

THE KRZYSZTOF SKUBISZEWSKI SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH GRANT 2013

Krzysztof Skubiszewski was the first Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs to be appointed after Poland regained its independence; he served from 1989 to 1993

The scholarship and the research grant are open to candidates from Central Europe, the Balkans, the Baltic States, Eastern Europe, Russia, Central Asia & the Caucasus



*Under the patronage
of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland*

The scholarship holder will be given a one year internship during the 2013/2014 academic year at the University of Warsaw (or another Polish university) in the field of law, political science or contemporary history. The goal of the scholarship is to promote democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and the respect of law in international relations.

The scholarship is open to candidates who hold a master's degree or equivalent, and have successfully defended their doctoral thesis (or have other significant academic achievements) or have accomplished works of significant importance in the public interest, especially in the area of promoting democracy and the rule of law.

The research grant is intended to finance a two-month visit to Poland, that will have the same purpose and will be organized in the same way as the internship financed by the scholarship.

Detailed information about the scholarship and the research grant: www.skubi.net/stypendium2013_en.html

The applications must be received no later than 15 April 2013.

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Krzysztof Skubiszewski during a meeting with Manfred Wörner, the Secretary-General of NATO, in Brussels on 21 March 1990.

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The goal of the scholarship and of the research grant

The scholarship and the research grant are established to promote democracy, the respect of human rights, the rule of law, and the respect of law in international relations. The academic internship financed by the scholarship and the academic visit to Poland financed by the research grant will be related to the aforementioned goal, and will involve research in one of the following disciplines:

- law (in particular human rights, constitutional law, international law);
- political science;
- contemporary history.

The academic internship financed by the scholarship

1. The scholarship holder will undertake an internship at the University of Warsaw (or another Polish academic institution) in his/her chosen field, under a supervisor. He/she will be affiliated with an appropriate University organizational unit.
2. The scholarship holder will be obliged to publish the results of the academic work undertaken during the internship, in the form and according to the terms agreed with the supervisor and with the Krzysztof Skubiszewski Foundation (hereafter: the Foundation).
3. The choice of the supervisor, the details of the internship and the details of the scholarship holder's obligations will be agreed between the Foundation, the relevant university organizational unit and the scholarship holder.
4. The intership will commence on October 1st, 2013, and will last nine months (the totality of the academic year 2013/2014).
5. The scholarship holder may not undertake any gainful employment during the course of the internship.

The academic visit to Poland financed by the research grant

1. During his/her academic visit to Poland, the grantee will undertake research in his/her chosen field, in collaboration with the University of Warsaw (or another Polish academic institution), on terms agreed with the Foundation.
2. The detailed conditions of the academic visit and the detail of the grantee's obligations, including, when relevant, the terms on which will be published the results of research conducted with support from the Foundation, will be agreed between the Foundation and the grantee.
3. The academic visit will last two months and will take place during the academic year 2013/2014.
4. The grantee may not undertake gainful employment during the course of the academic visit.

Candidate selection criteria

Applications are welcomed from candidates from any of the countries listed in the title of the present announcement, except Poland.

The scholarship and the research grant are open to candidates who hold a master's degree or equivalent, and:

- have successfully defended their doctoral thesis (or have significant academic achievements)

or

- have accomplished works of significant importance in the public interest, especially in the area of promoting democracy and the rule of law.

Preference will be given to candidates who are under forty years of age.

Proficiency in foreign languages, particularly English, will be an important selection criterion.

Proficiency in Polish is desired. If the scholarship holder has no sufficient knowledge of Polish, he/she will undergo an intensive Polish language course in the period immediately preceding the internship (in August and in September). If the grantee needs a Polish language course, the Foundation will organize the course during his/her academic visit to Poland.

Documents to be submitted

1. A completed candidate's form, to be downloaded in one of the following three versions
www.skubi.net/form2013.odt
www.skubi.net/form2013.doc
www.skubi.net/form2013.pdf
2. A curriculum vitae (in English or in Polish).
3. A letter describing the motivation of the candidate and the proposed programme of research to be undertaken during the internship or the academic visit.
4. Copies of academic diplomas and, when appropriate, documents substantiating the candidate's works performed in the public interest, his/her political or social activities, his/her professional experience or experience in the public service.
5. A list of publications, opinions and other works demonstrating the candidate's academic and professional achievements, as well as copies of the most important publications and works.
6. Certificates confirming proficiency in foreign languages.
7. A letter of recommendation from the candidate's academic supervisor, superior or other person who can confirm the candidate's level of preparedness for the internship or the academic visit. It is advisable to attach additional letters of recommendation and names and contact information of persons from whom the Foundation may request an opinion about the candidate.
8. The candidate may attach other documents useful in evaluating his/her application.

How and when to apply

Applications, including all relevant documents, should be mailed to the following postal address:

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or e-mailed to the following address: stypendia.studium@uw.edu.pl

The applications must be received no later than **15 April 2013**.

The Programme Council of the Foundation may decide that certain candidates will be interviewed or will be requested to provide complementary information.

The board of directors of the Foundation will select the scholarship holder and the grantee based on a recommendation made by the Programme Council of the Foundation. The selection process will be complete no later than on **31 May 2013**.

Detailed conditions of the scholarship

1. The scholarship holder will receive:
 - a total of 28 940 Polish złoty (PLN), payable in monthly installments (the scholarship holder will have to pay revenue tax on this money, either in his country of permanent residence or in Poland);
 - free-of-charge accommodation in Warsaw or accommodation expenses during his/her stay in Poland; and
 - travel costs for one trip from the place of permanent residence to Warsaw and back.
2. The Foundation will allocate 3174 PLN for the purchase of books or other material useful to the scholarship holder's research.
3. If the scholarship holder needs an intensive course of Polish, then the Foundation will bear the cost of the course and of board and lodging for the 1- or 2-month duration of the course.
4. The Foundation will cover the costs connected with the internship in the selected university organizational unit, the fees for the academic supervisor and other administrative costs connected with the realization of the internship.
5. The Centre for East European Studies at the University of Warsaw will be responsible for coordinating and organizing the internship.
6. The Foundation may cease to deliver the money and services promised in the following circumstances:
 - if it transpires that the internship cannot be realized;
 - if an intensive language course in Polish is necessary and the scholarship holder fails to complete it to a satisfactory level;
 - if the scholarship holder fails to fulfil the obligations pertaining to the internship;
 - if the scholarship holder is in gross breach of the principles of academic integrity or of social norms.

Detailed conditions of the research grant

1. The grantee will receive:
 - a total of 6431 PLN (the grantee will have to pay revenue tax on this money, either in his country of residence or in Poland)
 - free-of-charge accommodation in Warsaw or accommodation expenses during his/her stay in Poland; and
 - travel costs for one trip from the place of residence to Warsaw and back.
2. The Foundation will allocate 717 PLN for the purchase of books or other material useful to the grantee's research.
3. If the grantee needs an intensive course of Polish, the Foundation will bear the cost of the course.
4. The Foundation may cease to deliver the money and services promised to the grantee in the following circumstances:
 - if it transpires that the academic visit to Poland cannot be realized;
 - if the grantee is in gross breach of the principles of academic integrity or of social norms.

The President of the Krzysztof Skubiszewski Foundation
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