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## **Announcement of the competition for Nawa Ster scholarships**

The head of the project "Internationalization Empowerment of Doctoral School at the Medical University of Lodz (InterEmpowered) - prof. Anna Woźniacka announces a competition for scholarships financed by Nawa Ster as part of 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".

### **Amount of scholarships**

As part of the Project, in the academic year 2024/2025, funds will be allocated to pay scholarships in the following number and amount, taking into account the period of implementation of the project task:

7 scholarships in the amount of PLN 2,000.00 per month – for Polish and foreign doctoral students, for a period of 6 months (from April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024);

### **Conditions of awarding and payment of the scholarship**

I. The scholarship may be awarded to a candidate who meets the following requirements:

- 1) is pursuing studies at the Doctoral School;
- 2) has submitted his/her individual research plan to the Director of the Doctoral School, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Doctoral School;
- 3) has not extended the deadline for submission of his/her doctoral dissertation, i.e., meets the dissertation preparation schedule specified in the individual research plan in a timely manner;
- 4) does not receive any other scholarship awarded under other NAWA projects that

support the internationalisation of doctoral schools;

5) prepares the doctoral dissertation in English;

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

7) carries out a doctoral project in international cooperation and aims at obtaining a joint or double degree – under an agreement confirming the cooperation between the University and a foreign research institution.

II. The requirements defined in item 1, points 6 and 7 do not apply to foreign doctoral students.

### **Rules and procedure of awarding the scholarship**

1. The scholarship is awarded through a competition announced by the Project Manager.
2. The competition is open to doctoral students studying at the Doctoral School.
3. The candidate should submit the application for the scholarship to the Office for Doctoral Students within 30 days from the date of publishing the announcement about the Competition – 20.03.2024. The application form template is enclosed as an appendix to these Regulations.
4. The application, referred to in item 3, should be enclosed with a statement on processing of personal data in relation to the implementation of the Project, together with an additional consent to processing of personal data; document templates are available on the Doctoral School's website.
5. Results of the competition will be announced within 14 days following the deadline for submission of applications referred to in item 4 – until 03.04.2024.
6. Applications are assessed by the STER Programme Committee.
7. The members of the Committee do not assess applications of candidates they are supervisors of.
8. Applications submitted after the deadline referred to in item 4 or those failing to meet formal requirements are not considered.
9. Following the assessment of submitted applications, the Commission prepares a ranking



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list of candidates and awards scholarships to candidates who received the highest number of points. The decisions of the Committee are final.

10. The results of the competition are published on the Doctoral School's website.

### **Criteria for evaluating scientific achievements of candidates**

The Commission evaluates the academic achievements of candidates in the period from the beginning of their studies at the Doctoral School to the date of submission of the scholarship application, awarding points according to the following criteria:

I. the candidate's academic achievements related to the dissertation - not more than 30 points in total, including the following documented scientific achievements:

1) research articles specified in the doctoral student's annual report, published in:

a) scientific journals with an impact factor (IF), included on the list of the JCR database, of which the doctoral student is:-- the first author – 3 points for each article, -- a co-author – 2 points for each article,

b) a peer-reviewed scientific journal included on the current list announced by the minister competent for higher education and science, of which the doctoral student is: -- the first author – 2 points for each article,-- a co-author – 1 point for each article (not more than 3 publications),

2) active participation in international conferences, symposia, research conventions (not more than 4 conferences, symposia or conventions):

- for presentation of a research paper– 2 points,

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

3) scientific internships lasting at least 2 months and completed abroad - not more than 2 points in total,

4) inventions registered by the Medical University of Lodz with the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland (based on information on filing the application for patent, including the application number given by the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland - not more than 3 points in total,

5) received awards, related to the subject of the doctoral dissertation - not more than 1



point in total;

## II. Internationalisation of the doctoral project:

- 1) supervisor employed at a foreign research institution, appointed by the Director of the Doctoral School - not more than 10 points in total,
- 2) assistant supervisor employed at a foreign research institution, appointed by the Director of the Doctoral School - 5 points,
- 3) conducting research in cooperation with a foreign research institution (the rank of the centre and the nature of conducted research are evaluated) - not more than 10 points,
- 4) implementation of a doctoral project in international cooperation leading to obtaining a joint or double degree, under an agreement confirming the cooperation between the University and a foreign research institution- 40 points.



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