**Announcement of a contest for Nawa Ster scholarships**

The head of the project entitled “Internationalisation Empowerment of Doctoral School at Medical University of Lodz” (InterEmpowereD) Prof. Anna Woźniacka announces a contest for scholarships financed from Nawa Ster funds under Task 2 “Payment of NAWA scholarships for the best foreign and Polish doctoral students implementing doctoral projects in international cooperation and aiming to obtain a joint degree or double degree” the

**Conditions for awarding the scholarship**

1. the scholarship may be awarded to a candidate who fulfils the following requirements:

1) receives his/her education at the International Doctoral School;

2) has submitted, in accordance with the regulations, an individual research plan to the Director of the International Doctoral School;

3) he/she meets the dissertation schedule specified in the individual research plan in a timely manner;

4) does not receive a scholarship under other NAWA projects supporting the internationalisation of doctoral schools;

5) prepares a dissertation in the English language;

6) cooperates with a supervisor employed in a foreign scientific institution;

7) pursues a doctoral project in international cooperation and aims at obtaining a joint or double degree - on the basis of an agreement confirming the cooperation between the Medical University of Łódź and a foreign scientific institution.

2. The requirements specified in Point 1, Sub-points 6 and 7 do not apply to foreign doctoral students.

**Procedure for awarding the scholarship**

1. The scholarship is awarded through a contest.

2. The contest is open to doctoral students studying at the International Doctoral School.

3. The candidate is required to submit an application for the scholarship to the Office of Doctoral Studies Centre within 30 days of the contest announcement, i.e. by 22 August 2022. The template of the application form constitutes an annex to the Rules and Regulations.

4. The candidate is required to attach a statement on processing of personal data in connection with the implementation of the Project, together with an additional consent to the processing of personal data.

5. Results of the contest are made public within 14 days after the application deadline, i.e. by 5 September 2022.

6. Applications shall be evaluated by the STER Programme Committee.

7. Committee members shall not evaluate applications of the doctoral students for whom they are supervisors.

8. Applications submitted after the deadline or those that do not meet formal requirements shall not be considered.

9. Having evaluated the submitted applications, the Committee prepares a ranking list of doctoral students and awards the scholarship to the doctoral students who obtained the highest number of points. The decisions of the Committee shall be final.

10. Results of the contest shall be placed on the website of the International Doctoral School.

**Evaluation criteria**

The Committee evaluates the academic achievements of the candidates, obtained between the beginning of their education at the International Doctoral School and the date of the submission of the scholarship application.

The following activities are given preference:

1. The candidate’s academic achievements related to the doctoral dissertation (in total not more than 30 points) include:

1) scientific articles, as indicated in the doctoral student’s annual reports, published or accepted for publication in:

a) a scientific journal with the Impact Factor (IF) citation index, in which the doctoral student is the first author – 3 points, a co-author – 2 points,

b) peer-reviewed scientific journal, included in the current list published by the Minister of Higher Education and Science, in which the doctoral student is the first author – 2 points, a co-author – 1 point (not more than 3 publications).

2) active participation in international conferences, symposia, scientific congresses (not more than 4):

- for an oral presentation of a scientific paper – 2 points,

- for a presentation in the form of a poster – 1 point,

3) international scientific internships, not shorter than 2 months – 2 points,

4) inventions submitted by the University to the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland (on the basis of information about the submission of the invention, bearing the application number assigned by the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland) – 3 points,

5) received awards for works related to the subject of the dissertation – 1 point.

2. International aspect of the dissertation project related to:

1) cooperation with a supervisor employed in a foreign scientific institution, appointed by the Director of the International Doctoral School –10 pts,

2) cooperation with an assistant supervisor, employed in a foreign scientific institution, appointed by the Director of the International Doctoral School – 5 points,

3) cooperation with a foreign academic institution – 10 pts,

4) international cooperation, aiming at obtaining a joint or double degree - on the basis of an agreement confirming the cooperation between the Medical University of Lodz and a foreign scientific institution. – 40 points.

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