

RULES OF THE FAHRENHEIT SYNERGY PROGRAMME

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General assumptions of the Programme

1. The FAHRENHEIT SYNERGY PROGRAMME, Synergy FarU (hereinafter referred to as the "Programme"), is organized by the Gdańsk University of Technology, the University of Gdańsk, and the Medical University of Gdańsk, together with the Fahrenheit Union of Universities in Gdańsk, and is an element of the implementation of the statutory tasks of the three partner universities making up the Fahrenheit Universities in Gdańsk (hereinafter referred to as the "Universities" and the "FarU" respectively), in enhancing the quality of research activity and strengthening cooperation between the Universities.
2. Under the Programme, it is possible to obtain a research grant intended to finance the costs of interdisciplinary scientific research conducted by teams composed of research groups from the Universities (that is, employees of the Universities, doctoral students or students)

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Conditions for participation in the Programme

1. Under the Programme, funding is provided in the form of grants awarded by open competition (hereinafter referred to as the "Competition"), conducted in accordance with these Rules.
2. The Competition is open to teams composed of three research groups, with each group operating at a different University. Each research group shall be managed by a leader who is an employee of the respective University, for whom that University is the primary place of employment. One of the leaders shall act as the project manager.
3. The application shall be submitted on behalf of the team by the project manager. Each team may submit only one application.

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Budget and financing

1. The total budget of the Programme shall not exceed PLN 2,000,000 (two million Polish zloty). The budget consists of funds provided by FarU, including a donation from the InvestGDA Foundation in Gdańsk, as well as funds allocated for this purpose by the Universities.
2. The project implementation period may not exceed 24 months.
3. The maximum amount of funding for a project under the Programme shall be PLN 750,000, however, the maximum amount of funding for a single research group shall be PLN 250,000, including no more than PLN 125,000 in one year.
4. Project costs specified in the budget for a research group from a respective University shall be financed by that University and/or FarU.
5. The following costs may be covered from the project funds:
 - 1) costs of active participation in conferences, costs of international and domestic cooperation – business travel expenses,
 - 2) costs of purchasing small laboratory equipment and materials necessary for the construction of models for pilot studies, as well as consumables, including reagents,
 - 3) remuneration of project personnel (primarily technical and administrative staff) – up to a maximum of PLN 20,000 per year per research group. The project manager and the leaders of the research groups may not receive remuneration from the project funds,
 - 4) external services necessary for the implementation of the research, including services for which payment is made on the basis of an issued invoice, bill, or debit note,
 - 5) costs related to the preparation of patent applications and obtaining patent protection;

- 6) other costs, following approval by the respective University.
1. Funds awarded for the implementation of projects under the Programme:
 1. by the University – shall be subject to the general rules governing the expenditure of funds at the respective University;
 2. by FarU – shall be subject to the rules governing the expenditure of funds at FarU described in §7 below.
2. shall be subject to the general principles governing the expenditure of funds at the Universities.

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Procedure for the preparation and evaluation of applications for project funding

1. The Competition shall be announced in the FarU Director's notice published on the FarU website and on the websites of the Universities. The notice shall include, in particular, information on: the date of the announcement of the Competition, the deadline for submission of applications, the date of evaluation of applications and publication of results, where applicable – the timelines of individual stages of the Competition, the method of informing applicants about the results, and rules of communication during the procedure.
2. Applications submitted for the Competition shall be filed with the FarU Office in the manner specified in the invitation. Within 7 days, the Office shall carry out a formal eligibility check and promptly forward the applications (those meeting the formal requirements) for evaluation to the Programme Evaluation Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee". The Office may request applicants to complete formal requirements within a specified time limit. Following the formal evaluation, the FarU Office shall prepare a report.
3. Grant applications shall be prepared in accordance with the template set out in Appendix No. 1.
4. The content-related evaluation of applications shall be conducted by the Committee. The Committee shall consist of two staff members from each University, holding at least a doctoral degree, designated by the competent Rector, as well as one representative of the InvestGDA Foundation in Gdańsk and one representative of the founder of the Foundation. Only applications meeting the formal requirements shall be subject to content-related evaluation.
5. The Committee may seek opinions from external experts.
6. Decisions of the Committee shall be taken by an absolute majority of votes, with all members of the Committee present.
7. The Committee shall carry out the evaluation of applications submitted for the Competition.
8. Applications proposing projects consistent with the National Smart Specialisation (KIS), defining priority areas for research, development and innovation (R&D&I), may receive additional points during the evaluation. The list of KIS is prepared by the Ministry of Development and Technology. The current version, in force since 13 February 2023, is available on the Ministry's website (www.gov.pl) and on the official KIS website (www.smart.gov.pl).
9. Applications shall be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:
 - 1) the scientific achievements of the research group leaders (including, inter alia, scientific publications, patents, and completed research projects) – up to a maximum of 10 points,
 - 2) the research plan (research outcome, impact of the research on the socio-economic environment, degree of interdisciplinarity, impact of the research on the individual development of team members, and the synergy resulting from cooperation between the research groups) – up to a maximum of 20 points.
 - 3) Consistency with the National Smart Specialisation (KIS) – projects aligned with KIS may receive up to 2 additional points.
10. Following the evaluation, the Committee shall recommend for funding those projects that have scored the highest number of points, within the allocated budget. The Committee may decide not to recommend any project for funding. The Committee may also recommend awarding funding in

an amount lower than that requested in the application. The Committee shall prepare the application evaluation report.

6. The decision on project funding shall be taken jointly by the Rectors of the Universities. No appeal may be filed against the decision of the Rectors. Information on the award of funding shall be communicated to the applicants by the FarU Office. The information shall also be made public on the FarU website.

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Project implementation

1. Responsibility for project implementation shall rest with the project manager and the leaders of the research groups, within the tasks assigned to them. In the event of irregularities in project implementation, including improper use of the funds, failure to implement the project or its improper implementation, attributable to the project manager and/or the leaders of the research groups, responsibility shall be borne by the project manager and/or the leaders of the research groups respectively.
2. Administrative and financial services for the implementation of project tasks assigned to the research group of a respective University shall be provided by that University.
3. Direct supervision over the performance of tasks carried out by the research group of a respective University shall be exercised by the competent Vice-Rector for Science.
4. Publications resulting from project implementation must include an acknowledgement indicating that the research was funded from the Programme budget.
5. Unless the Universities of the research teams collaborating within the Project agree otherwise, intellectual property rights to works created as part of the Project shall belong to the Universities in proportion to the creative contribution of the research teams from each University.

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Project implementation report

1. The project manager shall submit a final report, prepared in accordance with the template (Appendix No. 2), to the FarU Office within a period not exceeding two months from the date of project completion. If the project implementation period exceeds 12 months, the project manager is additionally obliged to submit an annual report within 30 days following the completion of the first 12 months of project implementation.
2. The evaluation of reports shall be carried out by the Committee. In the event of a lack of the expected progress or insufficient substantive justification for the lack of such progress, the Committee may suspend the performance of tasks under the project. In such a case, the Committee shall also inform the Rectors.

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Rules for payment of funding by FarU

The Financial resources granted for the implementation of projects under the Programme by FarU shall be paid on the basis of a research project funding agreement concluded with the team selected in the Competition, in one of the following forms:

to the bank account of the supplier of goods or services indicated by the Leader or the project manager, provided that a pro forma invoice or other accounting document containing payment details is submitted, together with a statement of the Leader confirming that the goods or services will be purchased for the

purpose of project implementation. The Fahrenheit Union of Universities in Gdańsk (FarU) should be indicated as the recipient on the invoice or other accounting document; to the bank account of the Leader, the project manager or another member of the grant team, provided that:

the cost has been accepted by the Leader or the project manager,
an invoice or other accounting document documenting the purchase is submitted,
a statement confirming that the goods or services were purchased for the purpose of the project and have already been paid for by the respective team member is provided.

In this case, the Fahrenheit Union of Universities in Gdańsk (FarU) should also be indicated as the recipient on the invoice or accounting document.

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Final provisions

1. In matters not regulated by these Rules, decisions shall be taken jointly by the Rectors.
2. These Rules may be amended at any time by a resolution of the FarU.
3. The FarU reserves the right to cancel the Competition at any time.

Application within the FAHRENHEIT SYNERGY PROGRAMME
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Project title	
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A. Information on National Smart Specialisations (KIS)

Does the project fall within the areas of National Smart Specialisations (KIS)?

- YES
- NO

KIS area relevant to the project

(from the list of National Smart Specialisations in force since 13 February 2023)

List of National Smart Specialisations:

- KIS 1. Healthy society
- KIS 2. Modern agriculture, forestry and food
- KIS 3. Sustainable (bio)products, (bio)processes and environment
- KIS 4. Sustainable energy
- KIS 5. Smart zero-emission construction
- KIS 6. Environmentally friendly transport
- KIS 7. Circular economy
- KIS 8. Advanced materials and nanotechnology
- KIS 9. Electronics and photonics
- KIS 10. Information, communication and geoinformation technologies
- KIS 11. Automation and robotics
- KIS 12. Creative industries
- KIS 13. Marine technologies

Justification for selecting the KIS area (max. 500 characters)

B. REGISTRATION DATA

1. Project manager: First name, surname, academic degree/title, position, university, organisational unit, contact details (phone number, email)	
2. Scientific achievements (Including bibliometric data and a list of up to 10 selected publications from the last 5 years with citation counts)	
3. Experience in acquiring and managing projects as project manager	
4. Research group composition (First name, surname, scientific discipline)	
5. Leaders of research groups from the partner universities <i>Information as above</i> 1.... 2. ...	
6. Registration data <i>To be completed by the FarU Office</i>	Registration No.: Date application filed:
1. Comments:	

Declaration

The person indicated as the leader of Research Group 1 also serves as the Project Manager:

- YES
- NO

Should a leader for Research Group 2 be appointed:

- YES
- NO

C. GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Project implementation period months
Reasons, if any, for extending the project implementation period to 36 months	
2. Planned project start date	
3. Total costPLN

4. Keywords (3–5)

5. Information on research group leaders.

	Project manager – group 1 leader	Group 2 leader	Group 3 leader
First name and surname			
University			
Academic career (degrees/titles and positions)			
Scientific field			

Scientific achievements, including bibliometric data and a list of up to 10 selected publications from the last 5 years with citation counts			
Managerial experience in acquiring and managing projects			
Research group composition (first name, surname and scientific field)			

6. Project summary (max. 2,000 characters):

D. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (max. 20,000 characters)

1. Project objectives (max. 10,000 characters)
2. Significance of the project for science and the socio-economic environment. (max. 10,000 characters)
3. Project work plan (project description, time schedule, research groups' tasks, risk analysis) (max. 10,000 characters)
4. Description of research methodology (max. 10,000 characters)
5. Description of the interdisciplinary dimension and the synergy arising from cooperation between the groups. (max. 10,000 characters)

E. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Outcome	Number
1. Scientific publication from the JCR list	
2. Patent application/implementation	
3. Application for funding of further research from external sources a) domestic b) international (including European)	
4. Initiation of academic promotion procedures a) dr b) dr hab. c) prof.	
5. Other outcomes (please specify)	

F. COST ESTIMATE

The maximum amount of project funding under the Program is PLN 750,000, provided that the maximum funding for a research group is PLN 250,000, including no more than PLN 125,000 within a single year.

	Costs of group 1 (PLN)	Costs of group 2 (PLN)	Costs of group 3 (PLN)	Total costs (PLN)
Cost categories:				
International and domestic collaboration – business travel, guest visits, active participation in conferences				
Small laboratory equipment and consumables, including reagents				

Remuneration of project personnel				
Costs of preparing patent applications and obtaining patent protection				
Other (following approval by the respective university)				
Total costs				

Cost substantiation (max. 1000 characters)

G. STATEMENTS AND SIGNATURES

Applicants' statements*

I declare that:

1. To the best of my knowledge, this application does not infringe upon any rights of third parties.
2. The research tasks outlined in this application are not funded from any other sources.
3. My primary place of employment is...
4. The research tasks specified in the project for the research group, of which I am the manager, will be carried out in

**Statements required from the managers of research groups of the three partner universities*

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Date and signature

Statement of the manager of the university organisational unit*

I declare that, in the event that the application receives funding, I will ensure:

1. Suitable conditions for the conduct of the research, including access to research infrastructure
2. Administrative and financial services for the implementation of the project.

**Statements required from the managers of organisational units of the three partner universities*

Dean/Manager of the organisational unit

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Signature, stamp and date

Final/Annual report on project implementation under the FAHRENHEIT SYNERGY PROGRAMME

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Project title	
Project manager	
Project registration number	
Date report submitted (<i>to be inserted by the Gdańsk Tech's Excellence Initiative – Research University (IDUB) Office</i>)	

B. SUMMARY OF PROJECT OUTCOMES (max. 5,000 characters).

Description of the results of research conducted by the partners and the benefits resulting from project implementation

C. TANGIBLE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION OUTCOMES

Outcome	Number
1. Scientific publication from the JCR list	
2. Patent application/implementation	
3. Application for funding of further research from external sources c) domestic d) international (including European)	
1. Initiation of academic promotion procedures a) dr b) dr hab. c) prof.	
2. Other outcomes (please specify)	

Project manager

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Date and signature

Managers of research groups from the partner universities

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Date and signature

2.

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Date and signature

Approval by the Chairperson of the Committee	Approval by Vice-Rectors for Science
Comments:	Comments:
..... Date and signature	1.