



Academic Program for Ukraine

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The Graduate School for Social Research, GSSR (gssr.edu.pl), expresses solidarity with the people of Ukraine who suffer from Russia's military invasion of their country. As an expression of this solidarity, we run the Academic Program for Ukraine (hereafter, the Program) that immediately welcomes 10 young researchers pursuing a Kandydat Nauk or Doktor Nauk degree in philosophy, sociology, psychology, or political science at a higher education institution (HEI) in Ukraine, to access GSSR's academic environment.

Thanks to the generous support from the Open Society Foundations, GSSR can offer a monthly stipend of **4000 PLN (before tax)**, from the time of your acceptance to the Program and **until November 30, 2022**.

Participants of this Program can apply also for NAWA Solidarity with Ukraine program support at GSSR, in the form of a monthly stipend of **1500 PLN (before tax)**, from the time of their acceptance to the Program and until September 30, 2022. Please check the specific eligibility requirements of the NAWA "Solidarity with Ukraine" Program at GSSR.

The purpose of the OSF-supported GSSR Academic Program for Ukraine is to provide doctoral students from Ukraine, starting now and until November 30, 2022, with stable working conditions, opportunities to discuss their research with GSSR faculty and students, and participation in the academic life of the Polish Academy of Sciences' Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Institute of Political Studies, and Institute of Psychology. Selected participants have free access to GSSR's physical space in Palac Staszic, the GSSR library, internet facilities, GSSR courses and academic events (in-person, hybrid, and online), and the School's network of scholars. Participants have the option to pursue a GSSR-issued Certification.

GSSR will have a series of application dates, until the program's participants' limit is reached. The next round for application submissions is **July 15, 2022 at 2 PM (Warsaw time)**.

About GSSR's Doctoral School

The GSSR Doctoral School, housed in the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology (IFiS), Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), comprises 4-year English-language postgraduate programmes that lead to PhD degrees in Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology. IFiS launched GSSR in 1992. Under Poland's 2018 Law of Higher Education, we broadened our organizational and training scope through a formalized collaboration with PAN Institutes of Psychology (IP) and Political Studies (IPS). IFiS' research excellence and rich international network of academics and

scientific institutions are integral to the interdisciplinary and international makeup of GSSR. All courses taught at GSSR are in English. GSSR is located in Pałac Staszica, ul. Nowy Świat 72, 00-330, Warsaw, Poland.

About the Program

GSSR's Academic Program for Ukraine addresses early-career scholars pursuing degrees of Kandydat Nauk or Doktor Nauk in academic institutions in Ukraine, who, as a result of Russia's military invasion, (i) evacuated the country, (ii) are internally displaced (IDP) or (iii) are conflict-affected within Ukraine. For the remaining months of the academic year 2021/2022, the Program provides up to 10 doctoral students from Ukraine access to GSSR resources, including facilities, academic training and network of faculty.

For the months of participation in the Program, we will ensure the following resources for the accepted students from Ukraine:

- Academic stipend in amount of 4000 PLN/person/month (before taxes).
- Stable work conditions that enable participants to conduct work on their dissertation. These include access to (a) classrooms with WiFi for working on doctoral studies, dissertation, and other academic research, (b) the GSSR library, (c) the computer room, and (d) the common student room.
- Meetings with GSSR faculty on dissertation research; to better include participants from Ukraine (IDPs and the Conflict-affected), GSSR provides a bi-weekly online Doctoral Study Group with GSSR faculty and international scholars.
- Access to online and in-person events organized by GSSR, and our constituent institutes, IFiS, IP and IPS PAN (registration required for each event; some events are in Polish).
- Access to weekly online psychological counseling.
- Organizational support from GSSR's Welcome to Poland office that functions with NAWA "Welcome to Poland" funding, to navigate Poland's immigration rules and obtain health insurance for extended stays in Poland, among others.

Participation Requirements

Candidates accepted to the Academic Program for Ukraine must:

(a) Participate in meetings with GSSR faculty on academic research. In particular, you must attend either the bi-weekly Doctoral Study Group for social science students, or the bi-weekly Doctoral Study Group for students in the humanities.

(b) Submit, at the end of the Program, a short report (1000 words), in English, on activities while in GSSR's Academic Program for Ukraine and how the program assisted in the attainment of the student's academic goals.

In addition, participants can choose to receive one of two types of GSSR-issued Certifications. They are:

1. *Certification of Course Completion.* GSSR will issue this certificate to participants who complete a given GSSR course. The list of GSSR courses currently offered, including links to syllabi, is available in Appendix A. Whether a specific course is eligible for Certification depends on how far advanced the course is at the time a participant joins it, and will be established with the course instructor(s).
2. *Certification of Attending the Academic Program for Ukraine.* This Certificate is issued to Program participants who:
 - Engage in GSSR activities, e.g. through attending lectures (without necessarily taking a full course), and events held at GSSR and its constituent PAN institutes – IFiS, IP and IPS (including those listed above)
 - Engage with GSSR faculty in discussing their doctoral research.

Eligibility

This Program is for early-career scholars in academic institutions in Ukraine who are pursuing a Kandydat Nauk or Doktor Nauk degree in philosophy, sociology, psychology or political science or other discipline in the social sciences. To be eligible to apply, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Are residents of Ukraine who, because of Russia's military invasion that started February 2022, (i) evacuated the country **or** (ii) are within Ukraine and are an internally displaced person (IDP) **or** Conflict-affected person;
- As of Semester 1, 2021 (i.e., by December 2021), were pursuing a Kandydat Nauk or Doktor Nauk degree in philosophy, psychology, political science, sociology, or other discipline in the social sciences in higher education institutions in Ukraine;
- Are currently not a funded recipient (i.e. receiving a stipend, scholarship, or fellowship) of another program at the Polish Academy of Sciences;
- Have a working-level proficiency in written and spoken English.

To be eligible to attend classes or meetings in-person, any accepted candidate must fulfill the COVID-19 requirements of GSSR and IFiS PAN.

Application

1. Application form completed in English (see below), to be sent electronically to "[GSSR PhD office](mailto:sns@gssr.edu.pl)" <sns@gssr.edu.pl>
2. Academic CV (in English) that specifies, inter alia, (a) post-secondary education, including current student status, i.e. pursuing Kandydat Nauk or Doktor Nauk, and in what discipline (b) current and recent employment and academic positions, (awards, fellowships, and scholarships), (c) international academic experience, (d) publications, conference presentations, and research grants, (e) teaching experience.

3. Copy of valid ID issued by Ukraine (e.g. Passport, National ID Card,). The application requires a scan or high-resolution picture (JPEG, PNG, or PDF) of the valid ID.
4. Documentation (e.g. formal letter, or, if the institution is not functioning, email exchanges with your institution's administration) that in Semester 1, 2021 (by December 2021) you were pursuing the degree of Kandydat Nauk or Doktor Nauk in Ukraine in philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, or other related disciplines in the social sciences. This documentation can be submitted in the original language (it does not have to be in English).
5. A brief (300-500 words) description of the dissertation research.

Application Dates

The next round for application submissions is **Friday, July 15, 2022 at 2 PM (Warsaw time)**.

The completed Application package (Application form and the three documents listed above) should be sent electronically to GSSR, at "[GSSR PhD office](mailto:sns@gssr.edu.pl)" <sns@gssr.edu.pl>. In the subject of your email, please write Application Academic Program for Ukraine.

The Director of GSSR will form a committee whose purpose is to review applications and recommend candidates for acceptance. The decision to recommend a candidate takes into account the candidate's academic fit to GSSR and their English-language skills. The Committee may decide to request additional information and invite applicants for a brief online interview. The Director of GSSR will make final decisions on acceptance to the program.

GSSR will communicate electronically the individual decisions of the selection process. Within seven working days from a given application deadline, GSSR will send a notification email to the email address that candidates provide in the Application form.

Application Form

GSSR Academic Program for Ukraine

This is the Application form for the GSSR Academic Program for Ukraine. Please type your answers in English.

First name:

Last name:

Email:

Phone:

Current Address (in Poland or Ukraine):

If no stable address for correspondence available, please indicate “not available”

Name of Higher Education Institution (HEI) in Ukraine (e.g. name of university):

Address of HEI in Ukraine:

Website of HEI in Ukraine:

Student’s year of studies in Ukraine HEI:

Choose one: I am enrolled in a HEI in Ukraine where I am pursuing (a) Kandydat Nauk **or**
(b) Doktor Nauk.

Field of studies (please select one): Philosophy / Political science / Psychology / Sociology / Other

If Other, please explain:

Dissertation Topic:

Academic Advisor/Supervisor(s):

Academic monthly stipend: Do you want to be considered for funding? YES NO

Are you applying also to the NAWA Solidarity with Ukraine program at GSSR?
YES NO

Are you currently a funded recipient (i.e. receiving a stipend, scholarship, or fellowship) of another program at the Polish Academy of Sciences: YES NO

Description of Dissertation Research (min. 300 words, max. 500 words):