



## **Legal Monitor of the Silesian University of Technology**

item 624

### **ORDINANCE NO 35/2025 OF THE RECTOR OF THE SILESIAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY of 13 February 2025**

#### **on pro-quality financing for collaborative publications with an author representing a foreign scientific centre, a non-academic partner or another scientific discipline, as part of the Excellence Initiative – Research University Programme**

Acting pursuant to Article 23 (1) of the Act of 20 July, 2018. - Law on Higher Education and Science (consolidated text, Journal of Laws of 2024 item 1571, as amended), in connection with the participation of the Silesian University of Technology in the Excellence Initiative - Research University programme (Contract No. 08/IDUB/2019/94 of 16 December, 2019), it is ordered, as follows:

#### **§1**

1. Within the framework of the Excellence Initiative - Research University programme a pro-quality programme is announced for pro-quality financing for publications (articles and monographs) published in collaboration with an author making a creative contribution to the publication, listed as an author in the bibliographic description:
  - 1) representing a leading foreign scientific centre (applies to publications awarded at least 100 points),
  - 2) representing another foreign scientific centre (refers to publications awarded at least 100 points),
  - 3) representing a non-academic partner (refers to publications awarded at least 100 points),
  - 4) representing the Silesian University of Technology, declaring scientific disciplines other than those of the applicant in the current statement of scientific discipline or being a participant of doctoral school in a discipline other than the ones declared by the applicant (refers to publications awarded at least 140 points).
  - 5) who, during the past 24 months prior to the submission of the application, has not been the author or co-author of any publication awarded at least 70 points and whose stated contribution to the publication submitted in the application, which was awarded at least 140 points, is at least 30%.
2. Under the programme it is not possible to combine funding for the achievements referred to in section 1, points (1-3).
3. The programme is addressed to employees, doctoral students and students of the Silesian University of Technology.
4. Leading academic centres are understood to be those which, on the date of application, are ranked in the first 150 places of the main lists in at least one of the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), Times Higher Education World University Rankings (THE), QS World University Rankings (QS).
5. A non-academic partner is understood to be an entity that is not a university as defined by the current Act - Law on Higher Education and Science.
6. Released publications referred to in section 1 are also understood to be those which have not appeared in print but which have already been assigned a DOI number.
7. Points referred to in section 1 shall be understood as points according to lists of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education [MNiSW] of scientific journals and peer-reviewed materials from international conferences

and publishing houses publishing peer-reviewed scientific monographs valid on the date of publication, taking into account section 6.

8. Financing under this programme may be obtained for publications that are affiliated to the Silesian University of Technology in the first place.
9. Applications for financing may be submitted on a continuous basis to the immediate superior, in case of doctoral students to the Doctoral School Office, and in the case of students to the Student Service Centre.. Applications that have been completed with the required signatures are immediately forwarded by the office staff member to the Research Department. Only applications submitted no later than 6 months from the date of publication shall be considered. A template application for the award of financing is enclosed as Attachment No. 1 to the present Ordinance
10. Formal assessment of applications is performed by a commission consisting of the Vice Rector for Science and International Cooperation, the Head of the Research Office and the Director of the Library of the Silesian University of Technology. The commission prepares a report according to the template form enclosed as Attachment No. 2 to the present Ordinance.
11. The Rector shall make a decision to award the financing no later than 30 days from the date of submission of the application, taking into account the opinion of the commission. In justified cases, this deadline may be extended.
12. The applicant and, respectively, the head of the basic organisational unit in the case of an employee and a student, and the Director of the Doctoral School in the case of a doctoral student, shall be notified of the decision taken.
13. Financing is granted to a team of authors from the Silesian University of Technology on the basis of an application submitted by the lead author from the Silesian University of Technology, in the gross amount (PLN), subject to section 2:

Co-author of the publication represents	No. of points on the MNiSW list		
	100	140	200
1), leading foreign scientific centre - § 1 sect. 1 point 1	2500(3500*)	400(6000*)	5000(7000*)
2), another foreign scientific centre - § 1 sect. 1 point 2	1750(2250*)	2500(3500*)	3000(4500*)
3) non-academic partner - § 1 sect. 1 point 3	1000(1500*)	2000(2500*)	2000(2500*)
4) SUT in disciplines other than that of the applicant - § 1 sect. 1 point 4	-	2000(3000**)	3000(4000**)
5) SUT and in the past 24 months prior to submission of application has not been the author/co-author of a publication - § 1 sect. 1 point 5		1500(2000)	2000(2500)

\* Applies to publications in which the lead author from the Silesian University of Technology is the first or corresponding author,

\*\* Applies to publications, at least two co-authors of which fulfil the condition of § 1, item 1, point 4 and each of them declares different disciplines.

14. Funding under this programme shall be granted on a one-off basis. Funding shall be in the form of a pro-quality remuneration supplement - in the case of staff members, or in the form of a scholarship - in the case of doctoral students and students.
15. Upon the consent of all authors of publications from the Silesian University of Technology the financing is distributed in the amount depending on an author's share in the publication among all authors from the Silesian University of Technology.
16. The maximum total amount of funding granted in a calendar year to an author from the Silesian University of Technology for publications released in cooperation with an author representing a leading foreign scientific centre, another foreign scientific centre or a non-academic partner is PLN 25,000 gross. This amount is increased to PLN 50,000 gross in the case of publications in which at least 30% of the share among the authors from the Silesian University of Technology is held by other co-authors from the Silesian University of Technology, and to PLN 100,000 gross in the case of publications arising as a result of and in the course of implementation at the Silesian University of Technology of a research project or a research/service-research work worth at least PLN 300,000 gross, if the author referred to above is its manager and additionally at least one other contractor from the University is also involved in it.
17. The funds shall be transferred within 30 days of their award. In justified cases, this deadline may be extended.
18. The financing is granted for the duration of the current edition of the IDUB programme, i. e. not longer than until 31 December 2026. The funding may also be reduced proportionally in case sufficient funds are not available in the IDUB programme.

19. In the case of doubts as to the scientific integrity in the creation of the achievement or the possibility of a violation of other principles of scientific ethics reported in particular by the direct superior or supervisor in the case of a doctoral student, or the vice-dean in the case of a student, consideration of the application may be delayed until the doubts are resolved. The Rector, on the basis of the application of the Commission referred to in section 10, decides to refer the matter to the University Ethics in Science Committee.
20. In the case a violation of the ethics is confirmed, the funding may not be granted.
21. In the case a breach of ethics is found where funding has already been granted, it shall be withheld and the University shall take steps to recover the funds paid. In the case of suspected plagiarism or falsification of research data, or other blatant violations of the principles of ethics in science, the University's Ethics in Science Committee shall request the Rector to initiate disciplinary proceedings.

## § 2

Participation in this programme does not exclude the possibility of participation in other programmes of a pro-quality nature, unless their regulations do provide otherwise.

## § 3

Ordinance No. 103/2022 of the Rector of the Silesian University of Technology of 26 May 2022 on the pro-quality financing programme for publications released in collaboration with an author representing a foreign research centre or a non-academic partner, or another scientific discipline, within the framework of the Excellence Initiative - Research University programme (Legal Monitor of the Silesian University of Technology of 2022, item 448 as amended) is repealed, with the proviso that applications submitted and pending by the date of entry into force of the present Ordinance shall be considered in accordance with the previously existing rules using the procedure specified in the present Ordinance.

## § 4

The Ordinance shall enter into force as of the date of its signing.

**Rector of the SUT: *M. Pawełczyk***

.....  
(name and surname, academic degree, position)

.....  
(name of basic/university unit)

.....  
(name of internal organizational unit)

.....  
(currently declared scientific disciplines)

### APPLICATION

#### for granting pro-quality financing for a collaborative publication with an author representing a foreign scientific centre, a non-academic partner or another scientific discipline

I am requesting for a financing for the following publication:

.....  
.....

DOI no.: .....

Title of the journal (publisher in the case of a monograph):

.....

Date of publication: .....

The financed collaboration, as referred to in § 1 section 1 (to be selected on the basis of § 1 section 1, subject to § 1 sect. 2) with a co-author representing:

- ☐ 1) a leading foreign scientific centre, ☐ 2) another foreign scientific centre,  
☐ 3) non-academic partner, ☐ 4) other scientific disciplines at the SUT,  
☐ 5) Silesian University of Technology Politechnikę Śląską who during the past 24 months prior to the submission of the application, has not been the author or co-author of any publication awarded at least 70 points.

Depending on the selection of the above fields, please fill in the appropriate points below:

- 1) the co-author representing a leading foreign scientific centre is:

Name and surname: .....

Name of scientific centre: .....

The scientific centre is listed at: ..... in the ARWU ranking, ..... in the THE ranking, ..... in the QS ranking;

- 2) the co-author representing another foreign scientific centre is:

Name and surname: .....

Name of scientific centre: .....

- 3) the co-author representing a non-academic partner is:

Name and surname: .....

Name of non-academic partner: .....

4) the co-authors from the Silesian University of Technology representing different scietific disciplines are:

Name and surname, disciplines represented: .....

Name and surname, disciplines represented: .....

Total funding calculated on the basis of the Ordinance (subject to § 1 section (1) and § 1 section (2)):

.....

Distribution of financing:

with the consent of all authors of the publication from the Silesian University of Technology, I propose to divide the financing in the amount depending on the author's share in the publication among all authors from the Silesian University of Technology:

Lp.	Scientific degree, name and surname, position	Name of internal organisational unit	Current status: student/ doctoral student/employee	Sum	Signature of co-author
1.					
2.					
3.					

.....  
(date, signature of the applicant)

Approval:

.....  
(signature of the head of the internal organisational unit/  
supervisor in the case of a doctoral student/vice-dean in the case of a student

No approval – reservations:

.....  
.....  
.....

.....  
(signature of the head of the internal organisational unit/  
supervisor in the case of a doctoral student/vice-dean in the case of a student

Copy sent to

.....  
(signature of the head of the basic organisational unit/  
Director of the Doctoral School)

**Report of the Commission.....****dated .....**

The Commission formally assessed the submitted application for pro-quality financing for a publication released in collaboration with an author representing a foreign scientific centre, a non-academic partner or another scientific discipline:

.....  
.....

and recommends the award of funding in the total amount/does not recommend the award of funding \*:

.....

to the following authors from the Silesian University of Technology, in the following amounts:

- 1) .....
- 2) .....
- 3) .....

**Signatures of commission members:**

Vice-Rector for Science and International Cooperation: .....

Director of the Library of the Silesian University of Technology: .....

Head of the Research Office: .....

\* Delete as appropriate.

I, Małgorzata Sokołowska, a sworn translator of the English language in Gliwice, entered on the list of sworn translators of the Minister of Justice under the no.: TP/1509/05, certify this to be a true translation of a Polish document prepared in Word. Gliwice, this 17 February 2025. Rep. no. 080/2025.

Ja, Małgorzata Sokołowska, tłumacz przysięgły języka angielskiego w Gliwicach, nr wpisu na listę tłumaczy przysięgłych Ministra Sprawiedliwości: TP/1509/05, poświadczam zgodność niniejszego tłumaczenia z okazanym mi plikiem Word dokumentu sporządzonego w języku polskim. Gliwice, dnia 17 lutego 2025 roku. Rep. Nr 080/2025.