



Foundation for
Polish Science

FIRST TEAM

Grants for the first
research teams



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ABOUT THE **FIRST TEAM** PROGRAMME

In the **FIRST TEAM** programme, the Foundation for Polish Science offers grants for the first research teams supervised by PhDs at the early stage of their scientific career.

The research teams will include undergraduates, PhD students and postdocs.

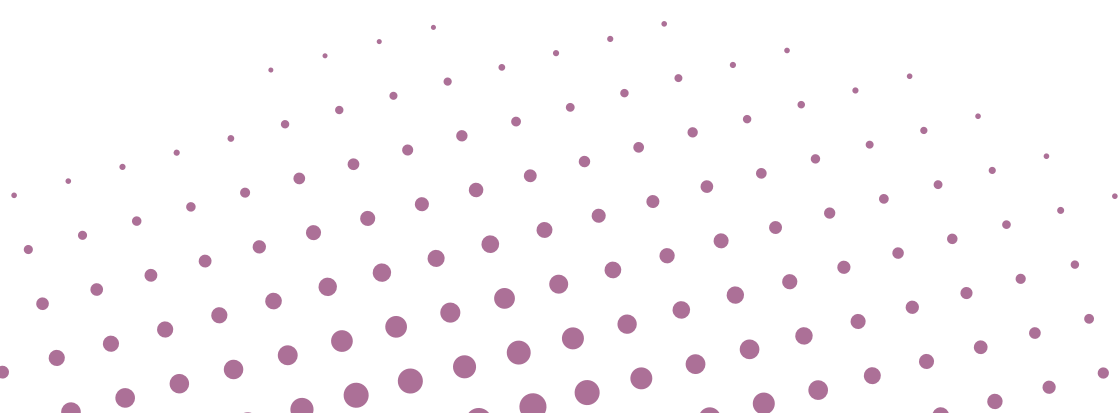
R&D projects carried out in the **FIRST TEAM** programme should fall within the National Smart Specializations. The Foundation may also agree to finance projects involving topics not on the NSS list if they show significant application potential or importance for solving a major socioeconomic problem.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A GRANT?

Applications may be filed by researchers from all over the world holding a PhD for no longer than 5 years. The 5-year period may be extended to up to 9 years after obtaining the doctorate if the applicant meets the conditions set forth in the competition documentation.

WHO CAN RUN A PROJECT?

Research projects in the **FIRST TEAM** programme may be conducted by scientific units, enterprises, or scientific/industrial consortia in Poland, in cooperation with a scientific partner from Poland or abroad.



Projects should last up to 36 months. They can also be extended for another 12 months, but only until 2023 at the latest.

In the **FIRST TEAM** programme, the Foundation will later hold internal competitions for grantees for the purchase of specialist equipment.

Competitions in the programme will be held twice per year. The final competition will be announced in 2019.

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

The amount of the grant should not exceed PLN 2,000,000. Beneficiaries pursuing projects based on a state aid scheme may obtain support of up to 80% of the total project value.

LEARN MORE

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR POLISH SCIENCE

The Foundation for Polish Science (FNP) was founded in 1991 as an independent, non-governmental, non-profit organization. It is the largest non-governmental source of funding for science in Poland.

The mission of the foundation is to support distinguished scientists and research teams and to assist innovative projects and commercialization of scientific discoveries and inventions.

The foundation actively supports and promotes scientific mobility and international research cooperation. FNP winners achieve success in the international area.

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