Call for applications
under Joint research projects
between Poland and Slovakia

Narodowa Agencja Wymiany Akademickiej – NAWA (Poland) /
Slovak Research and Development Agency – SRDA (Slovakia)
Start date of the call for applications: 05.05.2025
Closing date of the call for applications: 07.07.2025

1.	Purpose and scope of cooperation	The call for applications aims to support the mobility of scientists conducting research projects agreed upon and carried out jointly by eligible applicants from Poland and partners from Slovakia entitled to the rules there. Funds for Projects under the call for applications are allocated to cover the travel expenses and costs of stay for the scientists, except for financing the research itself. Financing of conducted research has to be guaranteed from other sources. The applications concerning a joint project (further referred as "Project") shall be submitted simultaneously by partners from Slovakia to the **Slovak Research and Development Agency – SRDA** as well as by Polish partners to NAWA. Only applications submitted jointly in Poland and Slovakia will be considered. Applications submitted in Poland and Slovakia should have the same English title and implementation period.
2.	Eligible Applicants	Applications for funding may be submitted by the entities indicated in Article 7, paragraph 1 subparagraphs 1-8 of Law on Higher Education and Science.
3.	Additional requirements	The Project coordinator can be a person employed by the Applicant holding at least a doctoral degree. Members of the research team can be members of the Project coordinator's current research team, employed in their unit or other units that are part of the Polish science and higher education system. Team members can also be students as long as they are actively involved in activities and the partner country allows their participation. Each researcher can be a coordinator or team member in only one application submitted in a competition. Priority for funding will be given to teams not funded in previous calls for Joint Research Projects for the country.
4.	Fields of science	The research project can be in all fields of science.
5.	Deadline for submitting applications	Applications must be submitted by 07.07.2025 by 15:00:00 local time for Warsaw in the NAWA ICT system. The call will be resolved by 20.12.2025.

6.	Form of submitting applications	Submitting the application is possible following the registration in the System available at https://programs.nawa.gov.pl. The application should be drawn up in Polish. An exception is made for the substantive sections of the application, which may be completed in Polish or English. There is no limit for applications submitted by one Applicant. It is allowed to submit one application as part of one Project. Sending the application in the System shall result in the status of the application changing to "submitted" and the Applicant receiving an e-mail. The Applicant is responsible for verifying whether the application was correctly sent.
7.	Person authorised to submit the application	The person submitting the application in the System must have a valid power of attorney granted by an authorized person to represent the Applicant (e.g., granted by the rector of the university or the director of the research institute) and attach it to the submitted application.
8.	Project implementation period	Projects submitted under the call are implemented over 24 months, starting from 01.01.2026 to 31.12.2027 Expenses may be incurred during the period specified in the agreement with NAWA.
9.	Eligible costs covered by the Polish party	The maximum amount of funding for the Project from the NAWA budget is PLN 30,000. The above amount may be freely increased from the Applicant's own funds. Within the funds allocated by NAWA, eligible expenses on the Polish side are: a) Lump sum for subsistence and accommodation costs for the stay of researchers from Poland in Slovakia - PLN 400 per day for stays of up to 11 days; for stays of 12 days and longer, the rate is PLN 4400 for the entire stay. b) Lump sum for travel costs of researchers from Poland to Slovakia - in the amount of PLN 1500. The above lump sum represents the total amount for a round trip for one person. Research expenses and any other expenses incurred under the Project are ineligible.
10.	Project selection procedure	Applications are evaluated independently in Poland and the partner country according to the procedure adopted by each party. Upon completion of the national evaluation, a joint committee composed of representatives of both countries selects the Projects recommended for funding.
11.	Evaluation of applications at NAWA	Application evaluation procedure on the Polish side: Applications for participation in the competition are subject to formal and substantive evaluation. <u>Formal evaluation</u>

		Only complete applications that meet the formal criteria indicated in the Call are submitted for substantive evaluation, provided that they are submitted jointly in Poland and the partner country. If an incomplete application is submitted, the Applicant shall be summoned to supplement it within 14 days from the date of receipt of the summons, with instructions that failure to do so will result in leaving the application unprocessed. Rejection at the stage of formal evaluation of the application submitted in the partner's country means leaving the application for the same Project submitted on the Polish side without consideration. The form of communication with the Applicant is the Agency's ICT system, and the Applicant is obliged to check the status of the submitted application regularly in the ICT system. <u>Substantive evaluation</u> Applications are evaluated by an evaluation team appointed by the NAWA Director. Substantive evaluation of applications is carried out according to the following criteria: 1) Scientific Significance of the Project - from 0 to 5 points; 2) Proposed research methodology - from 0 to 5 points; 3) Qualifications and experience of both research teams in the Project area - from 0 to 5 points; 4) Importance of the scientific cooperation undertaken and the prospect of its continuation - from 0 to 5 points. Additional points will be awarded for the inclusion of the following priorities, with 1 meaning that the additional criterion has been met and 0 meaning that the additional criterion has not been met: - Involvement of young scientists [1] - Potential for collaboration with socio-economic partners during or as a result of the Project The maximum number of points possible is 22.
12.	Appeal procedure	The applicant, after receiving information about leaving the application without consideration or information granting or refusing support by the Director, may request the Director to reconsider the case in the event of formal violations in the awarding of funds for the assessment on the Polish

[1] According to the u.p.s.w.n. - a young scientist is a person conducting scientific activity who:
1) is a doctoral student or academic teacher - and does not hold a doctoral degree, or
2) holds a doctoral degree, less than seven years since obtaining it, and is employed in an institution of higher education and science.

		side. The request for reconsideration of the case may include objections only as to formal issues in the process of granting funds, and not to the merits of substantive assessment carried out by the Polish side Submission of the request for reconsideration of the case for another reason, including the result of the assessment in the partner's country or the procedure carried out by it, will result in the issuing of a decision stating inadmissibility of submitting the request for reconsideration of the case. The request for reconsideration of the case should be submitted to the Director within 14 days from the date of receipt of information granting or refusing support or receiving information on leaving the application without consideration, in writing to the following address: Narodowa Agencja Wymiany Akademickiej, ul. Polna 40, 00-635 Warszawa or via the System.
13.	Financing	Funds for the Project are transferred to Applicants in two tranches, with the following: 1) the first tranche in the amount of 80% of the awarded funding is transferred to the Applicant's account within 30 days from the date of the agreement; 2) the balancing tranche of up to 20% of the allocated funding is transferred upon acceptance of the final report and completion of the financial settlement of the project.
14.	Reporting	The final report must be submitted within 30 days of project completion. Reports are submitted by the beneficiary only in the ICT system.
15.	Contact on the Polish side	National Agency for Academic Exchange e-mail: wpb@nawa.gov.pl tel: + 48 22 390 3569
16.	Contact on the Slovak side	Slovak Research and Development Agency Mýtna 23, P.O.BOX 839 04 839 04 Bratislava 32. Information regarding the Call are provided through the contact form available at: https://www.apvv.sk/kontakt/kontaktny-formular.html