

GSSR International Academic Exchange Program

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PhD Student Travel Grants, Call for Applications:

Presenting at **International Scientific Conferences Abroad**

GSSR invites PhD students in years 1-5 of doctoral studies in any of the four disciplines – Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology – to apply for funding toward covering the costs of your participation as a presenter at an international scientific **Conference** held abroad. These grants are designed to help you strengthen career-relevant competences, and broaden your scientific networks, among others.

Thanks to NAWA funding for the project *PROM Short-term academic exchange* (in Polish, *PROM-Krótkookresowa wymiana akademicka*), for this Call we can award up to 16 conference travel grants. **For offline (in person) conferences** the minimum duration of the conference must be five days (maximum 2 travel days included). The conference can occur anytime from December 9, 2024 – September 28, 2025. Winners must complete the mobility abroad while your PhD student status is active (i.e., before finishing the PhD program at GSSR). Under NAWA rules, the event cannot take place in, or be organized by, Russia, nor can Russian citizens be funded.

NAWA PROM travel grants can be used toward covering travel expenses, living allowance, visa and insurance, and the conference fee (**if the conference runs online**, only the conference fee will be covered; please note that, other things equal, preference is given to in-person events). The NAWA PROM grant also includes a scholarship of PLN 125/day. For details on the lump sum allowances for transportation and living costs, see **Appendix A**.

Eligibility

Within the framework of the NAWA PROM grant, GSSR doctoral students in good academic standing are eligible to apply. This Call promotes equal opportunity for people with disabilities, and adequate gender representation.

You can apply for – and win - a NAWA PROM conference travel grant, even if you do not yet know the acceptance status of your paper submitted for presentation consideration. However, to be issued the travel grant money you must submit proof that your paper (single- or co-authored) has been accepted for presentation at a regular or special session; poster session presentations do not qualify for funding under this Call.

If the conference you plan to attend to has not announced the selected papers by the time the GSSR Call closes (**November 21, 2024**), and your application is evaluated positively, you must submit confirmation of your participation acceptance as a presenter to **John Fells**, john.fells@gssr.edu.pl as soon as it becomes available and **prior to you incurring any conference-related expenses**.

Failure to provide GSSR the proof of your participation acceptance (e.g., official email from the conference organizer specifying the title of your paper, your academic affiliation – GSSR – and role at the conference, or the conference's official program listing your name, affiliation, paper title, and role at the conference) will result in GSSR withholding the conference participation funding.

To apply, please:

1. Fill out the **Application Form** (see p. 4 in this Call),
and provide it together with the following documents:
2. **Rationale for Conference attendance** (400-600 words). Please briefly describe the conference, including (a) organizing institution(s), (b) scope, (c) location and dates, and (e) conference fee (if applicable). You must also indicate (i) whether your paper is an invited paper, or subject to selection via the conference's open call, (ii) why this Conference is a desirable dissemination outlet for your research, (iii) what learning outcomes – in terms of new/enhanced knowledge, skills and social competences – you expect to gain during this Conference, and (iv) what is their relevance for your PhD research, and your academic career more broadly.¹
3. **Abstract** (250 words) of the paper that you submit for presentation consideration at the conference that you request NAWA PROM travel funding for, as well as the paper's **title** and **author(s)**.
4. Your current academic **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); Participation in training events in Poland or abroad; Involvement in international research projects; Involvement in Polish research projects; and Participation in foreign or national grants (paid or unpaid).
5. The **Opinion of your supervisor** on how participation in the selected Conference is expected to enhance your learning outcomes, described in terms of knowledge, skills and social competences/attitudes.
6. If available at the time you submit your application, confirmation of your participation acceptance as presenter at regular or special sessions. See **Eligibility** for details if participation confirmation is not available by November 21, 2024.

The deadline for Applications is **Thursday, November 21, 2024**. Please send your Application package via email to John Fells, john.fells@gssr.edu.pl.

Please indicate “NAWA PROM 2024 Conference application” in your email’s subject!

Evaluation of applications

A Review Commission appointed by the director of GSSR assess all applications and makes funding recommendations to GSSR director. Applications for each type of PROM short-term international mobilities (research/study visits; training events; conferences) will be reviewed in their own right, following merit-based criteria and with consideration of academic discipline, equal opportunity for people with disabilities, and gender diversity. In assessing the strength of

¹ P. 2 in *Annex nr. 1, Manual: Rules for recruitment, reporting and data collection of participants in projects financed by FERS*, specifies:

Learning outcomes - defining what the learner knows, understands and is able to do after completing the learning (support) process, divided into categories of knowledge, skills and social competences.

Knowledge – the result of universal acceptance of information in the learning process. Knowledge consists of facts, principles, theories and practices that are related to a professional area or learning.

Skills – the ability to use the knowledge and procedures necessary to perform a task and solve a problem.

Social competences - attitudes demonstrating the learner's ability to use knowledge and skills in an autonomous and responsible manner.

an application package, including expected learning outcomes, the Commission also considers the student's academic standing in GSSR.

Please note that the Commission may request additional information or documents.

You will receive an email notification about the outcome of your application by December 4, 2024.

Obligations of PROM winners

Successful applicants must complete the mobility abroad while your PhD student status is active (i.e., before finishing the PhD program at GSSR). You must (1) prior to going abroad, **complete an electronic participant form** in NAWA's IT system (via link provided by GSSR), within seven working days following your return, provide GSSR (2) the **Certificate** of participation issued by the training organizers, and specifying the learning outcomes, and (3) the final version of the **presentation** bearing the Acknowledgement of NAWA funding support (see **Appendix B**).

GSSR will provide guidelines regarding these obligations, as well as the process of verification of learning outcomes, referred to below.

Verification of learning outcomes

Upon completing the conference participation, students' learning outcomes and/or competences improvement will be verified in relation to their pre-participation status. Within 7 working days after your return from the short-term mobility abroad, you will present to GSSR the Certificate issued by the Conference Organizers, as well as a brief summary of the gained knowledge, skills and social competences; these materials will be checked by GSSR's expert for academic exchanges.

Special Note! Applying for Multiple NAWA PROM International Travel Grants

The current NAWA PROM project facilitates three types of short-term international mobility of GSSR PhD students: (a) going abroad to present at a scientific conference, (b) attending a training event abroad, and (c) conducting a research/study visit abroad. Thus, GSSR is sending out three distinct Calls for applications for PhD Student Travel Grants: (1) The Call for Presenting at an International Scientific Conference Abroad (up to 16 travel grants can be awarded); (2) The Call for Training Events Abroad (up to 4 travel grants can be awarded), and (3) The Call for Research/Study Visits Abroad (up to 6 travel grants can be awarded).

While you may apply for all of the GSSR Calls for PROM International Travel Grants, **funding can be awarded for only one mobility per student**. Thus, in the Call-specific **Application Form**, you must clearly indicate the **rank order** (1 = first choice, 2 = second choice, 3 = third choice) of your preference for the mobility in that particular application.

The Review Commission first determines the relative strength of each application in the pool of all applications received under a given Call. If more than one of your applications is top-ranked by the Commission (e.g., your application for 'Training Events' scores among the strongest 4 applications in the 'Training Events' Call; and your application for 'Conference Participation' scores among the strongest 16 applications in the 'Conference Participation' Call, thus qualifying for funding), the Commission uses your answers in the Call-specific Application Forms to recommend for funding the mobility that you expressed stronger preference for. If only one of your applications scores sufficiently high to qualify for funding, the mobility in that application will be recommended for funding. Please note that the Commission is not obliged to recommend any of your applications for funding.

APPLICATION FORM: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Have you submitted applications for more than 1 PROM mobility Call?² YES / NO

If **YES**, indicate your **ORDER** of preference for **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION** with regard to other GSSR NAWA PROM International Travel Grants that you applied for:

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (select one): First Choice/ Second Choice/Third Choice

APPLICANT:

First, Last Name:

Year of studies:

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

Title of PhD thesis:

Name and main affiliation of supervisor(s) at GSSR:

CONFERENCE ABROAD

Title of conference:

Conference organizer(s):

Country:

Date and location of conference:

PRESENTATION

Title of your presentation:

Author(s) of the paper you will present:

Type of session you will present at: Panel session /Regular session /Other (please specify)

Mode of your presentation: Offline/ Online

REQUESTED FUNDS

Table 1. Description of the planned costs (in PLN):

No	Type of costs	Cost in PLN
1	Travel, insurance and visa expenses*	
2	Fixed living allowance (including max. 2 travel days)*	
3	Conference fee (if applicable)	
4	Scholarship (125 PLN/day)	

* Travel expenses and Living allowance should be calculated according to the tables provided in Appendix A. For any questions, please contact John Fells, john.fells@gssr.edu.pl with cc to Ola Filipowicz, (sns@gssr.edu.pl).

Total amount requested (in PLN):

Date; Electronic Signature of the Student

² While you can respond to each of the 3 GSSR Calls for PROM international travel grants, **funding can be awarded for only one short-term mobility/student**.

Appendix A – Excerpts, NAWA Regulations (p. 84-86)

Table A.1. Lump sum travel allowances for mobility from/to Poland

Group countries	Country	Rate in PLN
1	Belarus, Lithuania	1000
2	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Moldova, Germany, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, Hungary	1500
3	Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Montenegro, France, Greece, Netherlands, Ireland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Norway, Russia, San Marino, Switzerland, Tunisia, Türkiye, Vatican, Great Britain, Italy	2000
4	Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, Spain, Iraq, Iran, Iceland, Israel, Jordan, Qatar, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	3000
5	Afghanistan, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, India, Yemen, Cameroon, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Congo, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Ivory Coast, Sao Tome and Principe, United Arab Emirates	4500
6	Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Chile, China, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eswatini, Fiji, Philippines, Grenada, Guyana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Cambodia, Canada, Kiribati, Colombia, Comoros, South Korea, North Korea, Costa Rica, Cuba, Laos, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Myanmar, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, South Africa, Saint Kitts Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, El Salvador, Samoa, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, United States, Suriname, Taiwan, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Zambia, Zimbabwe	6500

Table A.2 Lump sum allowance for living and accommodation costs

Groups of countries	Daily rate, PLN	Monthly rate, PLN
<p>Group 1 incl Poland</p> <p>Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Egypt, Georgia, India, Lithuania, Latvia, Morocco, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine, Vietnam and other countries of the world (except countries in groups II, III).</p>	300	4000
<p>Group 2</p> <p>Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, France, Greece, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia, Germany, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain, Monaco, Vatican City State, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Thailand, Hungary, Italy, Uzbekistan</p>	400	6000
<p>Group 3</p> <p>Saudi Arabia, Australia, Bahrain, Brunei, China, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Hong Kong, Japan, Canada, Qatar, Korea, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macau, Mexico, Norway, New Zealand, Oman, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Faroe Islands, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates</p>	500	8000
<p>Group 4</p> <p>USA, Israel</p>	700	12000

¹ The number of days of stay shall be calculated as follows: number of days of an event in which a participant takes part + **the maximum of 2 days** (one day to arrive at the location of education and one day to return).



Appendix B – Acknowledging NAWA PROM support in your presentation

Below is the template text that you must add to your presentation (e.g., on first/final slide). In your presentation, **you must also include the logos provided below!**

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