

## GSSR International Academic Exchange Program

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### PhD Student Travel Grants

#### Call for Applications: **Training Events Abroad**

GSSR invites PhD students who are 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 participation in a **Training Event** (e.g., Winter/Summer Schools, Workshops) abroad. The purpose of these short-term international mobility grants is to strengthen your doctoral dissertation research, by opening access to new research methodologies and theory developments relevant to your research, 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 **4 travel grants**, lasting from 7 - 15 days (2 travel days included). The training event can occur anytime from December 9, 2024 – September 28, 2025. 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 training fee (up to 2200 PLN/training; if the event runs online, only the participation fee will be covered; please note that, other things equal, preference is given to in-person training 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 obtain – a NAWA PROM travel grant, even if you do not yet know whether you were accepted as participant to the training event. However, to be issued the travel grant money you must submit proof of having been accepted as participant in the summer/winter school/workshop.

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

Failure to provide GSSR the proof of your participation acceptance (e.g., official email from the summer/winter school organizer specifying your acceptance) will result in GSSR withholding the 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. Official **program** of the training event and website link (if available).
3. **Rationale for participation in given training event** (800-1000 words). Please briefly describe the training event, including (a) organizing institution(s), (b) scope of training, (c) main instructors, (d) location and dates, and (d) training fee (if applicable). You must also indicate (i) how this training fits into your current pool of knowledge/set of skills/competencies: what knowledge/skills of yours it builds on, and (ii) what are the learning outcomes – in terms of new/enhanced knowledge, skills and social competences – you expect to gain from undergoing this training;<sup>1</sup> and (iii) how the new/enhanced competences will advance your PhD research – please refer to specific applicability, rather than keeping with general statements only.
4. Your current **academic Curriculum Vitae (CV)**, which, among standard categories, should include: Publications; Grants, awards, scholarships, and fellowships; Participation in training events in Poland or abroad; 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).
5. The **Opinion of your supervisor** on how participation in the selected training event abroad is expected to enhance your learning outcomes, described in terms of knowledge, skills and social competences/attitudes.
6. Documentation from the organizer regarding the training fee (e.g., screenshot listing participation costs for the selected event)
7. If available at the time you submit your application, written confirmation from the event organizers about your acceptance as participant. See **Eligibility** for details if acceptance 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](mailto:john.fells@gssr.edu.pl).

Please indicate **“NAWA PROM 2024 Training Event”** in your email’s subject!!!

### **Assessment 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 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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 also (1) prior to going abroad, **complete an electronic participant form** in NAWA's IT system (via link provided by GSSR), and (2) within 7 working days following your return, provide GSSR the **Certificate** of participation issued by the training organizers, and specifying the learning outcomes. For students who will deliver a presentation as part of their training, you will need to also (3) provide NAWA, via GSSR, 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 training event abroad, participants' 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 Organizers of the training event, and a summary of the gained knowledge, skills and social competences.

These materials will be checked by GSSR's Evaluation Commission including the expert for academic exchanges. The Commission may request additional information about the completed training (e.g., the description of the training event, as provided by its organizers, completed assignments, etc.).

### **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: **TRAINING EVENTS ABROAD**

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

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

**TRAINING EVENTS ABROAD** (select one): First Choice/ Second Choice/Third Choice

### APPLICANT:

First, Last Name:

Year of studies:

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

Title of PhD thesis:

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

### Training Event:

Organizer(s):

Type (e.g., Summer School/ Workshop):

Title of training event:

Website of event (if applicable):

Country:

Dates and location (if online/hybrid, please indicate explicitly):

Duration (in days, **not** including travel days):

Mode of participation (e.g., 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	Training fee (if applicable; max. 2200 PLN)	
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](mailto:john.fells@gssr.edu.pl) with cc to Ola Filipowicz, [sns@gssr.edu.pl](mailto:sns@gssr.edu.pl).

**Total amount requested (in PLN):**

**Date; Electronic Signature of the Student**

<sup>2</sup> 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><b>Group 1 incl Poland</b></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><b>Group 2</b></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><b>Group 3</b></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><b>Group 4</b></p> <p>USA, Israel</p>	700	12000

<sup>1</sup> 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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