

**Terms and conditions for awarding scholarships to young researchers in research projects and terms and conditions for awarding scholarships to young researchers as part of the ETIUDA doctoral scholarship funding scheme financed by the National Science Centre.**

**I. Terms and conditions for awarding scholarships to young researchers in research projects financed by the National Science Centre.**

1. These Terms and Conditions define the rules for awarding scholarships to young researchers within the scope of research projects carried out by the Polish entities referred to in Article 10 item 1–8 and 10 of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science (J. of Laws No. 96, item 615, as amended), hereinafter referred to as “units” and financed by the National Science Centre, hereinafter referred to as “projects”.
2. A scholarship may be awarded to a person who, at the time of joining the project, fulfils any of the following criteria:
  - a) Is a full-time student or part-time student in the second cycle of the two-cycle master's degree programme;
  - b) Is a full-time student or part-time student, at least in the 4th year, in the long-cycle master's degree programme;
  - c) Is a doctoral candidate.
3. A scholarship is awarded through an open call for applications announced by the project manager upon receipt of the decision of the Director of the National Science Centre to grant funding for the project. Information on the call for applications is published on the website of the unit to which the research project funding has been granted and on the website of the National Science Centre.
4. The scholarship is between 500 PLN and 3,000 PLN per month, with the amount depending on the scope of the young researcher's scientific research in a project financed by the National Science Centre.
5. A scholarship may be awarded for the duration of the project tasks but not less than 6 months and not more than 60 months.
6. Up to 10 scholarships can be financed from a single project budget, regardless of the award period.
7. The number of young researchers who can receive a scholarship within a project, descriptions of scientific tasks performed within the project by individual researchers and timelines for such tasks should be provided in the application for funding of the research project submitted to the National Science Centre.
8. A scholarship is awarded to a young researcher from a project budget by the unit that has received funding for the project.
9. A scholarship is awarded by a three-person committee appointed by the manager of the project implementing unit, and composed of the project manager as the chairman and two persons designated by the project manager.
10. In their scholarship application a young researcher must provide information on their academic and scientific achievements to date and any distinctions/honourable mentions related to their research.
11. Applications are considered at a committee meeting. Based on the committee's evaluation, a ranking list is prepared and sent to the candidates electronically. A scholarship in the project is awarded to the applicants with the highest score. The committee's decision may not be appealed against.



12. When evaluating a scholarship application, the following are taken into consideration:

- 1) academic and scientific achievements of a young researcher, including publications in reputable scientific periodicals/journals (50% of the final score):

4 points	A young researcher with prominent academic and scientific achievements;
3 points	A young researcher with considerable academic and scientific achievements;
2 points	A young researcher with fine academic and scientific achievements;
1 points	A young researcher with poor academic and scientific achievements;
0 points	A young researcher with no academic and scientific achievements.

- 2) Distinctions/honourable mentions related to the research, scholarships, awards and academic experience acquired outside a home academic unit in Poland or abroad, academic/scientific workshops and training, participation in research projects (50% of the final score):

4 points	Outstanding achievements (including internships in leading centres abroad, prestigious international awards or distinctions/honourable mentions, workshops or training in leading scientific centres, participation in international or foreign projects);
3 points	Significant achievements (internships in reputable domestic and foreign centres, national distinctions/honourable mentions or awards, national or foreign workshops or training, participation in domestic or foreign projects);
2 points	Moderate achievements (local distinctions/honourable mentions or awards, workshops or training, participation in in-house university projects);
1 points	Poor achievements;
0 points	No achievements.

13. A scholarship is disbursed on a one-off basis or in instalments based on an agreement between the unit and a young researcher, which determines the amount of the scholarship and the terms and conditions of its payment.

14. During the scholarship period, a young researcher is required to perform their research tasks within the framework of the project funded and the scholarship agreement, in consultation with the project manager, and submit annual progress reports to the project manager.

15. At the request of the project manager, the unit manager will suspend the scholarship payments if a scholarship beneficiary:

- a) does not carry out their research tasks within the project; or
- b) has violated professional ethics.