

The Regulations of the Competition for the Development of International Research Collaboration

The Objectives and Results of the Competition

1. The Competition of the Faculty of International and Political Studies of the Jagiellonian University (WSMiP UJ) for the development of international research collaboration is carried out within the Action No.: 3 (R2R – research collaboration) which forms a part of the strategic program – Excellence Initiative at the Jagiellonian University.
2. The objective of the Competition carried out within Action No.: 3 is the following:
 - The increase of the research quality and the quality of the research and teaching quality of the academic staff of the Faculty of International and Political Studies of the Jagiellonian University and the development of international collaboration;
 - an enhancement of international character of the research output of the University staff and the degree of interdisciplinary character of the research;
 - the creation of international research groups which jointly apply for international grants or jointly creating publications with an international scope such as a publication in a collective monography in a level 2 publication or a special issue of a scientific journal with an international significance in a Scopus indexed journal, awarded with at least 100 publishing points once published, in accordance with the current list of scientific journals and peer-reviewed conference materials and with the list of publications of reviewed academic monographies.

Financing projects

3. The applicants within the Competition may be the staff members of specific organisational units of the Faculty of International and Political Studies of the Jagiellonian University, employed at teaching-research posts and research posts, within the designated period of the project execution and with an international research output, which meets the following criteria:
 - managing an international research grant;
 - a publication in an academic journal with the awarded with at least 100 publishing points in a Scopus indexed journal;
 - a monography published in level 2 international publisher.

4. The competition application (in the section – Additional Information) should contain the note of the output of the project manager which meets the formal criteria specified in point 3.
5. A formal condition for filing an application is the participation in a research team of at least two staff members of distinguished foreign academic institutions, confirmed with an appropriate declaration of an interest in the collaboration within the project.
6. Additionally, the team may also comprise other staff members of the Faculty of International and Political Studies of the Jagiellonian University, including those employed at other posts and the staff members of other Jagiellonian University faculties, and also students, doctoral students and the representatives of the socio-economic surroundings of the university.
7. The competition application, in the case of the staff members, should be accompanied with the information concerning five most important publications and the research grants pursued within the last five years (between 2017 and 2022). This period may be prolonged with the documented time span of maternity paternity, parental or childcare leaves granted on the basis of the Labour Code regulations, as well as the period of the payment of sickness benefits or rehabilitation allowance in connection of the inability to work, which also includes the period of sickness caused by a disease requiring medical rehabilitation.
8. The financial support within the competition shall apply to the competition applications which fit into the thematic fields of Anthropocene Priority Research Areas, DigiWorld, FutureSoc and Heritage.
9. The eligible costs within the competition are the expenses connected with conducting the research and their promotion:
 - the costs of the research necessary for the project execution and justified in the competition application;
 - trainings – qualifications improvement;
 - internal or external services (such as rental of premises, translation);
 - national and foreign trips;
 - the purchase of fixed assets (e.g. books, equipment necessary to carry out the project);
 - other costs, necessary for the project execution and justified in the Competition application.

10. The eligible costs within the project shall not comprise the additional remunerations of the Jagiellonian University staff, for their research activity, as this activity makes up one of their core responsibilities stemming from the employment contracts.
11. The maximum level of the remuneration for the contractors for the tasks ordered within the project shall amount to 30 per cent of the total amount of the budget subject to the application.
12. The financial resources must be planned and used in accordance with their designation, in a rational and purposeful way, in accordance with the general legal regulations and the regulations binding at the Jagiellonian University with respect to the management of public resources.
13. The applications in the competition are filed via ICT system designated for servicing the projects within the Excellence Initiative of the Research University (<https://strefaid.uj.edu.pl/>).
14. The amount of the financial resources designated for the execution of actions within the first edition of the Competition is 200 000 PLN. The maximum amount of the project in application is 50 000 PLN. In justified cases, the Competition Jury may decide to designate an amount that is lower than the amount requested in the project application.

Competition criteria

15. The applications in the competition are assessed in accordance with the following criteria:

Assessment criteria	Score
Project scientific value (the objectives and scientific significance of the project, research methodology, innovative character, contribution to the research development)	0-50 points
The composition and competencies of the project team, taking into consideration the academic output in the context of the career pursued so far	0-20 points

Research schedule and plan, justification of the cost estimate and the evaluation of the risk connected with gaining the project products and results	0-20 points
The compliance of the project with principle 4I (internationalisation, interdisciplinary character, innovativeness integrity) as well as the research thematic approach – POB: Anthropocene, Digi World, Society of the Future or Heritage.	0-10 points

16. The maximum score is 100 points. The ranking list is created on the basis of the number of points received. The financing support goes to the projects which received the highest score within the financial limit of a given edition and which gained at least 60 points.
17. The competition is resolved pursuant to the decision of the Competition Jury consisting of the Dean's authorities of the Faculty of International and Political Studies of the Jagiellonian University, the members of the Faculty Team for the execution of the Excellence Initiative – Research University programme and three staff members employed at research and teaching posts or research posts nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of International and Political Studies, separately for each edition of the Competition. Should the case require, the Jury may ask external reviewers to provide additional opinion concerning a specific application.
18. One applicant may file one application in a given edition of the competition.
19. The applications in the competition are evaluated with regards to the formal and substantive aspects.
20. In the case of formal incompliances, an application is sent back for correction. The Jury shall designate a deadline for the correction of the formal incompliances and this deadline shall be 5 working days. In the case of a failure to correct a formal incompliance within the specified deadline or once an incompliance makes it impossible to evaluate the application with regards to the substantive issues, the application is rejected with a justification provided.
21. The substantive evaluation of the applications and the announcement of the results of the Competition is made within 30 working days of the termination of the call within a given edition. The Jury's decision cannot be applied against.

Project execution

22. The result of the project, which will become the basis of its formal settlement is a project application for an international grant, filed within a specified deadline or a preparation of a proposed international publication in a collective monography in a level 2 publication or a special issue of a scientific journal with an international significance in a Scopus indexed journal, awarded with at least 100 publishing points once published, in accordance with the current list of scientific journals and peer-reviewed conference materials and with the list of publications of reviewed academic monographies.
23. The project execution begins as specified in the time schedule presented in the Competition application. The date for the beginning of the project execution in the first edition of the competition covers the period of 1-30th June 2022.
24. The maximum period of project execution is 10 months. In justified cases, it is possible to extend the execution period once, by 2 months at maximum. The application for the extension of the project deadline should be filed at least 14 days before the original deadline at the Competition Co-ordinator.
25. In the case of force majeure, the Competition Jury may decide to accept a partial project execution until the moment the resolution of the above circumstances, depending on the degree of the project advancement.
26. The Competition laureates are obliged to take active steps directed at popularisation and promotion of the results of the research, which also includes the presentation of the results at an academic seminar of the Faculty of International and Political Studies of the Jagiellonian University.
27. In a following edition of the Competition, the laureate may also file an application yet provided that the previous project has been completed and the report of its execution has been filed to the ICT system designated for the project processing within the Excellence Initiative – Research University (<https://strefaid.uj.edu.pl/>).
28. The Laureate is obliged to file the report to the ICT system within 10 working days of the date of the completion of the project execution.
29. After the receipt of the decision concerning the filed project proposal or a publication proposal, the project manager is obliged to send information concerning the final resolution with the form available at: <https://tinyurl.com/3esnnbj> .

30. The application to an external institution for financing the research, in the section designated for the data about the projects or research experience or preliminary research carried out by the project manager, should contain information about obtaining financial support from the resources within the program “Excellence Initiative – Research University” at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow .
31. The publication created within the project execution should contain information about its financial support in Polish or in English stating: “The publication was funded under the program “Excellence Initiative – Research University” at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow”.