

GSSR International Academic Exchange Program

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Travel Grants for PhD students at HEIs outside Poland

Call for Applications: Mobility Grants for Participation in the Event “Automating Welfare - Policy Implications of AI in the Digital Welfare States”

We cordially invite PhD students to apply for funding to participate in the four-day event “Automating Welfare - Policy Implications of AI in the Digital Welfare States”, organised within the [AUTO-WELF project](#). This international interdisciplinary event comprises a conference, a workshop and networking, and gathers researchers, data activists and policy-makers interested in digitalisation and datafication of the welfare states. The event takes place on 9-12 April 2025 in Warsaw (Poland).

The purpose of these short-term international mobility grants is to strengthen your knowledge on digitalisation and datafication processes in the area of welfare, to develop your skills to formulate policy implications, to facilitate international cooperation with experts and early career researchers working in your field, and to broaden your networks, among others.

This Call is supported by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Science (IFiS PAN) and the Graduate School for Social Research (GSSR), via the The Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA) grant *PROM Short-term academic exchange* (in Polish, *PROM- Krótkookresowa wymiana akademicka*). For this call we can award up to six travel grants for PhD students at universities abroad to participate in the AUTO-WELF event.

Description of the event

Your visit will require participation in the four-day event taking place on 9-12 April 2025 in Warsaw, Poland. The Policy Workshop “Automating Welfare - Policy Implications of AI in the Digital Welfare States” has two major aims. Firstly, to disseminate and discuss research findings of the [AUTO-WELF project](#) publicly, and second to develop consistent strategies to communicate policy relevant implications based on the research findings. The Workshop will gather scholars and policy practitioners from different European NGOs including Data Ethics EU, Data Justice Lab, and AlgorithmWatch. The program combines the conference “Automating Welfare - Policy Implications of AI in the Digital Welfare States” (April 10th) with the workshop “Automating Welfare - connecting research and policy” (April 11th) and a PhD workshop (April 9th). The PhD workshop will be dedicated to the discussions of PhD research projects focused on the issues of digitalisation of public services. The last day of the event (April 12th) will discuss the outcomes of the event, including lessons learned, and award participants with attendance certificates.

Eligibility

The Call is open to doctoral students studying in one of the countries listed in Appendix A in **Table A.1** (groups 1-5). Under NAWA rules, Russian citizens are not eligible for funding.

We are inviting students who conduct research on digitalisation and public services to apply. This call promotes equal opportunity for people with disabilities, and adequate gender representation.

Successful applicants are expected to participate in the entire event, while their PhD student status is still active (confirmation of PhD status is required).

Funding

NAWA PROM travel grants can be used to cover travel expenses (maximum 2 travel days), living allowance, visa and insurance. 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**. In particular, for Poland, the daily rate of living and accommodation costs equals **300 PLN/day** (Group 1 in Table A.2). For travel costs, please refer to Table A.1. Based on the country of your departure, use the indicated lump sums to apply for travel funds.

To apply, please:

1. Fill out the **Application Form** (see p. 4),
and provide it together with the following documents:
2. **Short description of dissertation research** (approx. 500 words). Please describe your PhD dissertation, focusing on the link of the research with the Workshop topic.
3. **Rationale for participation in the event** (approx. 500 words). Please discuss the benefits of your participation in the event for your dissertation research and your academic career more broadly. In doing so, you are expected to (i) describe what learning outcomes – in terms of new/enhanced knowledge, skills and social competences – you expect to gain from this mobility, and how they complement your current skills;¹ discuss (ii) how the new/enhanced competences will advance your PhD research.
4. Your current academic **Curriculum Vitae** (max. 2 pages).
5. Document **confirming your current enrolment into a PhD program** at a Higher Education Institution operating in the country included in groups 1-5 in Table A.1.

The deadline for Applications is **Thursday, January 16, 2025**. Please send your Application package via email to autowelf@ifispan.edu.pl. For any questions regarding the application

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.

process, contact Monika Berdys (autowelf@ifispan.edu.pl). Please indicate “**NAWA PROM 2025**” in your email’s subject.

Evaluation of applications

A commission formed of faculty in the AUTO-WELF project and GSSR’s expert in academic exchanges will review the applications following merit-based criteria and with consideration of equal opportunities for people with disabilities, and gender diversity. In assessing the strength of an application package, including expected learning outcomes, the Commission will also consider the applicant’s academic interest in, and research fit to the Workshop’s topic.

You will receive an email notification about the outcome of your application by **January 31, 2025**.

Obligations for PROM winners

You must also (1) prior to going abroad, **complete the electronic participant form** in NAWA’s IT system (via link provided by GSSR), (2) participate in all components of the planned event.

GSSR will provide guidelines on completing the electronic participation form in NAWA’s IT system to selected participants.

Verification of learning outcomes

According to NAWA and FERS rules, upon completing participation in the AUTO-WELF event, a commission formed of faculty in the AUTO-WELF project and including the GSSR expert in academic exchanges will assess participating students’ learning outcomes and/or competences improvement, in relation to their pre-participation status. During the last day of the event, you will receive from the Attendance Certificate, together with a summary of the gained knowledge, skills and social competences.

The Commission may request additional information about the completed visit (e.g., completed assignments, presentations, etc.).

APPLICATION FORM: **International Events in Poland**

APPLICANT:

First, Last Name:

Year of studies:

Field of studies:

Details of your Higher Education Institution:

Title of PhD thesis/PhD research project:

Name and institutional affiliation of PhD supervisor(s):

Dates of planned visit (including days in transit):

REQUESTED FUNDS

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

No	Type of costs	Cost in PLN
1	Lump sum, travel allowance*	
2	Lump sum, living allowance (300 PLN/day, including days in transit)*	
3	Scholarship (125 PLN/day)	
Total amount requested:		

* Travel expenses and Living allowance should be calculated according to the tables provided in Appendix A. For living allowance, please use the detailed daily rates for stay in Poland (Group 1). For any questions, please contact Monika Berdys, autowelf@ifispan.edu.pl.

Date; Signature of the Student

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

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

Group	Countries	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
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
3	Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Montenegro, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Ireland, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Norway, Russia, San Marino, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Vatican City, United Kingdom, Italy	2000
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, Côte d'Ivoire, São Tomé and Príncipe, United Arab Emirates	4500
6	[not applicable for this call] 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
Group 1 <u>incl Poland</u>		
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 2-4).	300	4000
Group 2		
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	400	6000
Group 3		
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	500	8000
Group 4		
USA, Israel	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).