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Acquiring funds for research and preparation of applications for research funding

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Research grant

Definition of a research grant:

"Financial or non-financial support for a person or organization, aimed at achieving a specific goal (most often scientific, artistic or social), which is most often granted by individual states, their bodies, international organizations , institutions of international organizations, universities, religious associations, various foundations, associations, companies or private persons"

Source: <https://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grant>

Research grant

Benefits of applying for grants:

- Research funds (salary, equipment, research materials, conferences, internships),
- Learning to write grant applications, getting to know the research financing system,
- An entry in the CV, the obtained grant makes it easier to obtain further grants.

Research grant

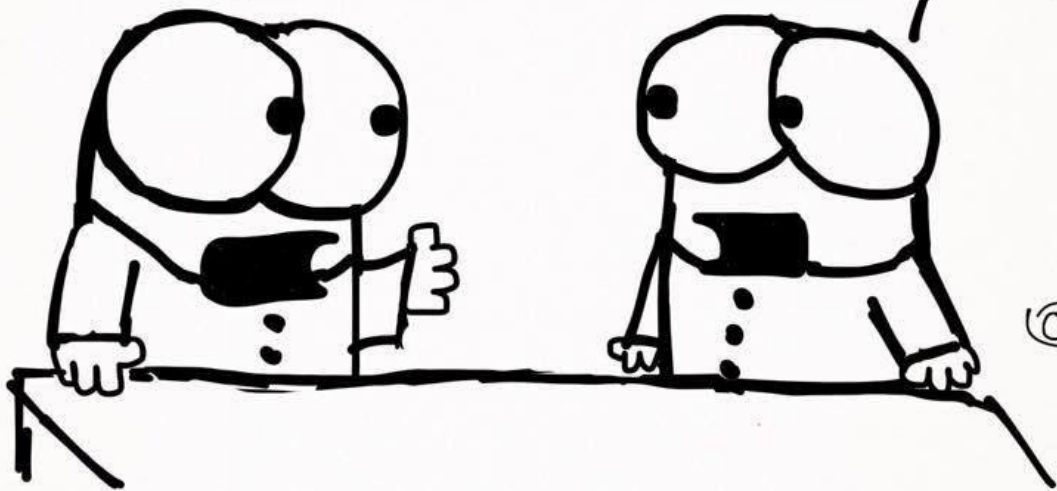
Where to apply:

- National Science Center (NCN): (<https://www.ncn.gov.pl/finansowanie-nauki/konkursy/typy>)
 - PRELUDIUM (as project manager),
 - OPUS (as a performer / PhD student).
- Foundation for Polish Science (FNP):
 - START FNP (<http://www.fnp.org.pl/oferta/start/>)
- National Center for Research and Development (NCBiR):
 - LIDER (<https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr>).
- Ministry of Science and Higher Education:
 - Scholarships for outstanding young scientists (<http://www.nauka.gov.pl/stypendia-dla-mlodych-naukowcow>).

Research grant

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SANTA
FOR A
RESEARCH
GRANT.

YOU STILL
BELIEVE IN
RESEARCH
GRANTS?



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Writing an application for a research grant

One year before submitting the application:

- start thinking about the project ,
- combine the obvious with innovation,
- think about the results this might bring
- start collecting literature,
- talk to someone about your idea.

Source: Kraicer , J. (1997). The art of grantsmanship . Toronto: University of Toronto.

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Nine months before submitting the application:

- start preliminary research,
- try to prove that the idea is feasible.

Six months before submitting the application:

- write a draft of the application,
- spend a lot of time working on the application,
- deal with the subject of the application for several hours every day.

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Five months before submitting the application:

- talk about the idea with colleagues,
- avoid people who have no comments on the application,
- pay attention to what others do not understand in the application,
- collect feedback and comments.

Four months before submitting the application:

- start collecting the necessary approvals for research.

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Two months before submitting the application:

- read the competition rules carefully and follow its requirements,
- determine the cost of the necessary equipment,
- select the necessary collaborators,
- start working on the budget.

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One month before submitting the application:

- prepare an application on the competition form and have it checked by colleagues,
- eliminate obvious mistakes and shortcomings.

Two weeks before submitting the application:

- read everything again
- have the proposal read to someone who has never read it before.

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One week before submitting the application:

- print the necessary number of copies of the applications,
- get the necessary signatures.

Two days before submitting the application:

- send the application,
- go to sleep ;-).

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Additional Tips:

- Write the application taking into account the review form,
- The reviewer knows as much as he sees in the application (and on the Internet), i.e. you need to show your achievements,
- The application may graphically (e.g. bold, colors) highlight the most important information to facilitate the reading of the application,
- Comply with all formal requirements (formatting, number of pages, etc.).

Grant application evaluation process

Initial assessment by the Expert Team

- **The most common reasons for rejection:** insufficient achievements of the project manager, obvious errors, obvious lack of feasibility, low rank of the research center

Team of experts reject about **50%**

The first decision of the Expert Team

- **The first stage of substantive evaluation:** usually 2-4 reviews by external experts, currently mostly foreign

The final decision of the Expert Team

The team of experts reject about **50%**

Funding level and success rate

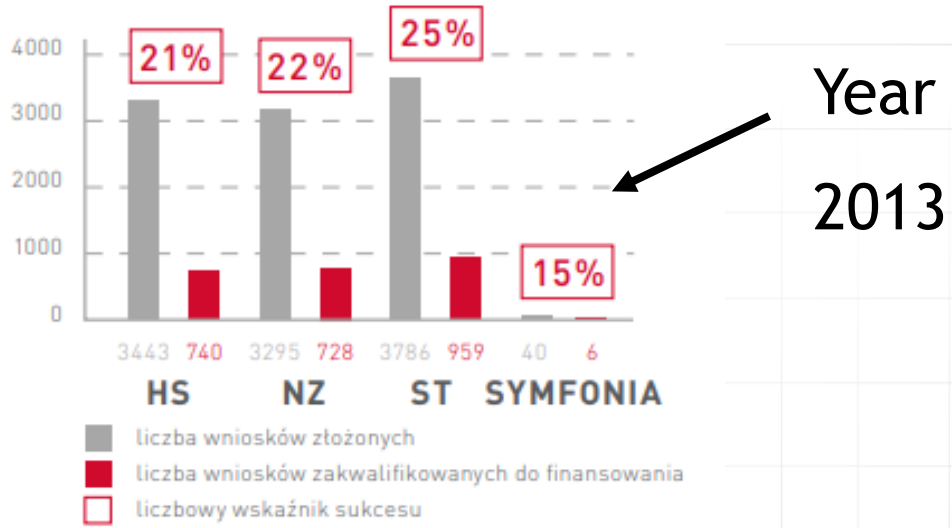
National Science Center (NCN):



Podstawowe statystyki konkursów NCN w 2013 r.:

13 ogłoszonych konkursów;
 14 rozstrzygniętych konkursów;
 10 514 złożonych wniosków;
1 002 261 376 zł środków przyznanych na finansowanie wniosków
 w konkursach NCN rozstrzygniętych w 2013 r.;
 2433 wnioski zakwalifikowane do finansowania

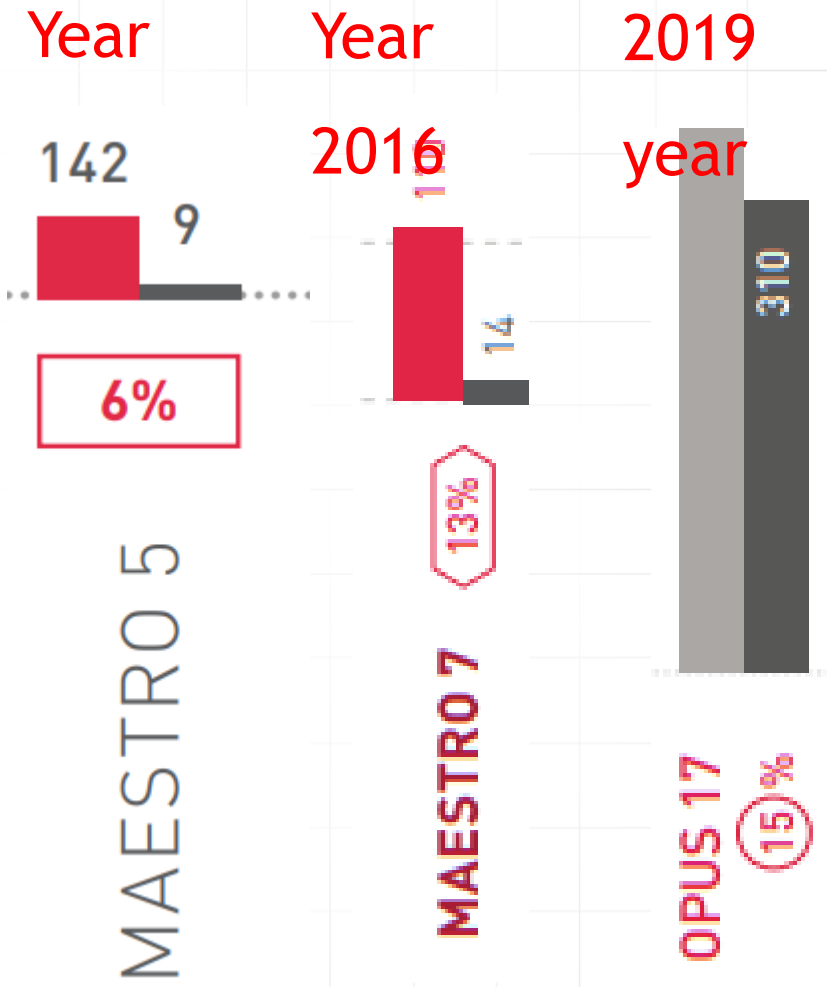
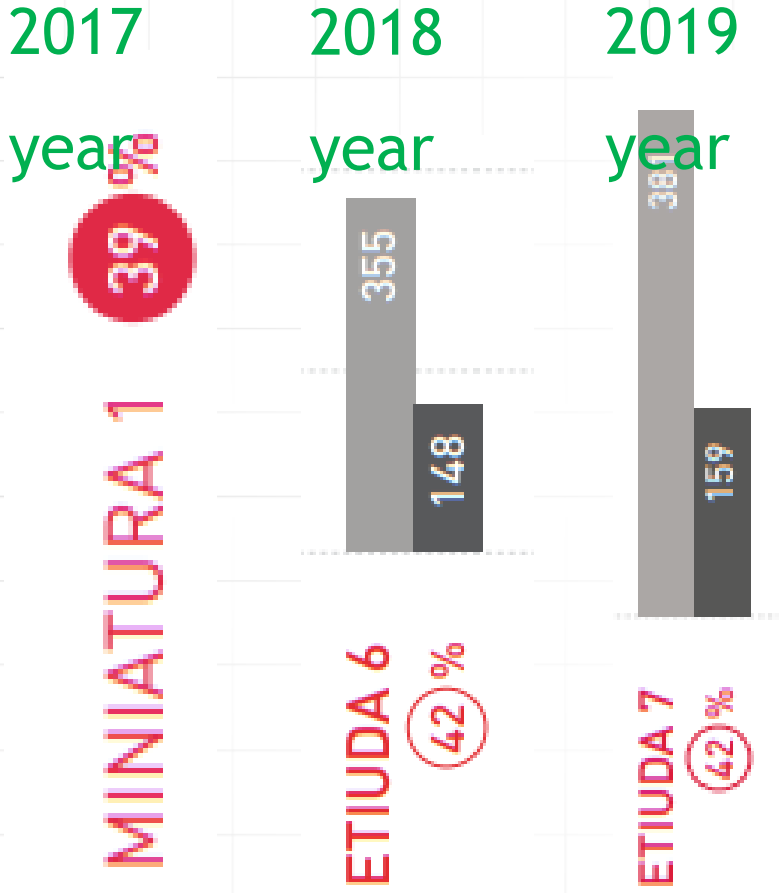
billion
 in 2019
 ~ PLN 1 billion
 in 2013



(source: <https://ncn.gov.pl/>)

Exceptions to the rule in success rate

National Science Center (NCN):



(source: <https://ncn.gov.pl/>)

Participation of foreign experts

National Science Center (NCN):

2019
year

Grupa nauk	Liczba ocen ekspertów zewnętrznych	Liczba ocen ekspertów zagranicznych	Liczba ocen ekspertów krajowych	Udział ocen wykonanych przez ekspertów zagranicznych w sumie ocen
HS	2 458	2 307	151	94%
NZ	3 073	3 015	58	98%
ST	4 355	4 144	211	95%
OGÓŁEM	9 886	9 466	420	96%

Year

2013

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NZ	3 440	2 004	58%	2 676	1 761	66%
ST	4 770	1 262	26%	2 893	1 012	35%
SYMFONIA 1	51	50	98%	51	50	98%
OGÓŁEM	11 447	3 505	31%	7 271	2 937	40%

(source: https://ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/pliki/unisono_koszty_w_projektach.pdf)

Salaries in research grants

National Science Center (NCN):

Wynagrodzenie etatowe dla kierownika projektu może być zaplanowane w ramach środków projektu badawczego w wysokości:

- 150 tys. zł rocznie;
- 190 tys. zł rocznie jeżeli kierownik projektu pełni równocześnie rolę koordynatora konsorcjum międzynarodowego składającego wniosek wspólny.

Wynagrodzenie etatowe na stanowisku typu post doc może być zaplanowane w ramach środków projektu badawczego w wysokości 120 tys. zł rocznie przy założeniu, że osoba przewidziana do zatrudniania na tym stanowisku spełni łącznie następujące warunki:

Budżet wynagrodzeń oraz stypendiów dla studentów i doktorantów, w przeliczeniu na każdy miesiąc realizacji projektu, wynosi co najwyżej:

- 10 tys. zł;
- 15 tys. zł jeżeli kierownik projektu pełni równocześnie rolę koordynatora konsorcjum międzynarodowego składającego wniosek wspólny.

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Tasks to be performed for the next class

1. Read the documentation on the Preludium competition carefully and prepare a list of questions / issues for discussion related to this competition.
2. Check other possibilities of obtaining funds for research for PhD students, or prepare a list of questions / issues for discussion related to these competitions.