

INPUTDoc Project

Regulations of the "Scholarships" competition

allocating funds in the INPUTDoc project under the STER program – *Internationalisation of doctoral schools*

Task 1. "Scholarships for the best PhD students of PUT Doctoral School implementing doctoral projects in international cooperation"

§ 1

1. The aim of the INPUTDoc project is to develop internationalisation of the Doctoral School of Poznan University of Technology (PUT Doctoral School) by promoting international cooperation between Poznan University of Technology and foreign universities and research institutions, and increasing the number of foreign supervisors and joint research projects as part of doctoral dissertations.
2. The aim of the activities in Task 1 is to finance scholarships for the best doctoral students of PUT Doctoral School, foreign and Polish who carry out research leading to preparation of doctoral dissertations in cooperation with foreign units.
3. Participation in international scientific research and the use of know-how of foreign research units should increase the scientific level and quality of doctoral dissertations carried out by doctoral students of PUT Doctoral School.
4. The project assumes that research conducted by doctoral students in cooperation with foreign scientific teams will enable the acquisition of additional knowledge and skills as well as establish contacts and create the basis for long-term cooperation within common areas of interest between research groups from leading foreign universities and research institutions and Poznan University of Technology.

§ 2

1. A doctoral scholarship financed by the INPUTDoc project may be awarded to a person studying at PUT Doctoral School in the second, third or fourth year, who fulfils the provisions of PUT Doctoral School Regulations and is:
 - a) a foreign doctoral student,
 - b) a doctoral student from Poland implementing a doctoral project in international cooperation and aiming at obtaining a joint degree or double degree.
2. A foreign doctoral student should be understood as:
 - a) a foreigner who is a graduate of first- and second-stage studies or long-cycle studies, completed at a foreign university,
 - b) a foreigner who is a graduate of second-stage studies completed at a Polish university,
 - c) a citizen of Poland who is a graduate of second-stage studies, or equivalent, completed at a foreign university.

§ 3

1. The scholarship financed and awarded as part of the INPUTDoc project replaces the doctoral scholarship referred to in Article 209 of the Act – Law on Higher Education and Science.
2. A scholarship financed from the INPUTDoc project shall be paid to a doctoral student who has submitted an individual research plan in accordance with Article 202 sec. 1 of the Act – Law on Higher Education and Science and the Regulations of PUT Doctoral School.
3. The scholarship financed from the INPUTDoc project is not payable to a doctoral student who, after a mid-term evaluation resulting in a positive result, has been employed as an academic teacher or a researcher for more than half of the full-time equivalent.

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4. The scholarship financed from the INPUTDoc project is not payable to a doctoral student whose doctoral scholarship is financed from sources other than the subsidy (including: the "Applied Doctorate" program, NCN projects, FNP projects, etc.).
5. The basis for awarding the scholarship is the doctoral student's scientific achievements being the result of international cooperation undertaken during the implementation of doctoral project.

§ 4

1. In the INPUTDoc project, 8 scholarships will be awarded, as part of 2 "*Scholarships*" competitions, which will be carried out on the following dates:
 - a) 10/2022 for scholarships paid in the academic year 2022/23 ("*Scholarships I*"),
 - b) 10/2023 for scholarships paid in the academic year 2023/24 ("*Scholarships II*").
2. In each competition, 4 scholarships will be offered, awarded for 6 months and paid monthly.
3. The monthly amount of the scholarship is PLN 5,000 gross. All due derivative costs related to the payment of the doctoral scholarship by the University shall be covered from this amount.
4. If not all available scholarships are awarded in a given competition, the unused funds will be included in the next competition.
5. Doctoral students can take part in the next competition, regardless of the previously received scholarship from the INPUTDoc project as part of the "*Scholarships*" competition.
6. The doctoral scholarship from the INPUTDoc project shall be paid to the doctoral student (scholarship holder) on condition they stay in Poland, except for during the period of foreign mobility financed under the "*Mobility*" competition.

§ 5

1. The assessment of applications submitted by doctoral students under the "*Scholarships*" competition in the INPUTDoc project will be carried out by the International Qualification Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee.
2. The Committee is appointed by the Director of PUT Doctoral School (the INPUTDoc Project Leader), ensuring the representation of all 9 scientific disciplines, in which education at PUT Doctoral School is conducted.
3. The Committee is composed of 3 representatives from foreign universities (*International Advisory Board*), representing University of Technology Sydney (UTS, Australia), Florida International University (FIU, USA) and EUNICE European University, as well as 6 members of PUT Doctoral School Scientific Council.
4. Within four weeks of the deadline for submitting the applications referred to in § 6 sec. 2, the Committee assesses the submitted applications in accordance with the points given in **Appendix 1** and creates a ranking list. The final score of the application is an arithmetic average of the individual scores (points awarded by individual members of the Committee).
5. Based on the points awarded to the Applicants, the Committee shall create a ranking list. On its basis, the Committee will take decisions on awarding scholarships from the INPUTDoc project. Decisions are taken by an absolute majority of votes of the members of the Committee. The decisions of the Committee are final.
6. When assessing the applications of doctoral students, referred to in § 5 sec. 4, the task of the Committee is to guarantee the principle of equal opportunities and non-discrimination.
7. In the event of a doctoral student (beneficiary) resigning from the scholarship from the INPUTDoc project, before signing the Agreement between Poznań University of Technology and doctoral student, the scholarship may be awarded to the next person on the ranking list.

§ 6

1. Doctoral students applying for scholarships in the "*Scholarships*" competition submit an application to the Committee, via PUT Doctoral School office. Information on how to submit an application will be provided in the competition announcement posted on the STER programme (INPUTDoc project) website.

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2. The application, referred to in sec. 1, drawn up according to the template set out in **Appendix 2**, should be submitted by the date specified in the announcement of the "Scholarships" competition.
3. Applications which are incomplete or submitted after the deadline will not be subject to evaluation. The Committee assesses the applications submitted in accordance with the requirements set out in sec. 1-2 and meeting the conditions referred to in § 2-3.

§ 7

Information on awarding doctoral scholarships financed from the INPUTDoc project shall be posted on the website of the INPUTDoc project and forwarded to doctoral students by e-mail.

§ 8

1. Within 14 days after the "Scholarships" competition has been settled, PUT Doctoral School office prepares an Agreement between Poznań University of Technology and doctoral student (beneficiary of the competition).
2. The lists of payments of doctoral scholarships from the INPUTDoc project are prepared by PUT Doctoral School office and approved by the Project Leader (Director of PUT Doctoral School).
3. The financial resources, referred to in sec. 2, are transferred to a bank account indicated by doctoral student, in a manner consistent with the legal regulations in force at Poznań University of Technology and the Agreement between Poznań University of Technology and doctoral student.

§ 9

1. Within 14 days after the end of the period of receiving the scholarship from the INPUTDoc project, doctoral student is obliged to submit to the Project Leader, via PUT Doctoral School office, a summary report (in accordance with the template provided in **Appendix 3**).
2. The report, referred to in sec. 1, contains a description of the research carried out, the activities undertaken, the results achieved, the prepared (or planned) publication of the results and the prospects for further development of international cooperation, signed by the supervisor or supervisors.
3. The doctoral student is obliged to include, in all publications, presentations and reports created at the time of receiving the doctoral scholarship financed by the INPUTDoc project, the following acknowledgments: *"This work (article/project) has been supported by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA) under the STER programme, Towards Internationalization of Poznań University of Technology Doctoral School (2022-2024)"* or their equivalent in Polish.