

**Rules for awarding research scholarships financed with funds from the NAWA Agency's STER  
programme  
for the best doctoral students pursuing courses in English  
at the Doctoral School run by Poznan University of Medical Sciences for 2022**

**§ 1**

1. The research scholarship, after this referred to as the "scholarship", shall be available for doctoral students who:
  - a) began education in English at the Doctoral School of Poznan University of Medical Sciences in the academic year 2021/2022,
  - b) are pursuing a doctoral project under the supervision of two thesis supervisors, one of them from abroad,
  - c) have presented their individual research plans.
2. The scholarship shall be awarded for a period of 12 months, starting in January 2022.
3. The scholarships shall be funded from the systemic support obtained from the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA) for the STER Internationalisation of Doctoral School project, and they shall be allocated in line with the provisions of the following documents:
  - a) NAWA Agency's PUMSTER Project granted to the Doctoral School run by Poznań University of Medical Sciences under the decision of 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 No. PPI/STE/2020/1/00014/DEC/02 for the period from the 4<sup>st</sup> of January 2021 to 29<sup>th</sup> of December 2023, after this referred to as the Project,
  - b) Regulations of the STER Internationalisation of Doctoral School programme of the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2020, after this referred to as the STER Regulations.

**§ 2**

1. Scholarships can be awarded to 15 doctoral students.
2. A doctoral student awarded the scholarship in 2022 may apply for the scholarship for 2023.

**§ 3**

1. The scholarships shall be awarded at three levels:
  - a) 1st level scholarship in the amount of PLN 1,000 per month
  - b) 2nd level scholarship in the amount of PLN 750 per month
  - c) 3rd level scholarship in the amount of PLN 500 per month
2. The Director of the Doctoral School of Poznan University of Medical Sciences shall award no more than 5 scholarships in each category listed in Item 1.

**§ 4**

1. The scholarship shall be awarded at the request of a doctoral student submitted to the Director of the Doctoral School of Poznan University of Medical Sciences.
2. A doctoral student shall submit the scholarship application on the e-mail address [doctoralschool@ump.edu.pl](mailto:doctoralschool@ump.edu.pl) according to the template announced by the Director of the Doctoral School.
3. Application for a scholarship referred to in §1 sec. 1 must be submitted by 10 December 2021.
4. The assessment covers:
  - results of the recruitment process (taking into account the scientific achievements),
  - individual research plan,

- list of scientific achievements that were published after the completion of the recruitment procedure, with a division into published scientific works in international indexed journals, obtained scientific projects, work in research teams, participation in extracurricular scientific activities,
  - previous mobility, not included in the recruitment documentation (scientific and professional internships outside the place of study - place, duration, name, and surname of the academic tutor at the place of the internship, list of scientific achievements related to the internship).
5. Documents confirming the achievements listed in Item 3 shall be attached to the application.
  6. The application submitted shall be examined formally and in content-related terms by the PUMSTER Project Scholarship Committee appointed by the Director of the Doctoral School. Each member of the Committee who is an applicant's relative or in-law shall be excluded from participation in further proceedings.
  7. In the case of formal flaws, the application shall be sent to the applicant by e-mail with the request to make corrections within 7 days from the notification received. If no such corrections are made within the time limit stipulated above, the application shall not be considered.
  8. No corrections shall be requested as regards the list of achievements and documents confirming them.
  9. The substantive assessment of a submitted application shall consist in awarding points, the sum of which will determine the doctoral student's position on the ranking list. A maximum of 40% of possible points shall be awarded for the individual research plan, and a maximum of 20% of possible points for each of the remaining categories: results of the recruitment process, list of achievements to date, and mobility.
  10. Ranking results along with information on awarding the scholarships shall be published on the website of the Doctoral School of Poznań University of Medical Sciences within 2 months from the date on which the call for applications was closed.
  11. Decisions on not to grant funding may not be appealed.
  12. The competition may end without awarding all scholarships if there is a low number of participants or the quality of the documents prepared is questionable. The Director of the Doctoral School reserves the right to conduct additional recruitment for the pool of unused scholarships after 7 days from the announcement of the results of the first competition.

#### **§ 5**

1. The scholarship shall be paid only by transfer to a doctoral student's bank account.
2. The payment shall be made in the amount corresponding to the monthly amount of the benefit, by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, subject to Item 3.
3. If the decision on awarding the scholarship is made later than in January, the doctoral student shall be entitled to payment of the benefit for the months preceding the decision.
4. Payment of the scholarship shall be suspended in the following situations:
  - a) removal of the doctoral student from the list of doctoral students,
  - b) academic suspension of the doctoral student,
  - c) no progress in the research and in the preparation of the doctoral dissertation.
5. The decision to suspend the scholarship shall be made by the Director of the Doctoral School.
6. Payment of the scholarship shall be suspended as of the first day of the month following the month in which the reason justifying the loss of right to the scholarship occurred.

#### **§ 6**

These Rules shall take effect on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.