

**Announcement of the call for proposals for participation in the programme
No. 22/2026 of 27 May 2026**

The Director of the National Agency for Academic Exchange, acting pursuant to Article 19(1) of the Act of 7 July 2017 on the National Agency for Academic Exchange [i.e. Journal of Laws of 2023, item 843], announces a call for applications for participation in the programme entitled KATAMARAN – Creation and implementation of international study programmes – call for proposals 2026 (hereinafter referred to as the "Call for Proposals").

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| I. Objective and implementation period of the Programme and the Project | 1. The objective of the Programme is to develop the internationalisation of higher education and research institutions by supporting the creation and implementation of international study programmes. |
| | 2. Specific objectives of the Programme / expected results: 1) increasing the attractiveness of Polish higher education institutions among students, doctoral students and academic staff from abroad by developing the range of programmes offered in foreign languages; 2) to improve the quality of education by creating and implementing international study programmes leading to joint, double or multiple degrees. |
| | 3. Under the Programme, it is possible to submit an application for one path:: path A – creation of international first-cycle or second-cycle study programmes or uniform master's degree programmes, offering the possibility of issuing a joint, double or multiple diploma; |
| | 4. The programme will run from 1.01.2027 to 31.10.2028. |
| | The Project implementation period may last: from 12 to 18 months, provided that the Project must end by 30.06.2028. |

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| II. Eligible entities | <p>1. The following Applicants may participate in the Call for Proposals:</p> <p>1) an entity referred to in Article 7(1) of the Act of 20 July 2018- Law on Higher Education and Science (hereinafter referred to as "u.p.s.w.n."), meeting all of the following criteria, depending on the chosen path:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provides education at first-cycle level (in the case of creating a first-cycle study programme), second-cycle level or uniform master's degree programmes (in the case of creating a second-cycle study programme or uniform master's degree programmes); - at the time of submitting the application, the Project Implementing Unit does not have a negative assessment from the Polish Accreditation Committee; - it has signed a letter of intent with a foreign university or scientific institution with which it will cooperate in developing a joint study programme and ultimately conducting the studies covered by the programme. <p>2) a Polish entity that did not receive funding in the 2025 call for proposals for the KATAMARAN Programme – Creation and implementation of international study programmes under path A.</p> |
| | <p>2. Does the Programme provide for the participation of Partners [YES]</p> <p>1) The project must involve a foreign partner, which is a foreign university or scientific institution providing education corresponding to level 6 of the European Qualifications Framework (in the case of creating or implementing international first-cycle study programmes) or level 7 of the European Qualifications Framework (in the case of creating or implementing international second-cycle study programmes or uniform master's degree programmes).</p> <p>2) Foreign partners in the project must be universities or scientific institutions located and registered abroad, which are not financed from Polish budget funds.</p> <p>3) The selection of a partner for the project must be related to complementing the applicant's potential (in terms of teaching, organisational, technical and human resources).</p> <p>4) The minimum number of foreign partners is 1, the maximum number is 5.</p> |

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| III. Eligible project participants | <p>1. The programme provides for the participation of project participants [YES]</p> <p>Note: Due to the termination of cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of the Russian Federation under the Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Culture, science and education, concluded in Warsaw on 25 August 1993, as a result of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine, natural persons who are citizens of the Russian Federation, as well as institutions and other entities based in the territory of the Russian Federation, are excluded from participation in the Programme.</p> | | |
| | No. | Path | Participant name |
| | 1) | A | Employee of a Polish higher education and science institution |

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| | | | These persons may participate in the project only if they are involved in the creation or implementation of the international study programme that is the subject of the Applicant's project. |
| | 2) | A Employee of a foreign higher education and research institution | Persons working in foreign higher education and research institutions that are partners indicated in the application and who meet conditions analogous to those listed in the above definition of an employee of a Polish higher education and research institution. These persons may participate in the project only if they are involved in the creation or implementation of an international study programme that is the subject of the Applicant's project. |

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| IV. Eligible activities | Under the Programme, it is possible to implement projects covering the following activities: | | | | | |
| | <p>1) Activities related to the creation of international first-cycle or second-cycle degree programmes or long-cycle Master's programmes, in particular:</p> <p>a) development of a new or adaptation of an existing international study programme, including a description of learning outcomes and criteria for their verification, testing of parts of modules or trial classes with the participation of partner universities;</p> <p>b) development of teaching materials for student education, including distance learning;</p> <p>c) organisation of or participation of staff involved in the Project in study visits or working meetings in the country or abroad, with the possibility of inviting experts and students if their participation is necessary for the implementation of the tasks planned in the project;</p> <p>2) Activities related to the development, in cooperation with a foreign Partner, of a system for ensuring and improving the quality of education (in terms of the implementation and improvement of international study programmes);</p> <p>3) Activities aimed at disseminating information about the planned launch of studies and attracting students (e.g. direct contacts, participation in networking meetings, lectures and presentations at conferences and other events attended by the target group). Dissemination activities conducted in the countries of the Project partners and those aimed at effectively informing about the planned launch of studies and acquiring candidates from target countries are permissible;</p> <p>4) Improving the competences of staff needed to create and launch international study programmes;</p> <p>5) Verification of the learning outcomes achieved by project participants, improving their competences in the field of creating and launching international study programmes; carried out in accordance with the rules set out in point 4.2.3. of the Beneficiary's Handbook.</p> | | | | | |

| V. Indicators of the achievement of the objective | 1. The programme provides for mandatory indicators [YES] | | | | | |
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| | No. | Path | Indicator name | Type of indicator | Indicator type | Indicator description [definition and measurement method] |
| | 1) | A | Number of international study | MANDATORY | RESULT | Indicator reported by the Applicant based on the number of international |

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| | | | programmes launched | | | <p>study programmes launched.</p> <p>The launch of an international study programme should be understood as its introduction into the Beneficiary's educational offer before the end date of the Project, e.g. through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a resolution of the university body responsible for establishing the study programme; – submitting an application to the minister responsible for higher education for permission to establish studies based on the programme developed in the project. |
| | 2) | A | Number of employees of a Polish or foreign higher education and science institution who have started participating in forms of training to improve the competences or qualifications needed to create international study programmes | MANDATORY | PRODUCT | <p>Indicator reported by the Applicant based on the number of the Applicant's employees (employees of a Polish higher education and research institution) or the Partner's employees (employees of a foreign higher education and research institution) who have started participating in forms of improving their competences or qualifications.</p> <p>The indicator is measured on the basis of available documentation, including recruitment rules/regulations, Project Participants' attendance records, attendance lists, etc.</p> |
| | 3) | A | Number of employees of Polish or foreign higher education and | MANDATORY | RESULT | <p>Indicator reported by the Applicant based on the number of the Applicant's employees (employees of a Polish higher education</p> |



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| | | | <p>research institutions who have acquired the competences or qualifications needed to create international study programmes</p> | | | <p>and science institution) or the Partner's employees (employees of a foreign higher education and science institution) who have acquired the competences or qualifications needed to create international study programmes. The indicator is measured on the basis of available documentation, including recruitment rules/regulations, documents confirming the acquisition of competences and learning outcomes, etc.</p> |
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2. **Additional information:**

- 1) The programme allows specific indicators to be included in the funding application: **YES**
- 2) **Specific indicators** are included in the funding application, defined and measured in the manner specified by the Applicant in the funding application. Specific indicators must be relevant to the tasks envisaged in the Project.
- 3) **Mandatory indicators** are included in the funding application, defined and measured in the manner specified by NAWA in the Announcement and the Beneficiary's Handbook.
- 4) **The application must include the aforementioned mandatory indicators.**
- 5) Mandatory personal indicators should be included **in pairs** in the application, i.e. the output indicator is always accompanied by the result indicator (output + result), as shown below:
PAIR 1:
OUTPUT: Number of employees of Polish or foreign higher education and research institutions who have started participating in forms of training to improve the competences or qualifications needed to create or implement international study programmes.
RESULT: Number of employees of Polish or foreign higher education and research institutions who have acquired the competences or qualifications needed to create or implement international study programmes.
- 6) Each mandatory indicator (including indicator pairs: output + result) can be used **once** in the application, i.e. it can only be assigned to one task. Therefore, the task must include all possible activities contributing to the achievement of a given mandatory indicator or pair of mandatory indicators. Once all mandatory indicators have been used, specific indicators may be used.
- 7) All project participants must be included in the mandatory indicators. **Project participants** are persons who are expected to **acquire competences/qualifications** thanks to the support received under the project, e.g. through participation in training courses or an international study programme.
- 8) Persons participating in activities that are not aimed at acquiring competences/qualifications are not considered project participants. This applies in particular to participation in working meetings, study visits of an informative nature, aimed at deepening cooperation, etc., activities serving solely to exchange experiences, without the effect of confirmed acquisition of competences/qualifications. Persons participating in such activities may only be reported in specific indicators.
- 9) The percentage of individual groups of persons acquiring competences or qualifications in the Project (result indicator) cannot be lower than **70%** of the persons who started participating in the Project (output indicator).
- 10) Confirmation of the acquisition of competences and qualifications (except in the case indicated in point 12) is a document (e.g. certificate, attestation) containing detailed learning outcomes relating to the acquired competence, while maintaining the separation of functions between the education and validation processes. Details are described in Appendix 1 to the Handbook: Rules for recruitment, reporting and data collection of participants in projects.
- 11) Detailed information on the indicators for the achievement of the objective is provided in the Beneficiary's Handbook, point 3. Rules for measuring the project objective and Annex 1 to the Handbook: Rules for recruitment, reporting and data collection of participants in projects.



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| VI. Required attachments to the Application | 1. The Applicant is required to attach the following attachments to the application: |
| | 1) the Applicant's current registration document, unless it is available in the relevant Polish public register kept in electronic form; |
| | 2) a power of attorney to represent the Applicant if the application is submitted by a person other than the one specified in the registration documents; a template for the power of attorney is provided in Appendix 3 to the Announcement; |
| | 3) a letter of intent from all Partners indicated in the application; a template for the letter of intent is provided in Appendix 6 to the Announcement; |

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| VII. Deadline and form of submission of applications | 1. Applications must be submitted by 6 August 2026 , 3 p.m. local time in Warsaw (Poland), via the Agency System, available at: https://programs.nawa.gov.pl/login . |
| | 2. The application must be written in Polish. In the case of attachments written in a language other than Polish or English, a free translation of the document into Polish, signed by the translator, must be attached. |
| | 3. It is possible to submit a maximum of 1 application within the Call for Proposals. If more applications are submitted, the applications submitted last in the Call for Proposals in a given path will be subject to evaluation. |

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| VIII. Budget | Provisions applicable to projects settled on the basis of actual expenditure: |
| | 1. As part of the Project, the Applicant may plan the following expenses in the Project budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Remuneration of persons directly involved in the implementation of Project activities (employment contracts, task-related allowances up to a maximum of 80% of the basic remuneration, civil law contracts); 2) Purchase of goods and services necessary for the implementation of Project activities (excluding hardware, software and equipment classified as fixed assets and intangible assets); 3) Travel and subsistence expenses incurred in connection with the implementation of Project activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) settled on the basis of actual expenses: applies to domestic and foreign travel by the Applicant's and Partner's employees and, in justified cases, also by experts and students whose travel is necessary for the implementation of the activities and tasks planned in the project; 4) Purchase of fixed assets and intangible assets supporting the implementation of the Project (purchase of hardware, software and equipment), including expenditure on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) purchases up to PLN 10,000 net in the case of active VAT taxpayers or gross in the case of VAT-exempt taxpayers; b) depreciation in other cases. |
| | 2. Detailed information on the above expenditure groups can be found in the Beneficiary's Handbook. |
| | 3. Foreign Partners specified in the application may not incur expenses under the Project. |
| | 4. A list of ineligible expenses can be found in the Beneficiary's Manual. |
| 5. The value of the requested funds is: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">path A: minimum value: PLN 200,000; maximum value: PLN 1,000,000.</p> | |



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| | <p>6. The following payment scheme applies to the Programme: B.</p> <p>7. The following reporting scheme applies to the Programme: B.</p> |
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| IX. Evaluation of applications in the Call | As part of the Call for Proposals, applications are evaluated based on the criteria listed below and the following scheme: Formal evaluation: the application is formally evaluated by a NAWA employee. After a positive formal evaluation, the application is subject to substantive evaluation. | | | | |
| | ASSESSMENT LEVEL | CRITERIA | CRITERION ASSESSMENT | | |
| | Formal assessment | 1. Verification of the applicant's compliance with the following formal criteria: | | Meets / does not meet | |
| | | 1) The applicant is an entity authorised to submit an application for funding | | Yes/no | |
| | | 2) The application has been submitted in accordance with the rules of representation of the Applicant | | Yes/no | |
| | | 3) The application was submitted in accordance with point VII Deadline and form of submission of applications | | Yes/no | |
| | | 4) The required attachments have been enclosed with the application. | | Yes/No | |
| | | 5) The application is complete (all mandatory fields have been filled in and all required mandatory indicators have been specified, and their target value is higher than 0) | | Yes/no | |
| | | 6) The applicant is not in liquidation | | Yes/no | |
| | | 7) The amount of funding falls within the range specified in the Call for Proposals | | Yes/no | |
| | | 8) The project implementation period falls within the time frame specified in the Call for Proposals. | | Yes/no | |
| | | 9) The application was submitted in partnership | | Yes/no/not applicable | |
| | | 10) The partner(s) meet the formal requirements set out in the Call for Proposals | | Yes/no/not applicable | |
| | 11) The applicant has declared in the application that they will comply with the Horizontal Policies referred to in the Call for Proposals, i.e. ensuring compliance with: a) accessibility for people with special needs; b) the principle of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, including ensuring equal opportunities for women and men; c) the principle of sustainable development; d) the principle of "do no significant harm" to the environment (DNSH principle). | | Yes/no | | |
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| Substantive assessment | 2. Substantive assessment (scope of substantive assessment), covering the following quality criteria: | | External expert | Assessment team score | |
| | 1) Analysis of the needs/problems of the Applicant and target groups, which the Project is intended to address | | not applicable | 0 - 15 | |
| | 2) Project objectives and their compliance with the Applicant's objectives and strategy in the field of internationalisation and the Programme's objectives, including the selection of project implementation indicators and their value, the selection of target groups to which the Project is addressed | | not applicable | 0 - 20 | |
| | 3) Project activities with justification and results of the Project and their impact | | not applicable | 0 - 28 | |
| | 4) Project feasibility based on potential, experience, action plan, budget, and project management, monitoring, and evaluation methods | | not applicable | 0 - 15 | |



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| | | 5) Justification of expenditure related to the implementation of planned Project activities and their eligibility. | not applicable | 0 - 22 | |
| | | TOTAL: | not applicable | 0 - 100 | |
| | | Maximum number of points | 100 | | |

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| X. Allocation of funds | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The amount of funds allocated for the implementation of the Programme is as follows: PLN 9,500,000. The Agency reserves the right to change the amount of the above funds.2. Source of funding: funds from the European Social Development Fund 2021-2027 (ESDF), NAWA Project entitled "Support for the creation and implementation of international education programmes", project no. FERS.01.05-IP.08-0436/23. |
| XI. Additional information | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Agency reserves the right to change or cancel the Call for Proposals, in particular in the event of significant changes in the law affecting the implementation of the Call for Proposals, events of force majeure or other justified cases.2. The Project will be implemented in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.3. The Agency reserves the right to conduct project evaluation. The groups covered by the impact assessment are NAWA beneficiaries (institutions).4. Activities described in point IV. Announcements are made by Applicants in accordance with the rules described in the Call for Proposals Regulations and the Beneficiary's Handbook, including the rules for the implementation of project activities, taking into account special needs, sustainable development and equal opportunities, detailed rules for recruitment, data collection and monitoring of Participants in projects.5. If the Project provides for the participation of Participants with special needs, these activities should be implemented in accordance with Annex 1 to the Beneficiary's Handbook entitled Accessibility Standards – Examples of Application.6. The international study programme is developed and implemented in the foreign language in which the studies will ultimately be conducted. The programme must correspond to the demand for education in a given field, resulting from a supply and demand analysis carried out for the proposed field of study on the basis of, among other things, data on the number of candidates for studies, demographic and educational trends, labour market forecasts, etc. |
| XII. Attachments | <p>Attachments to the Announcement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Recruitment Regulations;2) Beneficiary Agreement Template;3) Sample Application for Funding (in Polish);4) Sample Letter of Intent. |
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