

DECISION No. 49/2019
of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences
from 26 July 2019

*on awarding grants of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences
to PhD students for outstanding achievements*

Based on Article 22 paragraph 1 and item 5 and in connection with art. 81 of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the Polish Academy of Sciences (Journal of Laws of 2019, item 1183), I hereby declare as follows:

§ 1

1. In order to support young researchers without a doctoral degree, the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences awards grants for outstanding achievements to PhD students at research institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences, hereinafter referred to as “doctoral students”, who have been so nominated by the directors of PAS research institutes and received positive evaluations from the scientific boards of their institutes.
2. The President of the Polish Academy of Sciences prepares a list of applicants for the grant, hereinafter referred to as the “grant”, ranked according to the number of points obtained, and awards grants to doctoral students whose applications obtained the highest number of points on this list.
3. The President of the Polish Academy of Sciences awards no more than 10 grants for outstanding achievements in a given academic year.
4. The grant awarded shall not exceed PLN 30,000 before taxes¹.

§ 2

1. The grant for a given academic year shall be awarded to doctoral students who:
 - 1) have completed at least the first year of their PhD during the previous academic year and have been enrolled to the next year of their PhD research in the given academic year, and
 - 2) have had outstanding achievements during the course of their PhD, directly linked to the research field and scientific discipline of their PhD.
2. The requirement for the applicant to have completed the first year of their PhD, as outlined in para. 1 point 1, does not apply if the doctoral student is enrolled in their study program in the given academic year, and they have not completed the year of study in the previous academic year due to ill health or to the birth of a child.
3. The duration of the PhD mentioned in para. 1 point 2 includes:
 - 1) the period from the date of commencement of the PhD to 30 September of the year in which the applicant presents their application for the grant – in the case of a doctoral student who had not been awarded the grant of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences on the basis of Decision No. 12/2016 of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences from 28 April 2016 *on the awarding of grants by the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences for outstanding achievements to PhD students at research institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences*, amended by Decision No. 35/2017 of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences of 23 June 2017, hereinafter referred to as “Decision No. 12/2016 of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences”;

¹ Any personal income tax and/or social security contributions due in accordance with applicable regulations will be deducted from this pre-tax amount.

- 2) in the case of doctoral students who had been awarded the grant in previous years – the period from 1 October of the year in which they were awarded the most recent grant of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences on the basis of Decision No. 12/2016 of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences, to 30 September of the year in which they are applying for the grant.
4. The following may constitute the outstanding scientific achievements discussed in para. 1 point 2:
 - 1) authorship or co-authorship of scientific articles published in scientific journals or peer reviewed materials from international conferences, listed by these journals and reviewed materials prepared in accordance with the provisions issued pursuant to Article 267 section 2 point 2 of the Act of 20 July 2018 *Law on Higher Education and Science* (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 1668, as amended);
 - 2) authorship or co-authorship of scientific monographs or chapters of scientific monographs published by publishing houses listed in accordance with the provisions issued pursuant to Article 267 section 2 point 2 of the Act mentioned in point 1;
 - 3) significant participation in research projects implemented independently by the PAS research institute;
 - 4) significant participation in research projects carried out by the PAS research institute in cooperation with other PAS research institutes or other higher education and research institutions, including universities or scientific institutes or universities abroad;
 - 5) authorship or co-authorship of an invention, utility model, industrial design, integrated circuit topography or a cultivated or discovered and derived plant variety for which a patent or other exclusive rights was granted;
 - 6) presenting own research papers independently at international scientific conferences, in which speakers from at least five international scientific institutions or universities participated;
 - 7) awards received in international competitions for PhD students or researchers involving applicants from at least five countries, excluding competitions held as part of conferences and competitions for other grants.
 5. The grant for a given academic year shall not be awarded to doctoral students who have completed the final year outlined in the program of their PhD and who extended the period of their PhD for any reason.

§ 3

1. A doctoral student applying for the grant shall submit their application to the head of the PAS research institute, via the head of doctoral studies, by the deadline specified by the director of the PAS research institute.
2. The stipulations in § 2 para. 1-3 are verified by the PAS research institute.
3. When submitting their grant application, the doctoral student shall submit documents confirming their outstanding achievements referred to in § 2 para. 4, and a declaration of consent to the processing of their personal data and consent to list their full name and the name of the research institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences on the website of the Polish Academy of Sciences, if a grant is awarded. Annex 2 provides a template for this statement.

4. Documents confirming the doctoral student's outstanding achievements, as outlined in § 2 para. 4, include the following:
 - 1) a copy of the pages of a scientific journal or monograph including the first names and surnames of authors and/or co-authors, title of the research article or monograph, name of the publishing house, place of publication, month and year of publication, circulation, ISBN/eISBN/ISSN/eISSN or DOI no. (if awarded), or a certificate issued by the publisher;
 - 2) statements of co-authors of the scientific article or monograph or chapter in the scientific monograph on the percentage contribution of the doctoral student to the scientific article or monograph or chapter in the scientific monograph;
 - 3) a certificate issued by the leader of a research project, or statement that the doctoral student applying for the grant was the project leader;
 - 4) a copy of a patent document, utility model protection right, rights deriving from the registration of an industrial design, rights deriving from registration of integrated circuit topography or a decision awarding protection to a cultivated or discovered and derived plant variety;
 - 5) a copy of the program of an international scientific conference or post-conference materials including the presenter's full name, or a certificate issued by the conference organizer;
 - 6) a copy of a diploma obtained as part of a competition, any other document confirming the award of a prize at the competition, or a certificate issued by the competition organizer.
5. The director of the PAS research institute shall submit the grant application together with documents confirming the doctoral student's outstanding scientific achievements for the consideration of the scientific board of the PAS research institute. Annex 1 provides a template for this statement.

§ 4

1. Directors of PAS research institutes shall only submit applications that have been approved by their institute's scientific board to the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences.
2. Applications shall include the doctoral student's statement referred to in § 3 para. 3.
3. Applications shall not include the documents referred to in § 3 para. 4.
4. The deadline for submitting applications is 15 October.
5. In the event that an application does not meet the formal requirements, the director of the PAS research institute shall be called upon to submit corrections or supplementary materials to the application within seven days from the date of delivery of the request. Failure to submit corrections or supplementary materials to an application within the time limit shall result in that application being rejected.

§ 5

1. Applications shall be assessed using a point scale. Points are awarded for individual scientific achievements.
2. The President of the Polish Academy of Sciences appoints an advisory board for assessing applications for the grant for outstanding achievements, hereinafter known as the "Evaluation Panel", including:
 - 1) Chairman of the Evaluation Panel, Prof. Paweł Rowiński, Vice-Chairman of the Polish Academy of Sciences;

- 2) Members:
 - a) Dr. Konrad Osajda, Division I: Humanities and Social Sciences;
 - b) Prof. Bożena Kamińska-Kaczmarek, Division II: Biological and Agricultural Sciences;
 - c) Prof. Paweł Kulesza, Division III: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Earth Sciences;
 - d) Prof. Czesława Rosik-Dulewska, Division IV: Engineering Sciences;
 - e) Prof. Grzegorz Opolski, Division V: Medical Sciences.
3. The Evaluation Panel shall be assisted in its tasks by individuals (without voting rights) invited by the Chairman of the Panel: by a representative of the PAS Doctoral Student Government, as put forward by the Board of the PAS Doctoral Student Government, and by experts.
4. The Evaluation Panel's tasks include:
 - 1) developing a scheme for scoring applications for the grant of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences for outstanding achievements, subject to approval by the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences;
 - 2) assessing applications for the grant of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences for outstanding achievements;
 - 3) submitting the ranked list referred to in § 1 para. 2 to the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences.
5. The Evaluation Panel shall make its decision by a simple majority of votes in the presence of at least half of the Panel members. In the event of the votes being tied, the decision of the Chairman of the Panel shall be final.
6. The Chairman of the Evaluation Panel shall enter into correspondence regarding the submission of amendments or supplementary materials to the grant applications and shall provide information on any applications not being taken into consideration.
7. In the event that the Chairman of the Evaluation Panel cannot attend a Panel meeting, he shall indicate another member of the Board as deputy.
8. Minutes shall be taken at Panel meetings, signed by the Chairman of the Evaluation Panel or his deputy as indicated in para. 7.
9. The Board shall receive administrative support from the Office of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

§ 6

1. The list of doctoral students awarded the grant of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences, including their full names and name of their PAS research institute, shall be posted on the PAS website no later than 30 November.
2. The director of a PAS research institute shall be informed on any grants awarded to their doctoral students in writing.
3. The grant shall be disbursed to a doctoral student by their PAS research institute, from funds provided for the purpose by the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences.
4. The grant shall be disbursed in a single instalment to the bank account indicated by the doctoral student or by other means as agreed, within 14 days from the date the funds are credited to the bank account of the PAS research institute.
5. Any consequences of late settlement of disbursement of the grant or tax and social security contributions are the responsibility of the PAS research institute.

6. The PAS research institute shall present a grant settlement statement by 15 January of the year following the year in which the grants were awarded, and shall at the same time repay any unused funds to the account of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

§ 7

In 2019, a grant application may include outstanding scientific achievements such as authorship or co-authorship of scientific publications in scientific journals included in part A or C of the list published by the minister responsible for science, in accordance with the provisions issued pursuant to art. 44 para. 2 of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the principles of financing science.

§ 8

1. The provisions of this decision shall also apply to the awarding of grants to doctoral students at the PhD schools run by PAS research institutes from 1 October 2019.
2. When grants are being awarded for the 2022/2023 academic years, grant applications by students at such PhD schools shall be considered for the final time.

§ 9

Decision No. 12/2016 of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences of 28 April 2016 *on the awarding of grants by the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences for outstanding achievements to students at doctoral schools at PAS research institutes*, amended by Decision No. 35/2017 of the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences of 23 June 2017, is hereby repealed.

§ 10

The present decision comes into force on the day of signing.

PRESIDENT OF THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Jerzy Duszyński