



Narodowe Centrum Nauki

Researcher Careers Workshop

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NARODOWE CENTRUM NAUKI



National Science Centre (NCN)

- NCN is a government agency, supervised by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, set up in 2011 to support basic research in Poland
- Areas of funding:
 - Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
 - Life Sciences
 - Physical Sciences and Engineering
- 11 types of funding schemes dedicated to researchers at different stages of their career



National Science Centre (NCN)

Our goals

- supporting excellent research projects in all fields of science and humanities
- funding doctoral scholarships and post-doctoral internships
- financing research projects carried out by experienced researchers aimed at implementing pioneering research important for the development of science
- inspiring international cooperation in basic research
- supervising the implementation of the awarded research projects



Programs for young researchers

- Polonez 3
- Small Grants
- Sonatina-Sonata-Sonata Bis
- Preludium

Programme objectives:

- funding of 12- or 24-months **research fellowships** in Poland for incoming researchers, regardless of their nationality
- developing **transferable skills** of researchers.

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Eligibility criteria:

- researchers with a PhD degree or at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience who have not resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Poland for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the call announcement

Fellowship duration: 12 or 24 months

Important dates:

	Call opening	Deadline	Results
POLONEZ 1	15th September 2015	15th December 2015	May/June 2016
POLONEZ 2	15th March 2016	15th June 2016	November/December 2016
POLONEZ 3	15th September 2016	15th December 2016	May/June 2017

Eligible institutions:

POLONEZ fellowships may be carried out in **all types of institutions, academic and non-academic, public or private**, which are established **in Poland**.

Host institution:

- receives **20%** overheads;
- employs the fellow on a full time contract for the entire duration of the fellowship;
- organizes one short (1-10 days) study trip for the fellow per year,
- facilitates fellow's integration with the local community by appointing a research partner for the fellow;
- supports the fellow and his/her project by providing necessary administrative assistance.

Researcher receives:

- salary (including mobility allowance):
EUR 4 350 gross (= PLN 17 443 gross)/month ca. 9 760 PLN net/month
- family allowance:
EUR 300 gross (= PLN 1203 gross)/month (for fellows whose families stay in Poland for at least 3 months) = **ca. 760 PLN net/month**
- research grant:

	12-month fellowship	24-month fellowship
Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	80 000 PLN	192 000 PLN
Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering	112 000 PLN	320 000 PLN

- **opportunity to participate in training programmes** developing research and non-research skills of the fellows organised by the NCN

Evaluation criteria:

- Research achievements of the fellow 20%
- Quality of the planned research 20%
- Relevance of the fellowship 20%
- Dissemination of the results of the fellowship 20%
- Selection of the partner and host institution 20%

Proposals must be submitted only in English online in the OSF submission system.

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Small grants

Objectives: Grants for a single scientific action. The main objective is to support entering into the main NCN grant system and increase the chance of getting a grant in other NCN calls.

Recipients: for scientists with PhD (0-12 years after PhD) who have not received so far any NCN grant.



Small grants

Conditions:

- Basic research only;
- Duration 0-12 months;
- 5 000 to 50 000 PLN;
- No research equipment;
- No remuneration;
- Indirect costs: 10%.



Small grants

Other information:

- Continuous call (January-June 2017);
- Electronic submission;
- Decision: three months from the submission.



Sonatina – Sonata – Sonata Bis

- 3-step program for young PhD researchers
- from first post-doc to individual research group
- one call per year
- basic research

Sonatina – Sonata – Sonata Bis

0-3 years 2-7 years 5-12 years
after PhD exams

Goal:

- first employment
- individual research
- gaining experience during research stay abroad

Who can apply: young PhD, 0-3 years after their exams

Important aspects:

- individual project
- 12-36 months
- 3-6 months of research stay abroad

- call for proposal ends - March 15th
- 2 step evaluation – interview as a second step

Goal:

- first small research group
- possibility of employment
- clarify your own research topic

Who can apply: young PhD, 2-7 years after their exams

Important aspects:

- individual project or small research groups
- 12-36 months
- Purchase laboratory equipment is allowed (up to 500 000 PLN)
- post-docs are not allowed

- call for proposal ends - September 15th
- 2 step evaluation



Sonata Bis

Goal:

- creating new research group
- working with students and post-docs

Who can apply: young PhD, 5-12 years after their exams



Sonata Bis

Important aspects:

- projects for research groups
 - 36-60 months
 - 2 post-docs allowed
 - student scholarships allowed
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- call for proposal ends - September 15th
 - 2 step evaluation



Preludium

Objectives: a funding opportunity intended for pre-doctoral researchers about to embark on their scientific career.

Recipients: an individual who is beginning his/her career in research and does not have a doctoral degree. The number of team members must not exceed 3 persons.



Preludium

Conditions:

- **Duration:** 12 – 36 months;
- **Funding:** 50,000 PLN per year;
- Cost of research equipment may not exceed 30% of the total budget of the project.
- **Call for proposals:** twice a year



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