

# Criteria for formal and merit-based evaluation

Appendix No. 3 to the Terms and Conditions of the  
PASIFIC Call 1



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## 1. Formal evaluation criteria

The formal evaluation of the project is based on the following criteria:

### 1.1 Applicant's eligibility:

Checking whether the Applicant:

- 1.1.1 on the closing date of the Call (30 June 2021), holds a doctoral degree within the meaning of the legislation of the country in which the degree was awarded or had at least 4-year of full-time equivalent research experience after having obtained a degree entitling to embark on a doctoral programme;
- 1.1.2 has not been living, working, or studying in Poland for more than 12 months out of the three years prior to the opening date of the Call. Work in Poland is understood as employment in an entity with its registered seat in the territory of the Republic of Poland, under an employment contract, including remote work outside of the Republic of Poland.

### 1.3 Proposal's eligibility:

Checking whether the Proposal is:

- 1.2.1** complete, i.e., includes the administrative part filled in in the SEA system and the obligatory attachments in the indicated format (pdf), which open correctly and allow for the correct reading of the information, including:
- Description of the project
  - CV and description of the scientific achievements of both the Applicant and the Supervisor
  - Letter of support of the Host Institute
  - Letter of support of the Institute supporting the Host Institute, if indicated in the Proposal
  - Scan of the diploma or a scan of the diploma entitling to embark on the doctoral studies along with documents confirming the 4-year of full-time equivalent research experience after having obtained a degree entitling to embark on a doctoral programme
  - Ethics self-assessment (if the answer to at least one question in the section "Ethical Issues Table" is positive)
- 1.2.2** written in English
- 1.2.3** submitted through the SEA system available at the PASIFIC website before the closing date of the Call, i.e., 30 June 2021 at 11:59 PM.
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### 1.2 Research Area eligibility :

Checking if the activities described in the Proposal include research carried out in any scientific field

#### 1.4 Research supervisor's eligibility :

Checking whether in the application is indicated a Supervisor who

1.1.1 holds at least a doctoral degree,

1.1.2 is employed under a permanent employment contract at one of the Institutes.

## 2. Merit-based evaluation criteria

Merit-based evaluation criteria with the maximum score one may obtain in each criterion are presented in the table below.

A. Excellence		Up to 50 points
1.	<p><b>1. Excellence of the research project</b></p> <p>The PASIFIC programme aims to promote innovative and bold research ideas, so the <u>excellence of the research project is a key evaluation criterion</u>. This approach will allow researchers with interesting and potentially ground-breaking projects to compete with those who may have more scientific experience or publication records. This is particularly important for young researchers who are starting their scientific careers. Criteria for assessing project excellence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Thorough knowledge of the state of the science;</li> <li>(b) A clearly defined, engaging, and topical research problem;</li> <li>(c) State-of-the-art or innovative methodology;</li> <li>(d) New approaches/methods of research in the field;</li> <li>(e) Research at the interface of disciplines/interdisciplinarity.</li> </ul>	Up to 30 points
2.	<p><b>2. Excellence of the researcher</b></p> <p>The researchers' CV and scientific achievements from the last 5 years will be assessed according to the stage of their career and, where appropriate, considering career breaks.</p> <p>Applicants must demonstrate that they have the appropriate skills and experience to meet the project objectives and deliver the planned results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Outstanding scientific and research achievements;</li> </ul>	Up to 20 points

	<p>(b) Outstanding record of dissemination of research results appropriate to the research field (e.g., articles in leading journals, peer-reviewed monographs, patents, presentations at international conferences);</p> <p>(c) Experience in conducting research projects;</p> <p>(d) where appropriate, the candidate's valuable and relevant experience in the non-academic sector (e.g., industrial innovation, public services).</p>	
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<b>B. Impact</b>		<b>Up to 35 points</b>
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	<p><b>1. Impact on the research area</b></p> <p>Focusing on the excellence of research projects, PASIFIC Fellowships aim to fund and support ideas that can have a major impact on a specific research discipline. Together with the criterion of excellence of the scientific project, this gives almost half (45%) of the total score. The following criteria will be taken into account:</p> <p>1. (a) How is the project likely to change the respective discipline?</p> <p>(b) How will the proposed research contribute to shaping new research areas/methodologies/approaches?</p> <p>(c) Is the project idea potentially ground-breaking for its specific, narrow field of study?</p> <p>(d) Are the results applicable or relevant to other fields of research?</p> <p>e) Does interdisciplinarity, if it occurs in the project, add value to the field?</p>	Up to <b>15</b> points
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	<p><b>2. Career impact</b> (considering the candidate's current career stage)</p> <p>The fellowships are intended to support the career development of scientists, enabling them to pursue their research dreams in the vibrant intellectual community of the network of institutes supervised by the President of PAS. At the same time, they are supposed to provide them with a range of skills – both scientific and more universal. The following criteria will be considered:</p> <p>(a) What new research skills, techniques and abilities will the candidate acquire or develop during the fellowship?</p> <p>(b) What transferable skills will the candidate have a chance/be able to acquire?</p> <p>(c) Does the Host Institute and the Supervisor have adequate scientific knowledge or skills to impart to the fellow?</p> <p>(d) Is the career goal set by the candidate both ambitious and feasible?</p> <p>(e) Is the successful implementation of the research plan and the projected results sufficient to achieve the candidate's career goal?</p>	Up to <b>10</b> points
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	<p><b>3. Impact on the host institute</b></p> <p>The PASIFIC project also provides benefits for the network of institutes supervised by the President of PAS by enabling knowledge transfer and the creation of new research connections. One of the objectives is to develop these connections not only during, but also after the fellowship, which would allow contacts and collaborations to be maintained.</p> <p>3. (a) Does the Applicant bring the specialist knowledge, skills, and abilities to the research environment of the host institution?</p>	Up to <b>10</b> points
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- (b) Does the Applicant's project fit into the research strategy of the host institute?
- (c) Does the project offer mechanisms to ensure the sustainability of long-term scientific cooperation (e.g., a future joint application for research grants)?
- (d) Does the project provide opportunities to promote national, international, and cross-industry cooperation?

<b>C. Feasibility</b>		<b>Up to 15 points</b>
1.	<p>PASIFIC encourages ambitious and bold projects but also pays attention to their feasibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Is the scope of the project realisable, considering the timeframes of the project?</li> <li>(b) Are the resources sufficient to implement and perform the project?</li> </ul>	Up to <b>10</b> points
2.	<p>PASIFIC highlights the role of the research supervisor, especially in the career development of young researchers. As such, the Supervisor's CV and scientific experience will also be considered when assessing proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Has the Supervisor been adequately selected by the Applicants, especially in the context of their research interests and experience?</li> <li>(b) Does the Supervisor have an internationally recognised research profile?</li> <li>(c) Does the Supervisor have experience in supporting the scientific development of young researchers?</li> </ul>	Up to <b>5</b> points



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