

THE KRZYSZTOF SKUBISZEWSKI SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH GRANT 2020

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

The scholarship holder will be given the opportunity to conduct academic research in Poland during the 2020/2021 academic year in collaboration with the University of Warsaw or with 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 three-month or shorter visit to Poland, that will have the same purpose and will be organized in the same way as the research work in Poland financed by the scholarship.

The applications must be received no later than April 8, 2020.

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

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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 stay in Poland 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 Foundation will grant one scholarship and two research grants for the academic year 2020/2021.

The academic research financed by the scholarship

The scholarship holder will conduct academic research in collaboration with the University of Warsaw or with another Polish academic institution in his/her chosen field, under a supervisor.

The scholarship holder will publish the results of her/his academic research, in the form and according to the terms agreed with the supervisor and with the Foundation.

The stay in Poland will commence on October 1st, 2020, and will last for nine months (the full academic year 2020/2021). It may last for less than 9 months and may begin later than October 1st if the scholarship holder requests this.

The scholarship holder may not undertake any gainful employment during his/her stay in Poland.

The academic visit to Poland financed by the research grant

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 with another Polish academic institution.

The academic visit will take place during the academic year 2020/2021, and will last for three months or less (the grantee chooses the duration of the visit).

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 before the beginning of the academic year (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.

Detailed conditions of the scholarship

The scholarship holder will receive:

- a total of 28 940 Polish złoty (PLN), payable in monthly instalments, in the case of a 9-month stay in Poland; if the stay lasts for less than 9 months, the amount paid will be proportionally reduced (the scholarship holder will have to pay revenue tax on this money, either in his country of permanent residence or in Poland);
- paid-up accommodation in Warsaw or reimbursement of accommodation expenses during his/her stay in Poland;
- travel costs for one trip from the place of permanent residence to Warsaw and back; and
- reimbursement of the cost of insurance covering emergency medical treatment in Poland.

The Foundation will allocate 3212 PLN for the purchase of books or other material useful to the scholarship holder's research.

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.

The Foundation may cease to deliver the money and services promised if the scholarship holder:

- fails to complete the intensive course of the Polish language with satisfactory results (except if such a course is not judged necessary by the Foundation);
- fails to work towards the objectives, for the accomplishment of which the scholarship was granted, in particular, fails to conduct academic research in Poland;
- fails to purchase insurance covering emergency medical treatment in Poland; or
- is in gross breach of the principles of academic integrity or of social norms

Detailed conditions of the research grant

The grantee will receive:

- a total of 9647 PLN if the duration of the research visit to Poland is three months or, if the duration is shorter, an amount of money proportional to the duration (the grantee will have to pay revenue tax on this money, either in his country of residence or in Poland);
- paid-up accommodation in Warsaw or reimbursement accommodation expenses during his/her stay in Poland;
- travel costs for one trip from the place of residence to Warsaw and back; and
- reimbursement of the cost of insurance covering emergency medical treatment in Poland .

The Foundation will allocate 1071 PLN for the purchase of books or other material useful to the grantee's research.

If the grantee needs an intensive course of Polish, the Foundation will bear the cost of the course.

The Foundation may cease to deliver the money and services promised if the grantee:

- fails to pursue the objectives, for the accomplishment of which he/she receives the research grant, in particular, fails to conduct academic research in Poland;
- fails to purchase insurance covering emergency medical treatment in Poland; or
- is in gross breach of the principles of academic integrity or of social norms.

How to apply

Applications must be sent no later than **April 8, 2020**. Instructions for candidates are available here: <https://apply.skubi.eu.org/index.php/scholarship2020-form/> Only applications prepared and sent according to the instructions will be taken into account.

The board of directors of the Foundation will select the scholarship holder and the grantees based on a recommendation made by the Programme Council of the Foundation. The selection process will be complete by **June 10, 2020**.

The President of the Krzysztof Skubiszewski Foundation
Piotr Skubiszewski