

**Rules of competitions for scientific projects implemented by young scientists under the supervision of research supervisors at the Center for Theoretical Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences**

Based on:

- 1) the Charter of the Institute under the name of the Center for Theoretical Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, approved by the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences on 4 November 2019.
- 2) the Rules of the Scientific Council of the Center for Theoretical Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences of 1 March 2019,

The "Rules of competitions for scientific projects implemented by young scientists under the supervision of research supervisors at the Center for Theoretical Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences" are hereby established.

In the Rules, the abbreviation CFT means the Center for Theoretical Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences, and the word 'Committee' refers to the Committee for the Young Staff of the Center for Theoretical Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

1. Competitions are conducted by the Committee.
2. The competition is announced by the chairperson of the Committee, in agreement with the director of the CFT and after consulting the Chief Accountant of the CFT on the available funds. In the absence of funds, no competition is announced in a given year. The announcement must include information on the amount allocated to project financing, the procedure for selecting projects to be financed, the project financing period and the method of accounting for funds. The announcement is sent electronically. It is addressed to all addresses in the [cft.edu.pl](mailto:cft.edu.pl) domain.
3. The time limit for submitting applications for project financing may not be shorter than 30 days from the date of announcing the competition.
4. The competition is open to:
  - a. PhD students,
  - b. assistants,
  - c. postdoctoral fellows who have obtained their PhD's not earlier than 3 years before the announcement of the competition. The period of 3 years may be extended for the period of a parental leave or other documented life circumstances. The Chairperson of the Committee decides if the extension is granted.
5. The applications are evaluated in two separate categories: the category of PhD students and assistants and the postdoctoral fellows.

6. Applications concerning research projects of PhD students or assistants are submitted jointly by the young scientist and the research supervisor of the project. Applications concerning research projects of post-doctoral fellows are submitted without a supervisor. The detailed form of the application will be determined by the Committee. The research tasks included in the application may not overlap with the research tasks of the applicant already financed from other sources.
7. Research supervisors of projects may be employees of the CFT holding at least a doctoral degree. In special cases, the Committee may allow a person not employed at CFT to be a research supervisor of a young scientist.
8. The scientific quality and budget are assessed at the preliminary stage, in accordance with the detailed rules described in the competition announcement.
9. The Committee may invite applicants selected on the basis of the preliminary assessment of applications to deliver a presentation.
10. The Committee prepares recommendations for the distribution of the amount allocated for projects. The Committee selects the best projects for recommendation. The recommendations are announced on the CFT website, as scheduled in the competition announcement.
11. Within two weeks from the date of publication of the recommendations, the author of an application may appeal to the Appeals Committee at CFT. The Appeals Committee prepares an opinion and submits it to the Directors of CFT.
12. Two weeks after the announcement of the recommendation and after examination of appeals, the Director makes the final decision on the allocation of funds. The decision is communicated to the employees by email. The email is addressed to all addresses in the cft.edu.pl domain.
13. The Chairperson of the Committee submits information about the competition and the allocation of funds at the next session of the Scientific Council.
14. The funds are spent in the period specified in the notice.
15. These Rules were adopted under the resolution of the Scientific Council of the Center for Theoretical Physics of the Polish Academy of Sciences on 20th of November 2020 and become effective as of 1st of December 2020. They were updated later on 8th of Dec 2023.