

**Call for proposals**  
**in the framework of NAWA Joint Research Projects**  
**between the Republic of Poland and France**  
**PHC Polonium**  
**hereinafter referred to as "Call."**

**Narodowa Agencja Wymiany Akademickiej – NAWA (Poland) / Ambassade de France en Pologne -  
Service de Coopération et d'Action Culturelle, Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères,  
Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche et de l'Innovation (France)**

**Start date of the Call: 07.05.2024**

**Closing date of the Call: 17.07.2024**

1.	Purpose and scope of cooperation	<p>The Call for applications aims to support the mobility of scientists conducting research projects agreed upon and carried out jointly by eligible applicants from Poland and partners from France entitled to the rules there.</p> <p>The applications concerning a joint project (further referred as "Project") shall be submitted simultaneously by partners from France to the Campus France as well as by Polish partners to NAWA. Only applications submitted jointly in Poland and France will be considered. Applications submitted in Poland and France should have the same English title and implementation period.</p>
2.	Eligible Applicants	<p>Applications for funding may be submitted by the entities indicated in Article 7, paragraph 1 subparagraphs 1-8 of Law on Higher Education and Science.</p>
3.	Additional requirements	<p>The Project coordinator can be a person employed by the Applicant holding at least a doctoral degree.</p> <p>Members of the research team can be members of the Project coordinator's current research team, employed in their unit or other units that are part of the Polish science and higher education system. Team members can also be students as long as they are actively involved in activities and the partner country allows their participation. Each researcher can be a coordinator or team member in only one application submitted in a competition.</p> <p>Priority for funding will be given to teams not funded in previous calls for Joint Research Projects for the country.</p>
4.	Fields of science	<p>The research project can be in all fields of science. Priority of financing will be given to Projects whose subject matter corresponds to priorities of the Strategic Partnership between the French Republic and the Republic of</p>

		Poland or the framework program of the European Union Horizon Europe. Each application should indicate the thematic area covered based on the OECD classification.
5.	Deadline for submitting applications	Applications must be submitted by 17.07.2024 by 15:00:00 local time for Warsaw in the NAWA ICT system. The Call will be resolved by 31.12.2024.
6.	Form of submitting applications	Submitting the application is possible following the registration in the System available at <a href="https://programs.nawa.gov.pl">https://programs.nawa.gov.pl</a> . The application and its attachments are prepared in Polish. The exception shall be the CV of the coordinator from the partner country, the title of the Project, and the abstract submitted in English. There is no limit to the number of applications submitted by a single Applicant. Only one application for the same research project is allowed.
7.	Person authorised to submit the application	The person submitting the application in the System must have a valid power of attorney granted by an authorized person to represent the Applicant (e.g., granted by the rector of the university or the director of the research institute) and attach it to the submitted application.
8.	Project implementation period	Projects submitted under the Call are implemented from 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2026.
9.	Eligible costs covered by the Polish party	The maximum amount of funding for the Project from the NAWA budget is PLN 30,000. Expenses may be incurred during the Project implementation period specified in the agreement with NAWA. Funding for Projects under the Call is intended to cover researchers' travel and subsistence expenses, excluding funding for the research itself. Funding for the research conducted must be guaranteed from other sources. Within the framework of funds allocated by NAWA, eligible expenses on the Polish side are: a) the unit rate for subsistence and accommodation costs for researchers from Poland in the partner's country is PLN 400 per day for stays of up to 11 days; for longer stays, the unit rate is PLN 4400 for the entire stay. b) The unit rate for travel costs for researchers from Poland to France is PLN 2000. The above rate is the total amount for a round trip for one person. Expenses related to the conduct of research and any other expenses incurred under the Project are ineligible.
10.	Project selection procedure	Applications are evaluated independently in Poland and the partner country according to the procedure adopted by each party. Upon completion of the national evaluation, a joint committee composed of

		representatives of both countries selects the Projects recommended for funding.
11.	Evaluation of applications at NAWA	<p>Application evaluation procedure on the Polish side: Applications for participation in the competition are subject to formal and substantive evaluation.</p> <p><u>Formal evaluation</u> If an incomplete application is submitted, the Applicant shall be summoned to supplement it within 14 days of receiving the summons. An application that does not meet formal requirements, including an incomplete one, shall be rejected. Rejection of an application submitted in a partner's country means rejecting an application for the same Project submitted on the Polish side. The form of communication with the Applicant is the Agency's ICT system, and the Applicant is obliged to regularly check the status of the submitted application in the ICT system.</p> <p><u>Substantive evaluation</u> Applications are evaluated by an evaluation team appointed by the NAWA Director. Substantive evaluation of applications is carried out according to the following criteria: 1) Scientific Significance of the Project - from 0 to 5 points; 2) Proposed research methodology - from 0 to 5 points; 3) Qualifications and experience of both research teams in the Project area - from 0 to 5 points; 4) Importance of the scientific cooperation undertaken and the prospect of its continuation - from 0 to 5 points.</p> <p>Additional points will be awarded for the inclusion of the following priorities, with 1 meaning that the additional criterion has been met and 0 meaning that the additional criterion has not been met: - Involvement of young scientists <sup>1</sup> - Potential of cooperation within EU initiatives - Possibilities of cooperation with socio-economic partners during or as a result of the Project.</p> <p>The maximum number of points possible is 23.</p>

<sup>1</sup> According to the u.p.s.w.n. - a young scientist is a person conducting scientific activity who:

1) is a doctoral student or academic teacher - and does not hold a doctoral degree, or

2) holds a doctoral degree, less than seven years since obtaining it, and is employed in an institution of higher education and science.

12.	Appeal procedure	<p>After receiving information about the rejection of the application or information about the granting of support by the Director, the applicant may turn to the Director with an appeal in case of formal violations in the granting of funds in the field of evaluation on the Polish side.</p> <p>The appeal may include objections only to formal issues in the process of awarding funds, not to the legitimacy of the substantive assessment carried out by the Polish side. Submission of an appeal for any other reason, including the result of the evaluation in the partner's country or the procedure implemented by the partner, will result in the rejection of the appeal.</p> <p>The appeal must be submitted to the Director within 14 days from the date of receipt of information on either the rejection of the application or the Director's award of support in writing to the following address: National Agency for Academic Exchange, 40 Polna St., 00-635 Warsaw, or electronically to the Agency's Electronic Submission Box in the form of an electronic document bearing a qualified electronic signature.</p>
13.	Financing	<p>Funds for the Project are transferred to Applicants in two tranches, with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the first tranche in the amount of 80% of the awarded funding is transferred to the Applicant's account within 30 days from the date of the agreement;</li> <li>2) the balancing tranche of up to 20% of the allocated funding is transferred upon acceptance of the final report and completion of the financial settlement of the Project.</li> </ol>
14.	Reporting	<p>The final report must be submitted within 30 days of Project completion. Reports are submitted by the beneficiary only in the ICT system.</p>
15.	Contact on the Polish side	<p>National Agency for Academic Exchange e-mail: <a href="mailto:wpb@nawa.gov.pl">wpb@nawa.gov.pl</a> tel: + 48 22 390 3569</p>
16.	Contact on the French side	<p>Ambasada Francji w Polsce Prof. Jean-Luc Schneider Attaché do spraw nauki i współpracy uniwersyteckiej Tel. +48 22 529 30 79 e-mail : <a href="mailto:jean-luc.schneider@diplomatie.gouv.fr">jean-luc.schneider@diplomatie.gouv.fr</a> <a href="http://campusfrance.org">campusfrance.org</a></p>