In the academic year 2018/19 International PhD Studies (IPhDS) start up at the Faculty of Chemistry, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (Lublin, Poland). The main aim of IPhDS is to extend the educational offer and to increase the teaching quality at the Faculty. For this reason the Faculty applied for the financial support to The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR, Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju). The funds allotted by NCBR will be used for a variety of activities of the PhD students covered by the project, including, inter alia, participation in the international conferences and summer schools, as well as attending traineeships at the leading universities across Europe.

The IPhDS are addressed to at most 10 students all over the Europe. They last for 4 years and are expected to be finished by the presentation of the doctoral thesis. The doctoral defense is supposed to take place by the end of 2022. All the classes will be given in English. Additional details of the activities covered by the project over the period of 4 years read as follows.

1. Participation in the international conferences. Each student of IPhDS is supposed to participate in 4 international conferences (one conference per year) mostly (but not only) in the European Union countries. The allotted funds will cover conference fee, travel expenses, stipend for the conference period (accommodation, alimentation etc.), and insurance.

2. Participation in the summer schools. Each student of IPhDS is supposed to participate in 2 summer schools organized by the leading European chemistry faculties. The allotted funds will cover summer school fee, travel expenses, stipend for the summer school period (accommodation, alimentation etc.), and insurance.

3. Participation in the traineeships. Each student of IPhDS is supposed to participate in 1 traineeship at one of the leading European universities. These are the universities mostly from the European Union countries, including Spain, France, Germany etc. as well as from Ukraine. The allotted funds will cover travel expenses, stipend for the traineeship period (accommodation, alimentation etc.), and insurance. In addition, costs of medical check-ups needed to attend the traineeship will be covered.
4. Participation in the lectures. Each student of IPhDS is supposed to participate in lectures given by the leading scientists all around Europe. 250 teaching hours are planned, including 120 on-line hours. The allotted funds will cover salary for the foreign scientists for preparing and giving the lectures.

The motivation stipends, in addition to the ordinary stipends students of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University obtain, are also planned.

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