Foundation.
2. For the purposes of information and promotion of the project, the Scholarship Holder is advised to apply the rules set out in the "Handbook for applicants and beneficiaries of cohesion policy programmes 2021-2027 on information and publicity" published on the web page <https://www.gov.pl/web/fundusze-regiony/wytyczne-na-lata-2021-2027.->
3. The Institution reserves the right to disseminate the Scholarship Holder's image and information about his/her academic activities for informational and promotional purposes.
4. When performing the obligations referred to in this paragraph, the Scholarship Holder shall use only the official name of the Foundation and the logo available on the Foundation's website.

§ 9

Intellectual property rights

1. Bearing in mind the fact that the payment of funds granted for the implementation of the Project in the form of Scholarships constitutes assistance for the Scholarship Holders to carry out research works in the Project and, consequently, to develop the results of the Project, the **Scholarship Holder and the Beneficiary shall be obliged to ensure the effective transfer to the Beneficiary of the intellectual property rights** protecting the assets created as a result of research works carried out by the Scholarship Holder.

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2. The acquisition by the Beneficiary of the rights referred to in section 1 shall be acquired by the Beneficiary by means of a contract **without any additional remuneration on this account, with the proviso, however, that the Scholarship Holder shall, by means of the contract concluded, be entitled to remuneration and to a share in the funds obtained from the commercialisation of the intellectual property** of which the Scholarship Holder was the author on the same terms as apply to the Beneficiary's employees.
3. In order to enable the Beneficiary to make effective use of the intellectual property rights protecting the goods produced in the Project which are the results of the research work, **the Scholarship Holder shall**, notwithstanding the obligation to conclude an appropriate agreement transferring these rights to the Beneficiary, be **obliged to**:
 - a. keep the **results** of the research activities and the know-how relating to these results **confidential**, unless otherwise instructed by the Beneficiary;
 - b. **transfer to the Beneficiary all the information, the works** together with the ownership of the media on which the works are recorded, and the technical experience needed for commercialization that are in his/her possession;
 - c. **refrain from carrying out any activities aimed at independent implementation of the results or** any other use of the **results**, unless the Scholarship Holder obtains prior approval from the Beneficiary;
 - d. respect the interests of the Beneficiary when using in further activities the intellectual property created as a result of the work by him/her carried out as a result of the Project;
 - e. **cooperate with the Beneficiary in the commercialisation process**, including in proceedings to obtain exclusive rights in the Republic of Poland and abroad.

§ 10

Final provisions

1. An admissible form of submitting statement, applications and reports or of transmitting information between any of the following parties: the Institution, the Scholarship Holder, the Principal Investigator of the Project or the Beneficiary, shall be communication by e-mail or via the Institution's electronic system or the European Funds' ICT system.

Annex No. 1

(Place and date)

(Name of the Scholarship Holder)

Statement

In connection with the awarding to me
by.....

..... (name of the Beneficiary) of a scholarship constituting assistance
for a participant of
the.....

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project (name of the project) (hereinafter referred to as the "Scholarship"), financed from the
European Regional Development Fund within the framework of the Programme European
Funds for Smart Economy (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"), in which the Intermediate
Body is the Foundation for Polish Science (hereinafter referred to as the "Intermediate Body"
or "Foundation"), I hereby declare that:

- 1) I was selected to carry out tasks in the Project in a competition;
- 2) I hold the status of a student of first-cycle, second cycle or uniform master's studies, or equivalent, or I am preparing a doctoral thesis as a doctoral student - in a doctoral school;
- 3) I do not receive any other scientific scholarship under any other programme implemented by the Foundation for Polish Science, regardless of the source of its funding (does not apply to the Start programme);
- 4) I am familiar with the content of the "*Regulations for granting scholarships constituting assistance for the Project's Scholarship Holders within the framework of Measure 2.2. First Team (FENG 2021-2027) of the Foundation for Polish Science*" (called "Regulations"), which I undertake to comply with;
- 5) I am familiar with the contents of the "*Code of Ethics for Beneficiaries and Candidates in FNP Programmes*" published on the Foundation's website, which I undertake to comply with;
- 6) I undertake to inform the Beneficiary and the Principal Investigator of any change that may result in my not fulfilling the conditions for the award of the Scholarship referred to in § 2 (3) of the Regulations;
- 7) I also undertake, in accordance with the Regulations, to communicate, on the occasion of conferences, seminars and other public appearances, both about the support of the Scholarship and the Project with funding from the European Union under the European Funds for Smart Economy Programme, as well as about the role of the Foundation.

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.....
(legible signature of the Scholarship Holder)

At the same time, I declare that, in accordance with the content of the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and the repeal of Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), I consent to the transfer of my personal data to the Foundation for Polish Science with registered office in Warsaw at ul. I. Krasickiego 20/22 (postal code 02-611) in connection with the settlement of the subsidised Project, as well as for the purposes of reporting, evaluation, control and archiving of the Project.

I indicate that I provide the personal data voluntarily and declare that they are true.

At the same time, I declare that I have read and understood the information clause, including information about the purpose and methods of processing of personal data by the Foundation and about all my rights related to the processing of personal data.

.....
(legible signature of the Scholarship Holder)

Information clause

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), we inform you that:

1. The Foundation for Polish Science has appointed a Data Protection Officer. In all matters related to the processing of personal data and in matters concerning the exercise of rights related to the processing of personal data, you may contact at the indicated e-mail address: iodo@fnp.org.pl.
2. Personal data shall be processed in connection with the settlement of the funded Project, as well as for purposes related to reporting, evaluation, control and archiving of the Project.
3. Your data shall be disclosed to external entities, in particular for the purposes of audits, expenditure verifications and evaluations carried out by the Foundation, the European Funds for Smart Economy Programme Managing Authority or other authorised bodies.

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4. Ordinary personal data shall be used in the processing operations.
5. Your personal data shall be retained for the period necessary to achieve the purpose indicated in point 2.
6. In connection with to the processing of your personal data, you have the right to access your personal data, the right to rectify your personal data, the right to restrict the processing of your personal data, the right to transfer your data to another controller, the right to erasure of your personal data, the right to object to the processing of your data, the right to withdraw your consent, and the right to lodge a complaint with the President of the Office for Personal Data Protection.
7. The provision of your personal data is necessary in order to fulfil the above-mentioned purpose.
8. Your personal data shall not be processed by automated means and shall not be subject to profiling.

*I, Marek Kądzielski, the undersigned duly commissioned **Sworn Translator** of the English language, in Warsaw Poland, do hereby certify the conformity of this true translation version with the original document in Polish presented to me on this twenty eighth day of January, A.D. 2026.-----*

Warsaw, dated 28th January, 2026.-----

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