



## **Competition REGULATIONS**

### **for the UG Junior Research Group Leader Programme UG – junG**

#### **§ 1. COMPETITION OBJECTIVE**

The aim of the competition as part of the UG Junior Research Group Leader Programme UG – junG is to activate young researchers into implementing ground-breaking research at the University of Gdańsk.

#### **§ 2. COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS**

1. Participants in the competition may be University of Gdańsk employees or individuals from outside the University who meet all the following conditions:
  - 1) they have been awarded the degree of doctor between 2-7 years before the date of submitting the application to participate in the Programme;
  - 2) they have completed a continuous post-doctoral internship lasting a minimum of 12 months in a research centre abroad;
  - 3) they are head of a research grant whose:
    - a) budget amounts to a minimum of 1.5 million PLN,
    - b) implementation period is at least 36 months from the date of submitting the application for the Programme.
2. In the case of persons from outside the University of Gdańsk, the University will provide the winner with employment funded from the research grant referred to in section 1 point 3.
3. The period referred to in section 1 point 1 may be extended by the length of long-term (over 90 days) documented sickness or rehabilitation benefits connected with the inability to work. Moreover, this period does not include the length of maternity leave, leave on conditions of maternity leave, paternity leave, parental leave or post-maternity leave, granted on the basis of rules set out in the Act of 26 June 1974 – Labour Code, periods in which the candidate is in receipt of maternity or parental allowance, or periods in which the candidate is in receipt of sickness or rehabilitation benefits connected with the inability to work, including inability caused by an illness which requires therapeutic rehabilitation.

### § 3. FUNDING

1. The winner of the competition will receive a grant which will cover the cost of:
  - 1) doctoral scholarships for two doctoral students in the UG doctoral school;
  - 2) conducting research activity to the amount of a maximum of 100,000 PLN / year.
2. In addition, the winner will be granted space to conduct scientific research, with the possibility to use the research infrastructure, as well as administrative support for the research grant under implementation.
3. With the funding awarded in the Programme the winner of the competition may cover the following costs of conducting research activity referred to in section 1 point 2:
  - 1) remuneration for the external implementation of a research venture by persons who are not UG employees (contracts of commission and contracts of specific work);
  - 2) costs of conducting scientific research, including the purchase of essential equipment, materials, software;
  - 3) active participation in international and domestic conferences, workshops, scientific symposia (poster or presentation required);
  - 4) international and domestic research trips, scientific queries;
  - 5) visits by external collaborators for research or consultation purposes;
  - 6) translation of prepared texts into foreign languages;
  - 7) text editing or graphic design services;
  - 8) publishing and open access costs;
  - 9) costs of external services connected with the implementation of the research programme;
  - 10) other costs, following approval of disbursement by the Scientific Excellence Programme Section of the Research Office.
4. The winners of the competition who receive funding are obliged to spend the funds in accordance with the Financial management rules of the University of Gdańsk.
5. The grant may be awarded for a maximum of up to 48 months, divided into calendar years, but for no longer than up to 31 December 2025. The mobilisation of funds for a subsequent calendar year is conditional on a positive assessment of the implementation of research work in the previous year. Funds allocated for a given calendar year may be spent only until the end of that year.

### § 4. SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

1. Participation in the competition requires the submission of an application containing:
  - 1) research programme (name, objective and detailed description of research plans);
  - 2) applicant's scientific CV;
  - 3) list of 3 most important scientific publications in the last 5 years (in level 2 publishers or first quartile (Q1) journals) in which the applicant is lead author;
  - 4) information on the fulfilment of conditions to participate in the competition (§ 2);
  - 5) declaration on a possible date for the commencement of participation in the Programme.
2. A sample application is available on the UG's web page in the "Research" tab.
3. Applications are accepted on a constant basis. An application may be submitted electronically (scan of a signed application) or on paper at the Scientific Excellence Programme Section of the Research Office.
4. Submission of an application constitutes acceptance of these Regulations.

#### § 5. ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS

1. Applications are formally assessed by the Scientific Excellence Programme Section of the Research Office. Formal assessment will consider the completeness of the application and an assessment regarding the participant's fulfilment of the Programme conditions.
2. Applications which do not meet the formal requirements will not be subject to further substantive assessment.
3. The substantive assessment is carried out by a committee comprising the:
  - 1) Vice-Rector for Research – Chair;
  - 2) Vice-Rector for Development;
  - 3) Dean of the faculty where the research programme is to be implemented;
4. In its work the committee may seek the opinion of appointed experts.
5. The assessment will consider the applicant's achievement as well as the research programme presented in terms of the possibility of obtaining ground-breaking research results during the implementation of the Programme at the University of Gdańsk.
6. The decision to accept the application for the Programme will be taken by the Rector on the basis of the committee's recommendation. The Rector's decision is final.
7. Information regarding the Rector's decision will be communicated to the applicant individually in writing. The decision may also be communicated electronically.

#### § 6. REPORTING

1. Applicants granted funding should submit an annual report by 15 January regarding participation in the Programme in the past calendar year. A sample of the annual report is available on the UG's web page in the "Research" tab.
2. Participation in the Programme, as described in the annual report, is subject to assessment by the Vice-Rector for Research who may request that additional clarification be submitted.
3. A positive assessment of Programme participation will result in the mobilisation of funds for the subsequent calendar year. Should the assessment prove negative, funding in subsequent years will be suspended.
4. Within 30 days of the completion of the Programme, participants are obliged to submit the final report regarding Programme implementation, including an assessment of the fulfilment of the set objectives and the scientific output achieved. A sample of the final report is available on the UG's web page in the "Research" tab.