

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BEKKER NAWA PROGRAMME no. 14 of March 21, 2024

### I. SCOPE OF RECRUITMENT

Pursuant to Article 19(1) of the Act on the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange of July 7, 2017, the Director of the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange hereby announces a call for applications for participation in the **Bekker NAWA** Programme (hereinafter referred to as the “Programme”).

### II. PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

#### 2.1. Programme objective

The objective of the Programme is to support PhD students, scientists and academic teachers from Polish science and higher education institutions in their pursuit of scientific excellence by financing trips to recognized foreign research and academic centres around the world. The Programme offers Scholarship Holders the opportunity to complete a postdoctoral internship or part of their doctoral education, carry out research work together with outstanding scientists from abroad, obtain materials for scientific work and establish long-term relationships with foreign research teams.

#### 2.2. Eligible Applicants

The Programme is open to Applicants representing all fields of science. There are no restrictions on the age of Applicants. There are also no restrictions on the countries in which the host institutions are located.

The following are eligible to apply for participation in the Programme:

- 1) **A person without a doctoral degree:**
  - a) a doctoral student studying at a doctoral school referred to in the Act of July 20, 2018, Law on Higher Education and Science (hereinafter referred to as “u.p.s.w.n.”) - documentation of the status is required.
  - b) A researcher or lecturer, without a doctoral degree, permanently residing in Poland, whose primary place of employment (at the time of submitting the application) is the entity referred to in Art. 7(1) points 1-8 of u.p.s.w.n.

NOTE: Only a person who resides in Poland during the period of education at the doctoral school may apply in the Programme.

- 2) **A Scientist**, which means. a person with at least a doctoral degree or an equivalent degree obtained abroad, or an academic teacher permanently residing in Poland, at the time of submitting the application, holding at least a doctoral degree or an equivalent degree obtained abroad, whose primary

place of employment (at the time of submitting an application) is the entity referred to in Art. 7(1) points 1-8 of u.p.s.w.n.

NOTE 1: A “visiting” position does not constitute employment requirements;

NOTE 2: An applicant cannot be employed or pursuing a postdoctoral fellowship at the host institution at the time of submitting the application.

As a condition for participation in the call, the Applicant must demonstrate:

- 1) Doctoral students and researchers and lecturers without PhD degree: at least 1 achievement
- 2) Scientists: at least 3 achievements

from those indicated in point 1 letters a-e below.

**List of achievements qualifying for application in the Programme:**

- 1) An applicant may demonstrate several achievements under the same item (a, b, c, d or e) as well as various achievements from those indicated below:
  - a) a publication in a foreign language with international scope published or accepted for publication within the last 10 years (counted from the beginning of 2014) in journals included in one of the international databases: Scopus, Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, Arts & Humanities Citation Index,
  - b) a peer-reviewed scientific monograph published or accepted for publication published within the last 10 years from the beginning of 2014 PLEASE NOTE: reviewing a multi-authored monograph does not meet the achievement requirement,
  - c) managing, within the last 5 years (counted from the beginning of 2019), a research project selected in a national or international competition, financed from sources external to the entity in which the Applicant is applying for a doctoral degree or is employed PLEASE NOTE: the MINIATURA grant does not meet the achievement requirement,
  - d) a publication in the last 5 years (counted from the beginning of 2019) in reviewed materials from an international conference included in The Computing Research and Education Association of Australasia (CORE), as was indexed in the international database DBLP Computer Science Bibliography, or indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection or Scopus or IEEE Xplore database,
  - e) for representatives of the field of art – a documented presentation of works in a foreign cultural institution or academic centre or receiving an award or distinction in an international competition or festival - in the last 5 years (counted since the beginning of 2019).
- 2) representatives of the field of art should ensure that the activities planned under the Project are consistent with the objectives of the Programme and the thematic

scope specified in point 2.1 of the Announcement (i.e. related to scientific activities).

The above-mentioned time frame for presenting scientific or artistic achievements may be extended by the time spent on leave related to the birth or upbringing of a child or leave granted due to health conditions, as provided for by Polish labor law. If the Applicant decides that for the reasons they want to extend the period required for presenting scientific or artistic achievements, they may inform the Agency about it in the submitted application. The information will be processed by the Agency pursuant to Article 9(1) letter a of the GDPR in connection with Art. 6(1) letter d of the GDPR, only by employees with appropriate authorization to process the category of data, in order to issue a decision to extend the period in which the Applicant can demonstrate achievements entitling them to apply in the Programme.

### 2.3. Deadline and other conditions for submitting the application

Application submission deadline	The call for applications will be open until May 31, 2024. 3:00PM according to the official time in Poland.
How to submit an application	Only in electronic form via the Agency's IT system: <a href="#">//FILL IN THE APPLICATION //</a>
Language in which the application must be made	Model application, constituting Appendix 1 to this Announcement, is available at <a href="http://www.nawa.gov.pl">www.nawa.gov.pl</a> . The application must be completed in Polish, except for part III: Information about the project planned for implementation in the host centre, which must be completed in English. Attachments to the application may be prepared in Polish or English. Copies of the most important publications should be presented in Polish or English. Attaching publications in other languages is allowed only if the language of the text is the primary language of the publication for a given discipline and the publication itself meets the conditions described in point 2.2 of the Announcement.
Maximum number of applications that an Applicant may submit	Each Applicant may submit only one application for funding in a given call under the Programme, covering a visit to one host institution. If more than one application is submitted, the application submitted last according to the time of submission in the NAWA ICT system will be subject to evaluation. NOTE: An application under the Programme cannot be submitted by a person who has already submitted an application under another Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange scholarship programme until it is resolved with a negative decision, and the beneficiary of the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange scholarship programme cannot submit an application until the scholarship is settled and the contract is considered executed.

Additional information	The Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange emphasizes that the Applicant, before preparing the Application and the required attachments, should familiarize themselves with the Recruitment documents, and in particular with the merit-based assessment criteria in the Programme. It is the Applicant's responsibility to present the Project (scientific achievements, host institution and description of planned research) the way which allows to assess the Application adequately by the Evaluation Team and Reviewers as well.
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## 2.4. Thematic scope of activities implemented under the Programme

<p>The following mobility activities are eligible under the Programme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) carrying out research or development work that is critical at a particular career stage;</li> <li>2) acquiring materials for research or a publication;</li> <li>3) completing a postdoctoral internship;</li> <li>4) in the case of doctoral students, part of their education;</li> </ol> <p>and additionally - only as a supplement to the above purposes - other forms of scientific or academic activity, including teaching.</p> <p>The application may cover one or more of the above activities. The application should include the objectives, importance for career development and scientific discipline, benefits for the parent unit and justify the choice of the host institution for the planned activities.</p>
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## 2.5. Implementation time frame

Programme implementation period	From March 1, 2025 to January 31, 2028
Project implementation period (contract period)	The project implementation period includes the mobility period (period of stay in the host institution) plus 3 months. The project must be implemented within the Programme implementation period. NOTE: The Agency reserves the right to pay funds no earlier than February 15, 2025.
Length of mobility	From 3 to 24 months. Mobility must be completed during the Project implementation period (contract validity period).
Implementation of mobility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Implementation must be continuous, with the exception of those specified in points 2 and 3.</li> <li>2) It is permissible to suspend mobility for a total period of no longer than 3 months, provided that the host institution and NAWA give consent before suspension. During the suspension period, the scholarship is not available. Periods of suspension of mobility</li> </ol>

	<p>implementation do not constitute grounds for increasing financing.</p> <p>3) The permissible period of stay outside the host institution is not longer than 10% of the total stay. The period of stay outside the host institution cannot be used at the beginning or end of the Project implementation period (it cannot be used to shorten the Project implementation period).</p>
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## 2.6. List of information and attachments required in the application

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The application must include all information required in the application form.</li> <li>2. The following documents must be attached to the application in the form of PDF files:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) copies of required achievements in the form of attached documents. In the case of publication, the full text of the publication must be attached, and in the case of a publication accepted for publication, a confirmation must be attached. In the case of a monograph, please attach a file containing the title page, the ISBN number page, the editorial page, the table of contents and a selection of fragments containing the author's most important theses - a total of no more than 20 pages. In the case of representatives of the field of art, a copy of the catalog with an ISBN number confirming the presentation of the work in a foreign institution or academic centre, or a copy of an award in an international competition, or other formal confirmation of artistic achievement should be attached;</li> <li>2) an invitation from the host institution confirming the will to accept the Scholarship Holder for the requested period. The invitation should be prepared on the letterhead of the host institution in accordance with the template included in Appendix 2 to the Announcement;</li> <li>3) a document confirming the status of a doctoral student / possession of an academic degree or title (diploma or - if the doctoral degree was obtained no earlier than 12 months before the date of announcement of the recruitment - a resolution of the council of the competent authority awarding the doctoral degree);</li> <li>4) in the case of scientists or academic teachers as well as researchers and lecturers without PhD degree, a certificate from the human resources department confirming the period and form of employment. The document should have the current date (not earlier than the date of announcement of the recruitment);</li> <li>5) in the case of doctoral students, an opinion of the supervisor at the doctoral school about the candidate and the planned project/programme of the visit, a template of which is attached as Appendix 3;</li> <li>6) An applicant who has a certificate of moderate or severe disability and wants to receive an additional lump sum for living and accommodation costs may include an appropriate declaration in the application. The information will be</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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processed by the Agency pursuant to Article 9(1). 1 letter a of the GDPR in connection with Art. 6(1) letter d of the GDPR, only by employees authorized to process this category of data, in order to issue a decision on granting an additional lump sum referred to in point 2.9(3) letter 4 of this announcement.

\* If the information provided or attached documents exceed the limits indicated, only the items specified in the limit and listed first will be taken into account in the substantive assessment.

## 2.7. Procedure for assessing and selecting applications for financing

General assumptions	Applications are subject to formal and merit-based assessment in accordance with the Regulations of Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange programmes for natural persons.
Formal assessment	It is carried out according to the rules set forth in the Regulations (chapter III, Section 5.1 of the Regulations of NAWA programmes for natural persons). The application may also be left without consideration for formal reasons at a later stage of assessment, after the formal assessment has been completed.
Merit-based assessment	<p>Merit-based assessment includes the following stages:</p> <p><b>1. Preselection</b></p> <p>During the first stage of merit-based assessment, the Evaluation Team pre-selects applications based on the criterion: “The Applicant’s academic or scientific career and scientific accomplishments, including the stage of their academic career”.</p> <p>As a result of preselection, the Evaluation Team recommends to the next stage of merit-based assessment no more than 70% of the applications that received the highest score. After analyzing all applications, the Evaluation Team sets a point threshold above which the applications are directed to the next stage of merit-based assessment.</p> <p>The applicants whose applications are not recommended for the next stage of assessment receive a decision on the refusal to grant funding through the Agency’s ICT system.</p> <p><b>2. Reviewers assessment</b></p> <p>Applications that are included in the group of applications recommended for the next stage of substantive assessment are sent for assessment by two reviewers. Reviewers are appointed by the Evaluation Team. Reviewers evaluate the application on a point scale from 0 to 45 points, based on the following criteria.</p> <p><b>3. Assessment by the Evaluation Team</b></p>

After taking into account the arithmetic average of the points awarded by the reviewers and after making its own assessment for all of the following criteria, the Evaluation Team prepares a ranking list of applications submitted for substantive assessment. The team, taking into account the pre-selection stage, can award a maximum of 55 points in total.

If the Applicant is found to have violated ethical principles or is unreliable in preparing the application, or if the application is found to be non-compliant with the Programme objectives specified in point 2.1 of the Announcement, at each stage of the assessment the Assessment Team may award the application with a score of 0 (zero) points, justifying such a decision in the dedicated field of the application assessment sheet. In such a case, the application cannot be qualified for financing.

The merit-based assessment of applications is carried out based on the following criteria::

	Description of the criterion	Preselection (Evaluation Team))	Scores awarded by two Reviewers  (the arithmetic mean of both scores is taken into account)	Score awarded by the Evaluation Team
1.	<p>The Applicant's scientific or academic career and scientific accomplishments, including the stage of the Applicant's academic career</p> <p><i>In the case of representatives of the field of arts, the accomplishments indicated in section 2.2.(a-e) shall be assessed, and in the case of other Applicants - in section 2.2.(a-d).</i></p>	15	15	-
2.	<p><b>Renown and scientific level of the host institution.</b> <i>The assessment covers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>the host institution, including its international recognition and importance to the discipline</i></li> <li>• <i>achievements of the team in which the Applicant plans to implement the Project achievements of the team in which the Applicant plans to carry out the Project</i></li> <li>• <i>the scientific standing of the supervisor (their international recognition in the discipline)</i></li> <li>• <i>justification for the choice of the host institution in the context of the activities planned in the project.</i></li> </ul>	-	10	10



3.	Scope and manner of implementation of the planned scientific or scientific and teaching activities in relation to the Project implementation period. <i>The assessment covers the scientific value and novelty of the Project, the planned methodology and results, and the adequacy of Project implementation period to the planned activities.</i>	-	10	15
4.	The impact of participation in the Programme on further scientific/academic development of the Applicant and on the development of the scientific field/discipline of the Project <i>The maximum score may be awarded when the Project concerns the mobility for the first long-term research visit.</i>	-	10	15
Maximum points		15	45	40
Total:		100		

## 2.8. Amount of funds available in the Call Recruitment

The total amount of funds allocated for the call is PLN 20,000,000.00. The Agency reserves the right to increase the amount of funds allocated for the call.

## 2.9. Project budget

At the stage of preparing the application, the Applicant takes into account:

### 1. A SCHOLARSHIP

CATEGORY OF ELIGIBLE PERSONS	MONTHLY RATE IN PLN
DOCTORAL STUDENT	3 750
A PERSON WITH A PHD	7 500

The rules for settling scholarships are specified in the Regulations of the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange programmes for natural persons - in Chapter V, point 2.1, and the qualifying condition for the settlement of funds is the actual completion of international mobility referred to in point 2.1.

### 2. A LUMP SUM FOR LIVING AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS

	GROUP OF COUNTRIES	COUNTRIES	MONTHLY RATE IN PLN
I	Countries with lower costs of living and accommodation	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Egypt, Georgia, India, Lithuania, Latvia, Morocco, Moldova, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine, Vietnam and other countries of the world. <sup>1</sup>	4 000
II	Countries with average costs of living and accommodation	Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, France, Greece, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia, Germany, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain, Monaco, Vatican City State, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Thailand, Hungary, Italy, Uzbekistan	6 000

<sup>1</sup> Excluding group II, III and IV countries

III	Countries with higher costs of living and accommodation	Saudi Arabia, Australia, Bahrain, Brunei, China, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Hong Kong, Japan, Canada, Qatar, South Korea, North Korea, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macau, Mexico, Norway, New Zealand, Oman, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Faroe Islands, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates	8 000
IV	Countries with the highest costs of living and accommodation	United States of America, Israel,	12 000

The rules for settling lump sums for living and accommodation costs are specified in the Regulations of the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange programmes for persons. Physical - in Chapter V, point 2.1, and the qualifying condition for the settlement of financial funds is the actual completion of international mobility referred to in point 2.1.

3. **LUMP SUM FOR TRAVEL COSTS** – depending on the country to which the Scholarship Holder goes

Country	Rate in PLN
Belarus, Lithuania	1000
Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Moldova, Germany, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, Hungary	1500
Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Montenegro, France, Greece, Netherlands, Ireland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Norway, Russia, San Marino, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Vatican City, United Kingdom, Italy	2000
Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, Spain, Iraq, Iran, Iceland, Israel, Jordan, Qatar, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Faroe Islands	3000

<p>Afghanistan, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, India, Yemen, Cameroon, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Congo, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, Sao Tome and Principe, United Arab Emirates</p>	<p>4500</p>
<p>Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Chile, China, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eswatini, Fiji, Philippines, Hong Kong, Grenada, Guyana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Cambodia, Canada, Kiribati, Colombia, Comoros, South Korea, North Korea, Costa Rica, Cuba, Laos, Lesotho, Madagascar, Macau, Malawi, Maldives, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Myanmar, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, South Africa, Saint Kitts Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, El Salvador, Samoa, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, United States, Suriname, Thailand, Taiwan, Tanzania Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Zambia, Zimbabwe</p>	<p>6500</p>

The above lump sum is the total amount for the round trip.

4. If a Scholarship Holder has a certificate of severe or moderate disability, the lump sum for living and accommodation costs may be increased by PLN 2,000 per month at the Scholarship Holder's request.
5. Monthly support in the amount of PLN 2,000 for each month if the Scholarship Holder's minor child or children participate in the visit. The birth of a child after submitting the application does not entitle to apply for increased funding.
6. The full monthly amount of the scholarship, lump sum for living and accommodation costs and support for the child/children is payable if the stay of the Applicant (or the children, respectively) is 15 days or more in accordance with the final report. In case of less than 15 days, half the rate applies.

Sample calculation of the amount of financing due calculated as part of the verification of the final report:

- 1) if an Applicant planned a 7-month stay in the application and the actual stay lasted 6 months and 14 days, they will receive the amount for 6.5 months,
- 2) if an Applicant planned a 7-month stay in the application and the actual stay lasted 6 months and 17 days, they will receive the amount for 7 full months of stay,

- 3) if an Applicant planned 7 months of stay in the application, and the actual stay lasted 7 months and 2 days, they will receive the amount for 7 full months of stay - i.e. the maximum amount indicated in the application.
7. Insurance and visa costs, if required, are borne by the Scholarship Holder.
8. Financial resources under the Programme mean the funds referred to in Art. 18(2) point 1 of u.n.a.w.a. Pursuant to Art. 21(1) point 39a of the Act of 26 July 1991 on personal income tax, the funds are free of income tax.
9. The Programme does not provide financial resources for institutions (indirect costs) or research costs (e.g. materials, reagents or participation in conferences). The costs of research and other expenses must be covered from other sources.

## 2.10. Payment schemes

Payments will be transferred to the Scholarship Holder's bank account kept at a bank operating in the territory of the Republic of Poland and made as follows:

- 1) Scheme of payments for Projects lasting up to 12 months - scheme B in accordance with the Regulations of the programmes of the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange for natural persons:
  - a) advance payment - in the amount of 90% of the total financing amount, transferred to the Scholarship Holder's bank account, within 30 days from the date of signing the Scholarship agreement;
  - b) balancing payment - in the amount of up to 10% of the total financing amount, transferred within 30 days from the date of approval of the final report by the Agency.

The Scholarship Holder does not submit an interim report.
- 2) Scheme of payments for Projects lasting over 12 months - scheme C in accordance with the Regulations of the programmes of the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange for natural persons:
  - a) an advance payment of 60% of the total financing amount, transferred to the Scholarship Holder's bank account after its designation, within 30 days from the date of signing the Scholarship agreement;
  - b) interim payment - in the amount of 30% of the total financing amount, transferred within 30 days from the date of acceptance of the interim report. The report is assessed within 45 days from the date of submission of the complete report;
  - c) balancing payment - in the amount of up to 10% of the total financing amount, transferred within 30 days from the date of approval of the final report by the Agency.

### 2.11. Documenting expenses

The financing granted, which is a summary of lump sum amounts, will be treated as incurred expenditure. As part of lump sum amounts, the Scholarship Holder is not obliged to collect and present accounting evidence to confirm expenses.

A Scholarship Holder is obliged to keep documents confirming travel to and from the place where the Host Centre is located and attach scans of the documents to the final report.

A Scholarship Holder is obliged to keep documents confirming travel to and from the place where the Host Centre is located for accompanying children and to make them available at Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange's request.

Additionally, at the request of Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange, the Scholarship Holder is obliged to present documentation confirming the implementation of activities and achievement of the intended results and products in accordance with the approved Application - otherwise the Scholarship will be deemed ineligible.

### 2.12. Submitting reports and verifying them

1. A Scholarship Holder is obliged to submit reports on the implementation of the Project via the Agency's ICT system and to provide confirmation of the commencement of activities at the Host Centre:
  - 1) **Confirmation** of the start of mobility by the Scholarship Holder, issued within 1 month of the start of the Project, signed by a Representative of the Host Centre.
  - 2) An **interim report** is submitted only in the case of projects longer than 12 months within 14 days after the expiry of half of the Project implementation period in accordance with the report template.
  - 3) The **final report** is submitted within 30 days from the end of the Project in accordance with the report template.
2. A properly prepared report is subject to verification by the Agency and acceptance in terms of compliance of the Project with the Agreement. The Agency may decide to submit the report to the assessment of the Expert Team. The information contained in the report is used to assess the reliability and correctness of the implementation of the activities planned in the Project and the financial resources spent, as well as validity of any changes introduced during the mobility.
3. In the final report, the Scholarship Holder takes into account any deviations that occurred during the mobility, affecting the amount of funding granted, especially those related to the shortening the mobility.
4. Unused or incorrectly used funds are deducted from the balancing payment or returned to the Agency's bank account within 14 days from the date of request for a return, if the amount exceeds the amount of the balancing payment.

### 2.13. Obligations of the Scholarship Holder

1. Possession of at least basic health insurance for all participants of the trip, including in particular insurance for the costs of treatment and transport to the hospital, including the stay in the host facility and the trip there and the return trip to Poland; if the host centre is located in a member country of the European Union or the European Free Trade Association, the EHIC card (European Health Insurance Card) or any other policy covering the indicated scope of protection is recognized as part of the confirmation of health insurance;
2. timely submission of required reports;
3. achievement of the Project results planned in the application;
4. informing the Agency about changes in the implementation of the Project at least one month in advance;
5. informing the Agency about your particular scientific, teaching and other successes;
6. proper execution of the scholarship agreement, in particular settlement of the granted funds.

The Scholarship Holder may additionally be employed in the host centre if required by the regulations in force there.

The Scholarship Holder is obliged to immediately inform the Agency about any problems or irregularities in the implementation of the Project, including any dispute with the host centre, which threaten or may threaten the proper implementation of the planned activities.

### 2.14. Planned date for announcing results of the recruitment

The results of the Call will be announced by January 31, 2025.

### 2.15. National component

The Agency provides for the possibility of additional financing in the form of the National Component of the Bekker NAWA Programme for Scholarship Holders whose trips lasted 18 months or longer, if, after returning to Poland, they undertake to create a new, independent research team and submit a grant application covering the creation of the team during the period. It is also possible to apply for the National Component if the type or scope of research conducted does not require the creation of a research team. In such a case, the condition for settling the National Component will be the submission of another grant application by the Scholarship Holder.

The component covers the financing of remuneration under an employment contract in the monthly amount of PLN 17,000 (including the employer's costs) for a period of 6 months after returning to a Polish higher education institution, with full-time employment for a period of 12 months. The application will be submitted by the above-mentioned institution (home or new) in consultation with the Scholarship Holder.

## 2.16. Source of financing for the Programme

National measures.

### III. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Model Application form:

Appendix 2: Model invitation from the Host Centre

Appendix 3: Model thesis advisor's opinion

Appendix 4: Model certification of doctoral student status Appendix 5: Model opinion  
of the supervisor at the host institution

Appendix 6: Model reports

Appendix 7: Model Agreement

Appendix 8: Regulations of the Programmes of the Polish National Agency for  
Academic Exchange Programmes for natural persons

### IV. CONTACT THE AGENCY

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