

## **GSSR Call for NAWA STER Seed Grants: Marie Curie Doctoral Networks Proposals**

Within GSSR's NAWA STER project, faculty from GSSR, through the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology (IFiS PAN) as lead PI and in collaboration with at least two other legal independent entities established in a different EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country, are invited to submit a proposal for funding the writing of an application under the 2023 Marie Curie MSCA Doctoral Networks scheme. GSSR can award 11,000 PLN brutto for the preparation and submission of a 2023 Marie Curie MSCA Doctoral Networks application.

### About the Marie Curie MSCA Doctoral Networks

For details of the Marie Curie Doctoral networks, start here: <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/actions/doctoral-networks>

From there, you will find links to the European Commission's "Funding & tender opportunities" description of the EU's Doctoral Networks grant.

In short, the EU's Doctoral Networks initiative invites faculty to submit proposals for a grant focused on implementing doctoral programmes through partnerships among diverse organizations across Europe and beyond. These networks aim to train highly skilled doctoral candidates, stimulate creativity, enhance innovation capacities, and improve long-term employability. Doctoral Networks encompass joint doctorates, which provide international, inter-sectoral, and interdisciplinary collaboration leading to joint doctoral degrees. Doctoral Networks are open to international consortia of universities, research institutions, businesses, SMEs and other non-academic organizations. They should include at least three independent legal entities, each established in a different EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country and with at least one of them established in an EU Member State. The EU provides financial support for recruited researchers, including living and mobility allowances, and funding for research, training, networking activities, management, and indirect costs.

The EU call for applications opens May 30, 2023. The submission deadline is November 28, 2023.

### **The GSSR Call for Proposals (CfP)**

GSSR seeks proposals for a project to be written and submitted to the 2023 Marie Curie MSCA Doctoral Networks funding scheme aiming to create an international consortium awarding Joint Doctorates. The Seed Grant application can be prepared by one or a team of GSSR faculty. Thanks to the NAWA STER grant that we obtained, GSSR can award 11,000 PLN brutto for the preparation and submission of one 2023 Marie Curie MSCA Doctoral Networks application.

GSSR will assess the adequate completion of the task of preparing the EU application for the November 2023 submission deadline with the following benchmarks:

- (i) A detailed proposal for the grant.
- (ii) Regular meetings with a GSSR committee to monitor the progress of, and provide feedback on, the EU application.

(iii) Letters of support from the institutions that will participate as co-PIs in the MSCA Doctoral Scholars application.

(iv) The completed application submitted to the EU's Doctoral Networks Call before the November 28, 2023 deadline.

## **Applying for NAWA STER Seed Grant funding**

### Proposal Guidelines

The English-language proposal you submit to GSSR to request funding for developing a Marie Curie Doctoral Networks application must include:

- The plan for the EU application, outlining the (i) main objectives, (ii) activities, and (iii) expected outcomes of the doctoral programme, and (iv) its alignment with the Doctoral Networks initiative (ca. 1200 - 1500 words).
- Identification of at least two other legal independent entities as partners, with a description of (a) their roles and contributions to the consortium (up to 300 words per proposed partner institution), and (b) prior collaboration(s) that you had with them (if applicable).

Optional: Email notifications from the potential partners, indicating their willingness to consider participating in a joint MSCA Doctoral Networks application. While such emails are not mandatory, they would add positively to the assessment of the proposal.

- The proposal should clearly indicate your commitment to regular meetings with a GSSR committee for progress monitoring of, and feedback to, writing the EU application.
- A timeline outlining the key milestones of preparing the EU application, from inception to completion, to ensure that a complete application will be submitted by the deadline of November 28, 2023.
- The applicant(s) academic CV.

Deadline for submitting the proposal to GSSR: **May 29, 2023**.

Please submit proposals to [sns@gssr.edu.pl](mailto:sns@gssr.edu.pl), subject line "GSSR NAWA STER Marie Curie CfP 2023."

### **GSSR Evaluation**

The proposals will be evaluated by a Committee appointed by the GSSR Director. The Committee will assess, in conjunction, (i) the scope and ambition of the proposed plan for an EU Doctoral Networks application, (ii) the feasibility of completing & submitting the application by November 28 2023, and (iii) the research and managerial capacity, and commitment of the applicant. The Committee will rank proposals, and recommend to GSSR's director the proposal to be funded under NAWA STER's seed grant. The Director of GSSR will make the final funding decision.

Decision by GSSR: June 12, 2023

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