

**Foreign Mobility Fellowships**  
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**Call for Applications: GSSR International Mobility Award (GIMA)**

The Graduate School for Social Research, GSSR, invites PhD students in Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology who are in years 1-4 of doctoral studies at GSSR – to apply for the **GSSR International Mobility Award (GIMA)**.

Thanks to NAWA STER funding, for this Call we can award up to six international mobility fellowships for research visits at Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) abroad. A student of GSSR can win the GIMA only once.

The duration of the GIMA-funded research visit abroad is usually from 1 month to 3 months. Exceptionally, one research stay abroad can last up to 9 months, if implemented as part of a Cotutelle or dual PhD agreement. International stays abroad can start from January 2024 and must end no later than December 10, 2024. GIMA winners must complete in full the research stays abroad while their PhD student status is active (i.e., before finishing the PhD program at GSSR).

Each awarded student will receive 12000 PLN/month netto for covering the costs of living abroad, and between 3000 - 5000 PLN netto (depending on the host country's location) for international travel. These amounts cumulate with the student's monthly doctoral stipend (e.g., the legally-mandated PhD stipend, the Preludium Bis scholarship, or GISA).

**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 foreign mobility award (GIMA) if they are in good academic standing.

GIMA gives preference to PhD students conducting doctoral projects with international faculty involvement (e.g. foreign co-supervisor) and who consider pursuing their PhD under a Cotutelle or dual PhD degree arrangement. You can apply for GIMA regardless of having won other NAWA funding (e.g., GISA holders are eligible to apply for GIMA).

**Obligations for GIMA winners**

Doctoral students who are granted and accept the GIMA are obligated to do the following within one year of the end of their research or internship visit abroad:

Submit a report (min 350 – max. 400 words), in English and with NAWA STER grant number (cf. Appendix A), on how the grant has furthered the international aspect of the student's academic 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 GIMA for your dissertation research and your academic career more broadly. In doing so, you must (i) provide information about the institution abroad where you plan to conduct your research visit, including the name and position of the person who will serve as your supervisor; (ii) justify the choice of this institution in terms of its resources, fit between the field specialties of the department or institute of the HEI that you will visit and your own research field, and specific faculty or research groups that you plan to contact while there; (iii) specify the number of months you plan to spend at the institution abroad and justify this choice; (iv) outline the research and other academic activities that you plan to conduct at the foreign host institution; (v) describe how the research and activities will lead to the completion of your dissertation; and (vi) discuss the prospects that GIMA will help you obtain a PhD under a Cotutelle or dual PhD degree arrangement.
4. **Consent letter from the foreign institution** about agreeing to host you if you win the GIMA. This document should include (i) the name of the host institution; (ii) the name and professional title of the person who will serve as your supervisor; and (iii) the number of internship months.
5. **Opinion letter from your PhD Supervisor at GSSR** on (a) how the planned research visit at the institution abroad will benefit the student's doctoral research, (b) the prospects of involving foreign faculty in guiding the student's PhD project, and (b) the prospects for a dual PhD degree or cotutelle arrangement with the host institution abroad.
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 **November 14, 2023**. Please send your Application package via email to Dr. John Fells ([john.fells@gssr.edu.pl](mailto:john.fells@gssr.edu.pl)). **Please indicate "NAWA STER Foreign Mobility 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 planned foreign mobility's merits for the applicants' dissertation research, the prospects of doing a doctoral project in international cooperation under a Cotutelle or dual PhD degree arrangement, and applicants' 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: GSSR International Scholarship Application (GISA)**

### **Applicant:**

First Name:

Last name:

Year of studies:

Academic discipline:

Title of PhD thesis:

### **Information on the planned international mobility**

Duration, in number of months:

Host Institution:

Address:

Professional title, academic degree, first and last name of supervisor at the host institution:

### **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, as well as to any academic output (publications, scientific presentations) which receiving this grant facilitated.

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