

What do these abbreviations stand for?

EF – Emerging Fields

CE (*pl CD*) – Center of Excellence

PRA (*pl POB*) - Priority Research Area

What does "CE or EF membership" mean?

If you are a member of Emerging Fields, please enter the EF name.

If your research is linked to Priority Research Area (i.e. Centre of Excellence), please enter the PRA name.

If you are not a member of Emerging Fields or you are not affiliated with any Priority Research Area, please enter "no CE or EF membership"

The name of the recipient of the application must be provided. However, I am not sure whose name to indicate.

If you are a member of Emerging Fields, please indicate the EF Coordinator.

If you are not a member of Emerging Fields, please indicate the Leader of an appropriate Scientific Council, i.e.

Prof. Alina Borkowska – the Leader of the Council for Life Sciences,

Prof. Włodzimierz Jaskólski – the Leader of the Council for Exact and Technical Sciences,

Prof. Radosław Sojak – the Leader of the Council for Humanities, Social Sciences and Art

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[The team implementing the strategy of the research university](#)

Can anyone apply for a mobility or only persons belonging to selected teams?

Everyone can apply for a mobility. PRAs have their own mobility funds and calls for proposals are intended mainly for members of Emerging Fields and those who do not belong to any team linked to the Research University.

Is a member of the NCU staff employed in a research and teaching position who is not a member of any EF or PRA eligible for a call for proposals intended for professors outgoing to foreign institutions under the "Excellence Initiative - Research University" programme?

Yes. There are special mobility funds for those who are not members of PRAs or EFs.

Can a person who is a member of PRA, currently Toruń Center of Excellence (*pl TCD*), submit a proposal under a call?

PRAs have their own mobility funds and will announce their own calls for proposals.

Can I apply for mobility abroad under a call for proposals even if I already have a post-doc job under the National Science Centre (*pl* NCN) grant?

A formal requirement is the employment at the Nicolaus Copernicus University at a research or research-teaching position. The NCN grant is not an obstacle as long as the National Science Centre does not object to combined funding.

What does "Information about the number of applications for mobility in the last 5 years and decisions pertaining thereof, with a list of competed mobilities and sources of their funding" mean?

Any previous mobility applications, decisions issued, a list of completed visits and their sources of funding must be entered.

What is the definition of "unit"? Is it Faculty, Department, Center of Excellence?

Each of these units meets the definition of a unit under the Rules. In the case of Centers of Excellence, no call procedure is required to initiate a mobility; instead, the Director of an appropriate Center needs to be contacted.

What is the form of "invitation confirmation" and who should be contacted to obtain such an invitation?

A scan confirming that the entity wishes to receive you within the period indicated in the application.

Is tax/contribution paid on the grant?

The grant is subject to 17% tax + PLN 13.71 contribution for Social Insurance Institution (ZUS) in the case of scientists outgoing to foreign institutions and 17% tax for visiting scientists.

When and in what amount is the grant paid out?

For visiting researchers, the grant is paid upon signing the specific work contract and generating an invoice that evidences the relevant amount. If such an invoice is submitted to the Payroll Department before the 5th of a relevant month, the grant will be paid out in full before the end of the month. For scientists outgoing to foreign institutions, the grant is paid on the 1st day of a relevant month.

The grant is the sum of travel and subsistence costs that are calculated on the basis of lump sums and that depend on the distance from Toruń to the place of destination and the length of stay.

How do I calculate "Distance (km) in straight line between place of residence and destination" to assess travel costs?

Use the [Erasmus+ distance calculator](#).