**The Ordinance of the Rector**

**of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin**

**no. 38/2021**

**of April 12, 2021**

**on introducing the Regulations of the “UMCS Mini-Grants” programme.**

In accordance with Article 23(1) of the Act of 20 July 2018*, the Law on Higher Education and Science* (Journal of Laws, item 478, as amended),

**it is ordered as follows:**

**§ 1**

1. The programme aimed at supporting scientific activity of the employees of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University shall be established, hereinafter referred to as the “UMCS Mini-Grants”.2. The programme shall be financed from the funds remaining at the disposal of the competent Vice-Rector for Science.3. The supervision over the implementation of the programme shall be entrusted to the competent Vice-Rector for Science.

**§ 2**

1. As part of the programme, the financial resources in the amount of up to PLN 20,000 (twenty thousand zlotys) shall be allocated to research projects with the duration not exceeding the period of twelve months (hereinafter: grants).
2. The grants shall be distributed by way of an open contest, which shall be promulgated every 6 months, in accordance with the University customs and practices.
3. There shall be five (5) grants awarded in each contest.
4. The information on contest announcement shall be communicated via an electronic mail to the Directors of Institutes for the purposes of its dissemination.

**§ 3**

1. The applications to the programme shall be submitted by research and didactic employees as well as research employees, reported to number N, in such scientific disciplines that are subjected to evaluation in the UMCS.

2. The programme shall be preferentially targeted at:

1. young researchers (up to the fifth year following the obtainment of a doctoral degree); and
2. employees conducting research of an interdisciplinary nature,

- who have not been hitherto laureates of other scientific grant programmes.

**§ 4**

1. The requests for project funding under the programme shall be accepted through the UMCS Scientific Research Centre, on the form constituting the appendix hereto.

2. The request shall be approved by the Director of the Institute hiring the requesting employee (project manager).

3. The request shall contain particulars enabling the assessment thereof, which shall be made based on the following criteria:

1. compliance with the assumptions of the “UMCS Mini-Grants” programme,
2. substantive values of the project,
3. scientific output of the requesting party,
4. compliance of the cost estimate with the schedule of the planned research tasks.

**§ 5**

1. The requests shall be assessed by the members of the panel appointed by the Vice-Rector for Science from among a group of experts and the UMCS Council of Young Scientists.
2. The panel shall be administered *ex officio* by the Vice-Rector for Science.
3. Where appropriate, the panel shall have the recourse to the opinions of external reviewers.

**§ 6**

1.The prerequisite for grant settlement under the programme shall consist in the submission of a research project to a national or international institution financing scientific research (especially the National Science Centre, the National Centre for Research and Development and the Foundation for Polish Science), and in obtaining such findings that shall increase the value of the project within the scope of the preliminary studies.

2.The grant settlement shall alternatively consist in accepting for publication the work comprising research findings conducted under the project (along with the funding source being indicated in the text of the article or monograph). The work shall be published in a journal or in a publishing house with the MSHE points at least at the level of 100.

3. The settlement of the research project under the programme shall be made within six (6) months after the completion thereof.

4. Where the settlement of the project is not made within the designated period of time, the budget of the organisational unit of the University (the institute), represented by an employee, shall bear the costs of the completion thereof.

**§ 7**

The Ordinance shall become effective as of the day of its signature.

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