

Foreign Mobility Fellowships
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Call for Applications: GSSR NGO Specialization - Intersectoral Mobility Award, Ireland.

The Graduate School for Social Research, GSSR, invites GSSR PhD students in good academic standing and accepted to the School under the 2018 Law of Higher Education in any of its four disciplines – Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology – to apply for the [GSSR NGO Specialization - Intersectoral Mobility Award \(NGO Specialization – GIMA\) Ireland](#).

Thanks to NAWA STER funding, for this Call we can award up to three international mobility fellowships for **internships at NGOs in Ireland and doing research at a HEI library in Ireland**.

The duration of the *NGO Specialization-GIMA* is from 1 month to 3 months. In relation to the course [Specialization in Bridging Academic and NGO Research](#), stays in Ireland can start from June 15, 2023 and must end no later than December 10, 2024. Instructors of the GSSR Specialization course, in particular, Galia Chimiak (IFiS), Su-Ming Khoo (National University of Ireland – Galway) and Aleksandra Kraszkiwicz (NGO practitioner, Ireland) are available to guide your choice of an NGO to intern with.

Each awarded student will receive 12000 PLN/month netto for covering the costs of living abroad, and between 3000 - 5000 PLN (depending on the host country's location) for international travel; fellows must use economy travel. These amounts cumulate with the student's monthly doctoral stipend (e.g., the legally-mandated PhD stipend, the Preludium Bis scholarship, or GISA). Winners must complete in full the research stay in Ireland while their PhD student status is active (i.e., before finishing the PhD program at GSSR).

Eligibility Requirements

Within the framework of NAWA STER, GSSR doctoral students accepted to the School under the 2018 Law of Higher Education are eligible to apply for *the NGO Specialization - GIMA* if they are in good academic standing.

Taking the course [Specialization in Bridging Academic and NGO Research](#) is a prerequisite for the NGO-Specialization – Intersectoral Mobility award. To be eligible, you can take the course now (Semester 2, 2022/23) or in the academic year 2023/2024. In the latter situation, this obligation will be part of the NGO Specialization – GIMA contract between the winner and IFiS.

You are eligible to apply for the *NGO Specialization – GIMA* if you do not already hold the GSSR International Mobility Award (GIMA) scholarship. Winners of the Ireland intersectoral mobility award cannot apply for additional mobility awards under the current NAWA STER project.

Obligations for Winners of the NGO Specialization - GIMA

Doctoral students who are granted and accept the intersectoral mobility award in Ireland must do the following within one month after completing the Ireland internship and research visit, and before defending their PhD thesis:

Cf. NGO Specialization syllabus, submit a report (min 500-800 words), in English and with NAWA STER grant number (cf. Appendix A) describing (i) the activities undertaken during the internship, (ii) the extent to which the internship strengthened their know-how and competences vis-à-vis the NGO sector, and (iii) how the grant has furthered the international aspect of the student's professional career. The report will be posted on GSSR's website.

Application

The application must be in English and include the following mandatory documents:

1. **Application Form** (see p. 3).
2. **Statement of Dissertation Research** (min. 500 - max. 700 words). Please describe your PhD dissertation, focusing on the innovations of the research and the main contributions to the dissertation's field and discipline. Please discuss any interdisciplinary and/or international aspects of your research.
3. **Statement of Purpose** (min. 800 – max. 1000 words). Please discuss the benefits of the NGO Specialization - GIMA for your dissertation research and your professional career more broadly. In doing so, you must (i) provide information about the NGO in Ireland where you plan to conduct your internship, including the name and position of the person who will serve as your mentor; (ii) justify the choice of this NGO in terms of its resources, fit between the field specialties of the NGO that you will visit and your own research field, and tasks that you will undertake in the framework of this internship; (iii) specify the number of months you plan to spend at the institution abroad and justify this choice; (iv) outline the research you will undertake in accessing resource at Trinity College Dublin library; (v) describe how the research and internship will lead to the completion of your dissertation.
4. **Consent letter from the NGO in Ireland** about agreeing to host you if you win the intersectoral mobility award. This document should include (i) the name of the NGO; (ii) the name and professional title of the person who will serve as your mentor; and (iii) the number of internship months.
5. **Opinion letter from your PhD Supervisor at GSSR** on how the planned research visit at the NGO in Ireland will benefit your doctoral research.
6. **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**, which, among standard categories, should include: Publications; Grants, awards, scholarships, and fellowships; Conference or workshop presentations in international venues (or, if online or hybrid, via international organizations or organizations outside of Poland); Involvement in international research projects; Involvement in Polish research projects; and Participation in foreign or national grants (paid or unpaid).

The **deadline** for Applications is **May 22, 2023**. Please send your Application package via email to Dr. John Fells (john.fells@gssr.edu.pl). **Please indicate “NGO Specialization – GIMA, Ireland Application” in your email’s subject.**

Evaluation

GSSR will form a Committee to evaluate the applications and submit a recommendation to the Director of GSSR. The Committee will evaluate based on the potential merits of the planned NGO mobility for the applicants' dissertation research, and the applicant's academic merits. Please note that the Director can ask for additional information or documents, including and beyond what the Committee recommends. You will receive information about the outcome of your application within **21 working days** from the Application deadline.

APPLICATION FORM: NGO Specialization – Intersectoral Mobility, Ireland

Applicant:

First Name:

Last name:

Year of studies:

Academic discipline:

Title of PhD thesis:

Enrollment status, GSSR course Specialization in Bridging Academic and NGO Research:

Currently enrolled

or

Committed to taking in 2023/2024

Information on the planned NGO mobility in Ireland

Duration, in number of months:

Host Institution:

Address:

Professional title, first and last name of mentor at the host institution (i.e., at the NGO):

GSSR PhD supervision:

Name and institutional affiliation of PhD supervisor(s):

Appendix A – Acknowledging NAWA support

Below is the template text that you must add to your final report.

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