Appendix 2

*Appendix 4 to the Regulations of participation in the task "International science leaders"*
 *for the best foreign doctoral candidates and the best doctoral candidates from Poland implementing doctoral projects in international cooperation as part of the international doctoral programme, in particular aimed at obtaining a joint degree or multiple degree - as part of the project entitled: "IMPROVE – International Mission to Promote Research and Optimal Values in Education" implemented by Lodz University of Technology as part of the STER programme - Internationalization of doctoral schools - 2024 call*
 *financed by the National Agency for Academic Exchange*

SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT No. \_\_\_\_\_ / STER NAWA

concluded in Lodz, on ......................... between:

Lodz University of Technology with its registered office at 116, Stefana Żeromskiego St., 90-924 Lodz, NIP 7270021895, REGON 000001583 (hereinafter referred to as **"**TUL"), represented by:

prof. dr hab. inż. Agnieszka Ruppert – Head of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School of Lodz University of Technology

with the financial countersignature of the Bursar of TUL,

and

**Ms./Mr.**…………………………………………..……., residing at ………………….. ……………………, PESEL/Passport number[[1]](#footnote-1): ………………………………………., (hereinafter referred to as the "**Doctoral** **Candidate**")

hereinafter referred to asthe **"Parties**".

In connection with the implementation by IDS TUL of the project "IMPROVE – International Mission to Promote Research and Optimal Values in Education" as part of the NAWA STER programme – Internationalization of doctoral schools – 2024 Call(hereinafter referred to as the "**Project**"), in accordance with the funding agreement no.: BPI/STE/2024/1/00003/U/00001 concluded between Lodz University of Technology and the National Agency for Academic Exchange (hereinafter referred to as the "**funding institution**"), in order to implement Task 1 "International science leaders", the Parties hereby enter into an agreement whose subject matter is to determine the conditions for receiving a NAWA scholarship by the Project Participant, with the following content:

§1.

1. This agreement sets out the terms and conditions for the payment of the NAWA scholarship granted to the Doctoral Candidate on the basis of the competition documentation.
2. The aim of the NAWA scholarship is to provide financial support to the best foreign doctoral students and the best Polish doctoral students carrying out doctoral projects in international cooperation as part of an international doctoral program, in particular those aiming to obtain a joint degree or multiple degree.
3. The amount of the Nawa scholarship will be paid, subject to (4) and (5) of the Scholarship Agreement, from the funds of the Project, regardless of the doctoral scholarship of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School of **Lodz University** **of Technology** (hereinafter referred to as the "IDS TUL"**)**, in the amount specified in the "Regulations for granting and paying scholarships to the best foreign doctoral candidates and the best doctoral candidates from Poland implementing doctoral projects in international cooperation as part of an international doctoral programme, in particular aimed at obtaining a joint degree or a multiple degree**" (hereinafter referred to as the "Scholarship Regulations")**, in the amount of PLN 5,000 gross – gross (five thousand zlotys gross) in the period from ................................ to …..……….................
4. The NAWA scholarship is paid in arrears, no earlier than in the month in which the doctoral candidate submitted the documents referred to in § 3 of the Scholarship Regulations after receiving funds financed by NAWA.
5. The NAWA scholarship will be paid, by transfer to the bank account number of the Doctoral Candidate, to which the transfer of the IDS doctoral scholarship in Polish zlotys is made
6. The Nawa scholarship will be paid subject to the availability of funds on the Project account. In the event that the financing institution suspends further financing or terminates the contract under the Project, the payment of the NAWA scholarship may be suspended. In the event of a delay in the financial tranche from the funding institution allocated to the scholarship from the Project, the deadline for payment of the NAWA scholarship may be postponed accordingly, without the right to charge interest for late payment.
7. The condition for the payment of the NAWA scholarship is:
8. signing this agreement constituting Appendix 2 to the Regulations and the Participant's Declaration specified in Appendix 3 to the Regulations;
9. residing in the Republic of Poland. If the Participant does not reside in the Republic of Poland, but this is related to the implementation of foreign mobility, i.e. a scientific, research or training internship undertaken for the purpose of conducting scientific research, the Doctoral Candidate is entitled to a NAWA scholarship, even though they do not reside in the Republic of Poland.

§2.

1. A Doctoral Candidate who has been awarded a NAWA scholarship during or by the end of the academic year in which the NAWA scholarship was received is required to publish research related to the completion of their doctoral studies at IDS TUL in the form of:
2. a confirmation of acceptance or publication of a scientific paper in reputable scientific journals listed in the Scopus or Web of Science databases, or highly rated/scored in the current list of scientific journals and peer-reviewed materials from international conferences announced by the minister responsible for science and higher education, or
3. a publication of an abstract included in conference materials from international conferences indexed in the Scopus and Web of Science databases, disseminated in open access under a free licence or copyrighted version.
4. All prepared works, materials and documents created as part of or in connection with receiving a NAWA scholarship under the project, which are made public, must be marked by placing the following information together in a visible place:
5. the NAWA and TUL logotypes,
6. information: ‘***This publication/abstract was created as part of participation in the project entitled ’IMPROVE – International Mission for the Promotion of Research and Optimal Values in Education‘ under the National Agency for Academic Exchange STER programme – Internationalisation of doctoral schools – Call for applications 2024***.’, or
7. the information referred to in point 2) in English
8. Within 30 days of the end of the period of receiving the scholarship financed from the project, the Participant is obliged to submit to the IDS TUL Office a substantive report in accordance with the template specified in **Appendix 4** to the Regulations, together with information on the publication of the research referred to in §5(4).
9. If the report referred to in §5(7) does not specify the manner in which the research will be made public, the Participant shall be required to submit further substantive reports (quarterly or upon fulfilment of the above obligation, completion of training) by the end of the academic year in which the NAWA scholarship was received at the latest
10. In the event of failure to comply with the provisions of the Scholarship Regulations, the Doctoral Candidate shall be obliged to return the NAWA scholarship received, together with interest at the rate specified for tax arrears, if TUL is obliged by NAWA to return it for reasons attributable to the Doctoral Candidate. The refund shall be made within 14 days of the date of the request for repayment.
11. The doctoral candidate undertakes to timely and carefully fulfil the obligations arising from the Act of 20 July 2018. – Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended), the Regulations of IDS TUL, regulations, announcements and other acts of internal law in force at TUL and the obligations imposed on the Doctoral Candidate as the beneficiary of the NAWA scholarship, financed from the funds of the Project, as well as the obligations arising from this Agreement.
12. The Doctoral Candidate is obliged in particular to:
	1. timely implementation of research tasks resulting from the Individual Research Plan (hereinafter referred to as IRP**)** and the training program at IDS TUL,
	2. provide the financing institution and TUL, as well as entities authorized by the financing institution, with the requested information regarding, in particular, the state of implementation of research tasks resulting from the IRP and the training program at IDS TUL, within the time limit specified in the request for information,
	3. full compliance with the rules resulting from the Regulations of IDS TUL and the Regulations of scholarships and the rules indicated in the programme and project guidelines.

§ 3

The payment of the NAWA scholarship is suspended in the following cases:

1) failure by the Doctoral Candidate to fulfil the obligations arising from receiving the NAWA scholarship, as specified in the Scholarship Regulations and this agreement

2) termination of the co-financing agreement No. BPI/STE/2024/1/00003/U/00001, concluded between TUL and NAWA;

3) the Participant's completion of education at IDS TUL;

4) suspension of education in the cases specified in § 10 of the IDS TUL Regulations;

5) unsatisfactory progress in the preparation of the doctoral dissertation based on the opinion of the supervisor or supervisors or the supervisor and assistant supervisor;

6) failure to submit semester reports/reports within the specified deadlines;

7) initiation of administrative proceedings aimed at removing the Participant from the list of Doctoral Candidates, until the final resolution of the case;

8) receiving support from other sources (identical or similar to that available under the project) which would result in double funding of expenses.

9) Travel outside the Republic of Poland not related to the implementation of foreign mobility, i.e. a scientific, research or training internship undertaken for the purpose of conducting scientific research.

§4

1. This agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties.
2. The agreement shall be terminated with immediate effect on the date on which the decision to remove the Doctoral Candidate from the list of doctoral candidates of the IDS TU becomes final, as well as on the date on which the Doctoral Candidate ceases to fulfil the obligations arising from the Scholarship Regulations and this agreement.
3. The rights and obligations of the Parties under this agreement may not be transferred to third parties without the consent of the University of Technology.
4. The Doctoral Student may not assign part or all of his/her NAWA scholarship to other persons.

§5

1. Any amendments to this agreement must be made in writing, otherwise they shall be null and void.

2. In matters not covered by this agreement, the following shall apply: Scholarship Regulations, IDS TUL Regulations, TUL internal regulations and the provisions of law generally applicable in the territory of the Republic of Poland.

3. Any disputes arising in connection with the implementation of this agreement shall be settled by the Polish court having jurisdiction over TUL.

4. This agreement has been drawn up in two language versions – Polish and English. In the event of any discrepancies between them, the Polish text shall prevail.

5. The agreement has been drawn up in two identical copies, one for each Party.

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 Signature of the Head of IDS TUL Signature of the Doctoral Candidate

1. In the case of foreigners without a PESEL number, enter the passport number [↑](#footnote-ref-1)