

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
FOR COMPETITION NO. 2 of 17.11.2025**

Project Manager of "Smarter, Faster, Better! – Internationalisation of doctoral schools at the University of Lodz" announces the application round of competition for awarding and payment of incentive scholarship under the STER NAWA Programme - Internationalisation of Doctoral Schools (Action 1) - agreement No: BPI/STE/2023/1/00019/U/00001,

**TO BEST PERFORMING INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL STUDENTS,
AND TO BEST PERFORMING POLISH DOCTORAL STUDENTS IMPLEMENTING
INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL (COTUTELLE) PROJECTS**

(applicable to doctoral students whose IPB has been accepted by the Director)

I. Amount and payment period of the incentive scholarship:

Competition no. 2 in the 2025/2026 academic year provides the financing of 16 incentive scholarships in the amount of PLN 2,000.00 net per month for a period of 12 months.

The incentive scholarship will be paid out for 12 months between 1 October and 30 September of the academic year in question.

In the case of competition no. 2, the first payment of incentive scholarship will be made in December 2025, with compensation for October and November 2025

II. Conditions for disbursement of incentive scholarship:

- the doctoral student remains in the territory of the Republic of Poland (payment of the incentive scholarship shall be suspended for the period of the doctoral student's mobility abroad in connection with education in the doctoral school and it shall be resumed after returning to Poland with compensation for the period of mobility carried out),
- an individual scholarship agreement under NAWA STER with appropriate declarations is signed.

II. Conditions for entry to the competition:

The incentive scholarship may be awarded to a candidate who meets the following criteria:

- pursues their study programme the Doctoral School of the UL (i.e. except

suspension of studies in accordance with Article 204.3 of the Act, or interruption of education in accordance with the Regulations of the appropriate doctoral school);

- has an Individual Research Plan submitted and approved by the Director of the UL Doctoral School, in accordance with the Regulations of the respective UL Doctoral School;
- meets the doctoral dissertation preparation schedule set out in the Individual Research Plan timely, i.e. has not extended the deadline for the submission of the doctoral dissertation;
- does not receive a scholarship funded under other NAWA projects supporting the internationalisation of doctoral schools;
- prepares a doctoral dissertation in English or another language other than Polish;
- pursues a doctoral project in international cooperation (cotutelle) and aims to obtain a joint degree or a double degree - on the basis of an agreement confirming the cooperation between the UL and a foreign research unit (applicable only to Polish doctoral students).

III. Application schedule

Between 17 November 2025 and 03 December 2025 (11.30 pm)

IV. Submission of applications:

- in-person at Project Office – UL Doctoral Schools Centre, ul. Matejki 21/23, 90-237 Łódź, Floor 1, room 123 (Mon. – Friday)
- by e-mail to: magdalena.ferlinska@uni.lodz.pl

V. Required documents:

Each candidate submits a filled out and signed application form (Appendix 1 to the Regulations) containing:

- academic achievements made during the doctoral school curriculum together with corresponding appendices specified in the application form;
- proof of implementation of an international doctoral project, confirmed by a signed cotutelle agreement;

VI. Supervision of task implementation:

- During the implementation of the Project, the Commission verifies whether the participant continues to fulfil the conditions for the award of the incentive scholarship defined in paragraph 1 on the basis of, among others, the semesterly and annual report on the progress of the training and the implementation of the IPB accepted by the supervisor.

- The reports should be submitted via e-mail or in person at the Project Office, to the respective deadlines:
31 March of the academic year concerned – semesterly report,
30 September of the academic year concerned – annual report.

In case of any doubts, please direct your queries via e-mail to:
magdalena.ferlinska@uni.lodz.pl

Attachments to the announcement:

- Regulations for awarding and payment of an incentive scholarship for doctoral students at doctoral schools at the University of Lodz as part of the “STER - Internationalisation of Doctoral Schools” programme funded by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA);
- Application form for the award of an incentive scholarship for doctoral students at doctoral schools of the University of Lodz under the “STER - Internationalisation of Doctoral Schools” programme (Appendix 1 to the Regulations);
- Schedule for competition no. 2.