

The choice of the research field and a host institution in Poland is up to you. You can receive as much as € 100 000 for basic research, a monthly salary of € 4 465 gross and, above all, a chance to develop your research career.

POLONEZ BIS fellowship programme is co-funded by the European Commission and the Polish National Science Centre under the prestigious Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND grant. In three calls to be announced in 2021 and 2022, the programme will recruit 120 experienced researchers from all over the world. They will move to Poland for 24 months to conduct their basic research in public or private institutions of their choice. The programme guarantees successful Fellows a full time employment and an additional grant for the implementation of their own projects in a research field of their choice. The research component will be complemented by a series of attractive workshops on transferable skills, and an opportunity to cooperate with startups and non-governmental organisations during short-term secondments.

Project Info in EC Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS)

<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/945339>

Who can apply?

- Citizens of any country, regardless of nationality, age and gender.
- Holders of PhD or at least four years of full-time documented research experience.
- Researchers who have not lived or worked in Poland for more than 12 months within the 3 years before the date of the call announcement (researchers displaced by conflicts or applying for refugee status are eligible for extensions).
- Researchers prepared to move to Poland for 2 years – for the duration of their research project.

Funding

- Full time employment contract with full health and Social Security coverage under the Polish Labour Code (paid vacation, compensation and paid leave in case of illness, pregnancy, childbirth and childcare, free public healthcare).
- An attractive salary including:
 - Living and Mobility allowance: € 4 465 per month
 - Family allowance: € 300 per month (if eligible)
 - Special needs allowance: € 200 per month (if eligible)

(all amounts before income tax and Social Security deductions)
- A significant research grant up to € 100 000 to cover salaries of the research team, purchase of equipment, costs of field research, scientific conferences, intersectoral secondments (fees, travel and subsistence).

Development of key competences and transferable skills

A versatile training programme conducted in cooperation with institutional partners will enable the Fellows to:

- develop an action plan for their further career with The Careers Research and Advisory Centre – Vitae, based in Cambridge, UK
- gain expertise in *Responsible Research and Innovation* with Polish Women Scientists Network
- develop cooperation with business with Startup HUB Poland Foundation
- more effectively implement Open Access policy with the Interdisciplinary Centre for Mathematical and Computer Modelling of the University of Warsaw.



Host institutions

Before applying for the POLONEZ BIS fellowship you need to choose and get in touch with a host institution – your prospective employer in Poland. You can choose from all types of organisations registered in Poland, including: research centres, universities, scientific libraries, museums, non-governmental organisations, hospitals, companies – whichever is most suitable for your research project. An institution which granted you your doctoral degree or which employed you in the 3 years immediately before the date of the call announcement is not eligible as your POLONEZ BIS host.

The host institution will provide you with the support of a supervisor/mentor in your field of research and will employ or designate an administrative assistant to help you successfully manage your project. The host institution will receive 20% flat rate for indirect costs involved in fellowship management.

When to apply?

- POLONEZ BIS 1: ▶ September 2021 – December 2021 (awarded fellowships will start ca. Oct. 2022)
- POLONEZ BIS 2: ▶ March 2022 – June 2022 (awarded fellowships will start ca. March 2023)
- POLONEZ BIS 3: ▶ September 2022 – December 2022 (awarded fellowships will start ca. Oct. 2023)

How will my proposal be evaluated?

You are invited to submit a proposal on any research topic selected from NCN panels. Your proposal must demonstrate that you are eligible and have the skills to implement the research project. You must also show capacity for further development of research and transferable skills in order to enhance future career prospects.

The National Science Centre employs open, transparent, merit-based and impartial evaluation procedures. They involve a two-stage peer review carried out by national and international experts and reviewers. Successful candidates will be selected based on excellence of their research projects (25%), research portfolio of the applicants (25%), excellence of supervisor and host institution (20%), impact of the fellowship on the research domain and career prospects (20%) and the plan to disseminate project outputs (10%). Experts will pay special attention to how your proposal addresses potential ethical concerns. All applicants invited to stage 2 of the evaluation will have an opportunity to answer any questions that might be raised during the peer review process during an online interview. The cut-off score will be 70%.

Are you interested in the POLONEZ experience?

Meet the Fellows recruited in the past calls – watch the film posted on National Science Centre’s YouTube channel:

English subtitles <https://youtu.be/fdk6eeU-kmA>

Polish subtitles <https://youtu.be/l9PgXWi19aM>

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