

**Appendix to Regulation No. of the Rector of the University of Silesia in Katowice
dated 2026**

Terms and Conditions for the Recruitment of Participants for the Project: "VINCI RELOADED – Interdisciplinary International Silesian Summer School," implemented under the SPINAKER program – Intensive International Education Programs – 2024 call, financed by the National Agency for Academic Exchange, based on agreement no. BPI/SPI/2024/1/00035/U/00001.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1

1. These Terms and Conditions (hereinafter: "Regulations") define the recruitment criteria for the project titled: "VINCI RELOADED – Interdisciplinary International Silesian Summer School."
2. The Project implementation period, as well as the number of participants, are specified in the agreement and the current application for Project funding. At the time of drafting these Regulations, the applicable implementation period is from September 1, 2025, to July 31, 2026.
3. The objective of the support offered within the project is to improve the quality of student education and increase the university's attractiveness by preparing and implementing one edition of an interdisciplinary international summer school program in English.

§ 2

1. Whenever these Regulations refer to:
 - **Regulations** – shall mean the Terms and Conditions for the Recruitment to the project: "VINCI RELOADED – Interdisciplinary International Silesian Summer School";
 - **Project** – shall mean the Project titled: "VINCI RELOADED – Interdisciplinary International Silesian Summer School";
 - **Summer School** – shall mean the intensive international education program implemented by the University of Silesia in Katowice in the fields of physical sciences, chemical sciences, computer science, materials engineering, and microscopy, including in each discipline:
 - 15 hours of core lectures;

- 30 hours of specialized workshops;
 - 3 hours of interdisciplinary lectures within the leading discipline;
 - 4 hours of lectures with a foreign lecturer (online) within the leading discipline;
 - 5 hours of Polish language and culture classes;
 - 5 hours of workshops and 2 hours of lectures at the SPIN-Lab Microscopic Examination of Matter Center of the University of Silesia in Katowice;
 - 8 hours of a study visit;
 - 2 hours of adaptive seminars;
 - Additionally, as part of the elective component, the participant may choose between 0 and 4 three-hour interdisciplinary lectures from all disciplines represented in the project, excluding the leading discipline.
 - The program includes a total of 74 hours of mandatory classes (5 ECTS) and up to 12 hours of elective classes (1 ECTS).
- **Summer School Organizer** – shall mean the University of Silesia in Katowice;
 - **Candidate** – shall mean a person applying for participation in the project in accordance with the provisions of §4 of these Regulations;
 - **Participant** – shall mean a person who meets the criteria described in §3 and has been qualified to participate in the Project based on the recruitment procedure;
 - **Website** – the project website: www.vinci.us.edu.pl;
 - **Dean** – shall mean the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Silesia in Katowice;
 - **Foreigner** – shall mean a person who does not hold Polish citizenship;
 - **System** – the NAWA ICT system established in accordance with the Act of July 7, 2017, on the National Agency for Academic Exchange;
 - **Competences** – proven abilities to use knowledge and personal, social, and methodological skills in the context of professional or educational tasks and during professional and individual development.

II. RECRUITMENT RULES

§ 3

1. Participants of the "VINCI RELOADED" Project may be foreign students who have completed at least 1 year of studies (in the case of first-cycle/undergraduate studies) or are currently enrolled in second-cycle/graduate studies (in the fields of computer science, chemical sciences, physical sciences, materials engineering, or related fields) and have been qualified for the Project through the recruitment procedure described in § 4.

§ 4

1. The Recruitment Committee is responsible for recruitment for the Project. The Recruitment Committee consists of: the Project Coordinator (as Chairperson) and Task Coordinators for:
 - Development and implementation of core classes, interdisciplinary lectures, and specialized workshops for physics;
 - Development and implementation of core classes, interdisciplinary lectures, and specialized workshops for chemistry;
 - Development and implementation of core classes, interdisciplinary lectures, and specialized workshops for computer science;
 - Development and implementation of core classes, interdisciplinary lectures, and specialized workshops for materials engineering;
 - Development and implementation of core classes, interdisciplinary lectures, and specialized workshops within Spin-LAB;
 - Development and implementation of lectures by international experts;
 - Coordination of contacts with project beneficiaries and organization of the study visit.
2. The composition of the Recruitment Committee is approved by the Dean at the request of the Project Coordinator.
3. Recruitment will be conducted from the date of the recruitment announcement on the project website until March 8, 2026. The recruitment deadline may be subject to change. Information regarding any change in the deadline will be posted on the Project website.
4. Information regarding the start of recruitment will be published on the Project website.

5. Throughout the recruitment process, the principles of equal opportunities for women and men and non-discrimination (including accessibility for people with disabilities) are strictly followed.
6. The number of places available at the Summer School is limited to 25, divided as follows: 5 places for physical sciences; 5 places for chemical sciences; 5 places for computer science; 5 places for materials engineering; 5 places for microscopy.
7. A Candidate enters the recruitment process by completing and submitting the recruitment form available on the Project website. The template of the form is provided in Appendix 1 to these Regulations.
8. A Candidate may participate in the recruitment for only one selected discipline.
9. Criteria for evaluating Candidates:
 - 1) Formal criterion: only a person (foreigner) who has completed at least 1 year of first-cycle studies or is currently enrolled in second-cycle studies (in the field of computer science, chemistry, physics, materials engineering, or related fields) may apply. This criterion will be verified on the basis of a certificate from the Candidate's home university.
 - 2) Qualifying criteria (0/1 scoring):
 - Grade point average (GPA) from all completed semesters higher than 3.0. Verified based on a certificate from the home university (PDF attachment).
 - Written justification for the choice of research topic. Verified based on information provided in the recruitment form.
 - Knowledge of English enabling active and effective participation in the summer school. Verified on the basis of the candidate's statement in the application form.
 - 3) Preference criteria (Bonus):
 - GPA from all completed semesters (weight: 0.6).
 - Highest number of completed semesters. Verified based on a certificate from the home university (weight: 0.3).
 - One recommendation from an academic staff member of the home university (PDF attachment, weight: 0.1).

10. After the recruitment form is closed, the Project Coordinator, based on descending scores, prepares separate lists of qualified Candidates and reserve lists (referred to in section 13) for each discipline, which are then approved by the Dean.
11. In the event that not all available spots are filled, a second round of recruitment will be launched. Information regarding the second round of recruitment will be published on the Project website. Recruitment will be based on the order of applications, provided that the formal and qualifying criteria from the first round are met.
12. In the event that the number of Candidates exceeds the limit of places in individual disciplines, a reserve list will be created according to the descending number of points referred to in section 10. A Candidate from the reserve list may be moved to the list of persons recruited to participate in specific forms of support within the Project, provided that a spot becomes available.
13. In the event that more than one Candidate obtains the same threshold number of points on the ranking list, prepared according to the criteria specified in section 10, an additional criterion will be applied, i.e., the grade point average from all completed semesters of study according to the descending arithmetic mean. If the recruitment remains unresolved, the Recruitment Committee may conduct an interview with the Candidate.
14. Candidates will be notified of the recruitment results via e-mail to the address provided in the recruitment form within 8 days after the end of recruitment. In the event of a negative decision, the candidate may file an appeal to the Vice-Dean for Research and International Cooperation of the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Silesia in Katowice within 3 days from the date of receiving the negative decision, in electronic form to the address: vinci@us.edu.pl. The Vice-Dean for Research and International Cooperation shall consider the appeal within 5 days of its submission. The decision of the Vice-Dean is sent via e-mail to the address provided in the recruitment form. The decision of the Vice-Dean for Research and International Cooperation is final.
15. In a situation where fewer than 5 Candidates are recruited for a given discipline, the next persons from the reserve lists of other disciplines will be offered the choice of a research topic within the discipline with a smaller number of Candidates. If no Candidate applies for a given discipline, the vacant places will be moved to disciplines where the number of Candidates exceeds the planned limit of places.

16. Candidates qualified to participate in the Summer School are obliged, at the latest before the commencement of the first form of support, to:
- Create and activate an account in the NAWA ICT system;
 - Complete and submit a dedicated Project Participant application form;
 - Sign the Project Participant declaration confirming fulfillment of the conditions for participation in the Program;
 - Sign the Project Participant statement confirming that they have read and understood the rules for the processing of personal data;
 - Sign the Project Participant's consent to the processing of personal data and image;
 - Sign the Project Participant personal data form;
 - Sign the Project participation agreement.

III. COMPETENCES ACQUIRED AS A RESULT OF SUPPORT

§ 5

1. Verification of learning outcomes will be performed based on a final examination.
2. Each Summer School Participant will present the results of the implemented research project in the form of a 5-minute presentation and answer 1 question regarding the presented topic.
3. An appointed examination board consisting of 5 examiners will evaluate the presentation and the answer to the question.
4. If a member of the examination board is also the supervisor of a given Participant's work, they shall be excluded from the evaluation. The Dean of Science and Technology shall join the examination board in place of the excluded member.
5. The evaluation form for the presentation / defense of the topic shall include at least:
 - student's name and surname;
 - research topic;
 - supervisor's details;
 - evaluation of the presentation;

- the question asked;
- evaluation of the answer to the question;
- overall grade (pass/fail);
- date and signatures of the examination board.

§ 6

1. Each Summer School Participant who receives a positive grade in the final examination referred to in § 5 will receive confirmation of acquired competences in the form of a micro-credential.
2. The micro-credential will, among other things:
 - indicate learning outcomes in the form of knowledge, skills, and social competences;
 - specify the ECTS credits obtained;
 - cover the final examination;
 - use reliable methods of identity verification at the time of the examination in accordance with the policy of the University of Silesia.

§ 7

1. General learning outcomes will include:
 - 1) **Knowledge:** The graduate knows and understands:
 - The fundamental importance of a given discipline for technological, economic, and civilizational development;
 - The importance of experiment as a way of verifying theoretical concepts;
 - The structure of a given discipline as a scientific discipline and the connections between individual fields and theories.
 - 2) **Skills:** The graduate is able to:
 - Cite basic facts from the studied branches of the discipline in a popular manner and outline the structure of the discipline as a scientific discipline;

- Prepare a study, including one addressed to a mass audience, regarding research in the field of the studied branches of the discipline, using the acquired knowledge as well as literature and Internet resources.

3) **Social competences:**

- Recognizes the limits of their knowledge and understands the need for further education and improving professional, personal, and social competences;
 - Can work in a team, assuming various roles;
 - Can take responsibility for the task performed; is ready to deepen teamwork skills in a laboratory setting;
 - Understands the need to share knowledge, including the need for a popular presentation of the achievements of a given discipline;
 - Can formulate opinions on the basic issues of the discipline and its applications.
2. Detailed learning outcomes will be developed for each lecture/workshop and made available to summer school participants in the form of syllabi before the start of the first classes.

IV. PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

§ 8

1. The administrator of the personal data of the Candidate for a Project Participant, solely for the purpose of conducting recruitment for the Project, is the University of Silesia in Katowice.
2. The information clause for Candidates regarding the processing of personal data constitutes an integral part of the recruitment form, which is Appendix No. 1 to these Regulations.
3. In the case of qualifying for participation in the Summer School, the administrators of the Project participant's personal data are:
 - The University of Silesia in Katowice, with its registered office at ul. Bankowa 12, 40-007 Katowice;
 - The Minister competent for regional development, with its registered office at ul. Wspólna 2/4, 00-926 Warsaw;
 - The National Centre for Research and Development, with its registered office at ul. Chmielna 69, 00-801 Warsaw;

- The Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange, with its registered office at ul. Polna 40, 00-635 Warsaw.

V. FINAL PROVISIONS

§ 9

1. In matters not regulated by these Regulations, the provisions of the internal legal acts of the University of Silesia in Katowice shall apply accordingly.
2. The University reserves the right to amend these Regulations.
3. In case of interpretative doubts regarding the provisions of the Regulations, the decision shall be made by the Project Coordinator.
4. By entering the recruitment process, the Candidate declares that they have read and undertake to comply with the provisions of these Regulations in accordance with the statement contained in the recruitment form.

Appendices to the Regulations:

Appendix 1: Recruitment form template

Appendix 2: English version of the regulations