

GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

Application form 2026

1. Please indicate the discipline in which you plan to defend your doctoral thesis at GSSR:

Political Studies Psychology Sociology

2. Applicant's personal details

FAMILY NAME:*

PREFERRED PRONOUNS

FIRST NAME (s):

HE/HIM/HIS SHE/HER/HERS

THEY/ THEM /THEIR

MIDDLE NAME(S):

DATE OF BIRTH: day____/month____/year_____

CITIZENSHIP:

PLACE OF BIRTH:

PASSPORT No. (foreign applicants) or PESEL (Polish students):

* Your full last name, first name and middle name(s) must be written in CAPITAL letters, and EXACTLY as they appear in your international passport.

3. Contact Information

HOME ADDRESS

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS (if different)

CITY:

CITY:

POSTAL/ZIP CODE:

POSTAL/ZIP CODE:

COUNTRY:

COUNTRY:

TELEPHONE NUMBER (include international direct dialling code)
where GSSR can contact you:

EMAIL address that you use in communication with GSSR:

4. Completed Education

4.a. Previous doctoral studies

Have you, at any time since October 2019, already undertaken doctoral studies in another doctoral school in Poland?

Yes

No

If your answered **Yes** to above, please indicate for how many months you received a PhD stipend?
.....months

4.b Education at the MA level or equivalent

Name of higher education institution (university/college/etc.) where you pursue(d) MA degree or equivalent	Dates of enrolment: (From/To)	Name of Degree obtained/ expected to obtain by December 2024	Discipline in which you obtain(ed) the MA degree or equivalent	Grade/Qualification that appears on your MA degree (if applicable)

Specialization within discipline (if applicable):

Please provide the full Title of your MA thesis:

4.c High School Education

Please indicate the country of issue of your High School leaving certificate:

5. Language Skills

A. What is your native language? _____

B. Please indicate your level of proficiency in English and Polish, using the qualifiers “excellent,” “good,” “average,” or “poor” in the chart provided below.

<i>Language</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Writing</i>
English			
Polish			

6. Additional Information

How did you find out about the PhD Programme at the GSSR? Please mark all that apply:

GSSR website GSSR social media GSSR graduates GSSR faculty and staff

Other (please specify): _____

8. Declaration – see next page

Declaration

I hereby confirm that the information I have given in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I understand that provision of untrue or misleading information could lead to my disqualification from the application process.

Consent for processing of personal data¹

I consent to processing of my personal data such as: given and family name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and other data given in the application documents for the purposes of recruitment to the PhD programs of the Graduate School for Social Research, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Nowy Świat 72 ,00-330 Warsaw.

I confirm that my provision of personal data is completely voluntary. I certify that I have been informed of my rights concerning access to the data, its correction, deletion, limited processing, right to transfer of data, and also of the right to withdraw at any moment consent to the processing of the data.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Information

In accordance with article 13 pt 1 and 2 of The General Data Protection Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 of 27th April 2016 concerning the protection of individuals with regard to processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and directive 95/46/WE (Dz. Urz. UE L 119/1 of 04/05/2016)- henceforth GDPR- we inform you that:

- 1) The administrator of your personal data is the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Nowy Świat 72 ,00-330 Warsaw
- 2) The Institute of Philosophy and Sociology PAS has appointed a Data Protection Inspector. They can be contacted by e-mail at iod@ifispan.edu.pl
- 3) Your personal data are processed voluntarily on the basis of consent (art. 6 pt. 1 GDPR). Your consent may be withdrawn at any time by sending an e-mail message to sns@gssr.edu.pl
- 4) Your data will be processed until such time as you withdraw your consent or the purpose for which your data is processed has been achieved (whichever is the sooner).
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- 6) We will not make your data available to others. Your data will not be transferred to third countries or to international organizations
- 7) You have a right of access to the content of your data and a right to its correction, deletion, limited processing, a right to transfer of data, to object and a right to withdraw consent at any moment without influencing any legal processing conducted on the basis of your consent before it was withdrawn. Your consent may be withdrawn at any time by sending an e-mail message to iod@ifispan.edu.pl
- 8) Your data will not be profiled or processed by automatic means
- 9) Provision of data by you is voluntary, but not providing it prevents the processing of your personal data indicated above.

¹ Personal data' means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person.

² 'Processing' means any operation or set of operations which is performed on personal data or on sets of personal data, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, organization, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction;

Application Documents Checklist

PhD Programs GSSR, Academic Year 2026/2027

Please confirm that all required documents listed below are included in your application. All documents should be submitted in PDF format. To facilitate processing, applicants are requested to keep the size of each file below 10 MB.

Completed application form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copy of Master’s Degree diploma or an equivalent certificate of graduation or an official document from the applicant’s university stating when the defence is due	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic Curriculum Vitae (in English)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letter of Intent (800–1000 words) describing the applicant’s experience to date in the given discipline, their academic interests, aims, and the reasons for choosing GSSR as the site for doctoral training.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concise description of planned research (1200–1500 words, excluding bibliography, figures, and tables, that (i) describes the research problem and why it is important for the candidate’s chosen discipline, (ii) states the research question(s), and, as applicable, testable hypotheses, (iii) briefly outlines the main theoretical framework(s) that the research ties to; (iv) introduces the research methods, and, as applicable, the data the candidate plans to use to address the research question(s), and, (v) outlines the envisioned type(s) of data analysis (when applicable).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letter(s) of recommendation – up to two letters, with at least one from the candidate’s MA thesis supervisor or a person who is familiar with their academic achievements and aptitude for conducting independent research.	<input type="checkbox"/>
MA thesis or a selected academic publication (single- or co-authored) . Candidates must also provide a 700-words English-language summary of their MA thesis or academic publication if these studies were originally written in another language than English.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Official transcript issued by the candidate’s university that lists all courses completed during MA studies or equivalent studies (cf. point 2) and corresponding grades.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copy of the passport identification page (page containing the photograph and passport number) – for non-Polish applicants only .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment Confirmation of Application Fee of 200 PLN (the Application Fee is waived for candidates who are citizens of non-EU countries)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of English language proficiency . Applicants who are non-native English speakers must submit one of the standardized English language test scores listed under <i>language requirements</i> on the school website. Candidates who take the TOEFL or IELTS should request a copy of their results to be sent directly to GSSR’s Admissions Office. The TOEFL institution code for the GSSR is 7962.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all required documents, including recommendation letters, are submitted by the application deadline.