

"RESEARCH IN POLAND" SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME: REGULATIONS

§ 1 1. These Regulations define the principles, conditions and procedure for scholarships under the scholarship Programme "Research in Poland".

2. The regulations do not violate:

- 1) The Act of March 25, 2011 on the Juliusz Mieroszewski Dialogue Centre (Journal of Laws 2024, item 1089);
- 2) The Ordinance of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of July 6, 2023 on scholarships within the scholarship Programmes of the Juliusz Mieroszewski Centre for Dialogue (Journal of Laws, item 1447).

§ 2. Definitions

- 1) The Centre is the Juliusz Mieroszewski Centre for Dialogue;
- 2) The Scholarship Programme is the "Research in Poland" scholarship programme
- 3) The Scholarship is a scholarship awarded under the "Research in Poland" scholarship Programme;
- 4) The scholarship recipient is a person awarded a scholarship under the "Research in Poland" scholarship Programme ";
- 5) The applicant is as a person applying for a scholarship under the "Research in Poland" scholarship Programme;
- 6) The Application is an application under the "Research in Poland" scholarship Programme.

Chapter 2 Scholarship Programme

§ 3 .1. The "Research in Poland" scholarship Programme is for foreigners conducting or intending to conduct in the territory of the Republic of Poland research activities concerning the history, politics, culture and heritage of the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe under the Juliusz Mieroszewski Centre for Dialogue.

2. A scholarship in a given call for applications may not be awarded to an applicant who has received the scholarship program called "Research in Poland" in the call announced in the previous calendar year.

3. The scholarship Programme under the name "Research in Poland" shall apply to research activities in the humanities or social sciences as in regulations issued under Article 5 (3) of

the Act of July 20, 2018. - Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2023, item 742,).^{1) 2)}

4. The scholarship may not cover expenses for:

- 1) purchase of electronic equipment;
- 2) activities funded by other activities or by other entities.

Chapter 3 **Type of scholarship**

§ 4. Scholarships will be awarded for scientific research referred to in § 2 item 1 of the Ordinance of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of July 6, 2023 on scholarships under the scholarship Programmes of the Juliusz Mieroszewski Centre for Dialogue.

Chapter 4 **Total funding for scholarships in the intake**

§ 5. The total funds allocated to scholarships are as laid down in the announcement of the call for applications.

Chapter 5 **Call for applications**

§ 6. Applications for scholarships under the scholarship Programme shall be conducted on a competitive basis.

§ 7.1. An applicant may submit only one application.

2. Submission of one application by several applicants together is not permitted.

§ 8. 1. The application shall be drawn up and submitted using the application generator available at the following address: <http://badajnpolsce.mieroszewski.pl/>, hereinafter referred to as the "application generator".

2. The submission of an application shall be subject to the prior registration of the applicant in the application generator, which will result in the activation of the applicant's account.

3. An electronic signature shall be not required for the submission of an application.

4. Upon submission of an application, the applicant shall receive a confirmation of its submission via the application generator.

5. The date of submission of the application shall be the date of issue of the confirmation of submission referred to in paragraph 4.

1) Amendments to the unified text of the aforementioned Act were announced in the 2023 Journal of Laws, items 1088, 1234, 1672, 1872 and 2005, and 2024, items 124, 227 and 1089.

2) For the classification of scientific fields and disciplines and artistic disciplines (in Polish and in English) see <https://www.gov.pl/attachment/2a837e45-4383-4c76-b39a-9b64b84100ed> .

§ 9. 1. The application shall contain the information referred to in § 7 (1) of the Ordinance of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of July 6, 2023 on scholarships under the scholarship Programmes of the Juliusz Mieroszewski Centre for Dialogue.

2. A model application is attached to the regulations.

§ 10. The applicant shall bear all costs of preparing and submitting the application.

§ 11.1. The deadline for applications shall be set in the announcement of the call for applications. Applications must be received by the Centre by that deadline.

2. Applications received after the deadline shall not be considered; the Centre's Director shall notify the applicant accordingly. Such applications are not returned to the applicant.

§ 12. The applicant shall be deemed to have been informed of the provisions of the Act of March 25, 2011 on the Juliusz Mieroszewski Centre for Dialogue and the Decree of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of July 6, 2023 on scholarships under the Centre's scholarship Programmes, and of these the Regulations.

Chapter 6 Evaluation of applications

§ 13.1. As soon as the application has been submitted, it shall be registered by assigning it an identification number in accordance with the designation in the Centre's filing system.

2. Letters relating to the application shall refer to the number referred to in paragraph 1.

§ 14.1. An application is assessed by both form and substance.

2. At any stage an applicant may ask in writing to withdraw from the scholarship procedure.

3. The formal evaluation of applications shall be carried out by the Director of the Centre or by an authorized Centre employee.

4. The substantive evaluation of the application shall be carried out by the Commission of Experts for Evaluating Scholarship Applications under the "Research in Poland", Scholarship Programme, hereinafter the "Commission of Experts".

§ 15. Formal evaluation checks that the application:

- 1) was submitted by a person authorized to submit it;
- 2) was submitted using the application generator;
- 3) was properly completed

- 4) includes the required information, statements and other attachments;
- 5) concerns the history, politics, culture and heritage of the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe;
- 6) pertains to the conduct of research in the humanities or social sciences under Article 5(3) of the Act of July 20, 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science;
- 7) pertains to the appropriate scholarship period.

§ 16. 1. The Director of the Centre shall not send to the Commission of Experts any application that does not meet these formal requirements.

2. Applications not meeting the formal requirements shall not be considered

§ 17. The criteria for evaluating applications on their merits are specified in § 8 paragraph 4 of the Ordinance of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of July 6 2023 on scholarships under the Centre's scholarship programmes

Chapter 7

Award or refusal of the scholarship

§ 18. Before issuing a decision on a scholarship, the Director of the Centre may ask the applicant to provide further explanations and information regarding the application.

§ 19 The Centre's Director either:

- 1) awards the scholarship;
- 2) refuses to award the scholarship.

§ 20.1. The decision of the Director of the Centre on a scholarship is final and may not be appealed.

2. The director of the Centre shall notify the applicant of the award or refusal of the scholarship within 7 days of the decision on the application.

3. Immediately after the decision on granting or refusing a scholarship The Director of the Centre shall post on the Centre's website: <https://mieszewski.pl/> and on the Centre's social media networks information on the total number of scholarships awarded

Chapter 8

Period, form and amount of the scholarship

§ 21. A scholarship is awarded for the period specified in the call for applications.

§ 22. A scholarship shall be awarded in the form and amount specified in the call for applications.

§ 23. The date and method of payment of the scholarship shall be as laid down in the scholarship agreement (see the model attached to the call for applications).

§ 24. 1. The amount of a scholarship shall not change during the period of the scholarship Programme.

2. In justified cases, a person who was granted a scholarship may, pursuant to para. 15 of the Ordinance of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of 6 July 2023 on scholarships under the scholarship programmes of the Juliusz Mieroszewski Centre for Dialogue, apply for an extension of the deadline for fulfilling the obligations set out in the scholarship agreement or request an increase in the amount of the scholarship granted.

§ 25. Within two weeks of receiving the application referred to in § 24 (2) the Director of the Centre shall decide on:

- 1) extending or not extending the deadline for performing the obligations in the grant agreement and specifying the length of any such extension;
- 2) increasing or not increasing the amount of the scholarship and specifying the amount of any increase;

§ 26. Income received from the scholarship as fringe benefits shall accrue to the scholarship recipient.

Chapter 9

Additional requirements to be met by applicants

§ 27. An applicant for a scholarship may be:

- 1) a foreigner who is an employee or associate of an academic, expert or think-tank institution with a proven track record in research on the history, politics, culture and heritage of the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe;
- 2) a foreigner without a doctoral degree or equivalent, pursuing a doctoral Programme or with a proven record of academic research on the history, political situation, culture and heritage of the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe.

Chapter 10

Scholarship agreement

§ 28. 1. The basis for payment of the scholarship shall be the scholarship agreement.

2. A model scholarship agreement is attached to the call for applications

§ 29.1. The grantee shall be provided with a draft agreement in electronic form.

2. The Scholarship Holder shall complete the draft scholarship agreement with the required data and information, affix a facsimile of his or her own handwritten signature and submit the scholarship agreement in electronic form in .pdf format to the following e-mail address: stypendia@mioszowski.pl.

3. The received scholarship agreement referred to in section 2 shall bear a qualified electronic signature, a trusted signature or a handwritten signature of the person indicated in the part of the Agreement concerning presentation of the Parties to represent the Centre.

4. The scholarship agreement shall be concluded on the day of its signing on behalf of the Centre in the manner referred to in paragraph 3.

5. The electronic document drawn up in the manner referred to in paragraph 3 shall be transmitted to the Scholarship Holder by e-mail to the address indicated in that Agreement for the delivery of correspondence.

§ 30. The scholarship recipient is expected to include in publications arising from the scholarship Programme a reference that reads "The publication was created under the scholarship Programme of the Juliusz Mioszowski Centre for Dialogue".

Chapter 11

Reporting and control

§ 31.1. The current results of the scholarship programme and reports on the implementation of the scholarship shall be drawn up and submitted using the application generator, observing the rules referred to in paragraph 8(3)-(5).

2. A report on work done under the scholarship shall be submitted by the date specified in the scholarship agreement.

3. A final report on work done under the scholarship shall be submitted within 15 days of the last day of implementation of the scholarship Programme.

4. A template of the interim and final report on work done under the scholarship shall be attached to the scholarship agreement.

§ 32. The applicant shall bear all costs associated with preparing and submitting information on the results of the scholarship Programme and work done thereunder

§ 33. 1. In case of doubts about work done under the Programme, the scholarship recipient shall provide additional information / explanations as requested.

2. The additional information and explanations on the current implementation results of the scholarship programme referred to in paragraph 1 shall be drawn up in electronic form, bearing a facsimile of the Scholarship Holder's handwritten signature, and submitted to the e-mail address: stypendia@mioszowski.pl.

§ 34.1. Evaluation of the report on work done under the scholarship shall be made within 15 days of its receipt

2. In case of doubts about the scholarship report, the scholarship recipient is obliged to provide within the prescribed period:

1) additional information and clarification

2) make appropriate additions or corrections and submit a revised version.

3. The revised report referred to in paragraph 2.2 shall be drawn up and submitted using the application generator, in compliance with the rules referred to in para. 8.3-5.

§ 35. 1. The Director of the Centre shall approve the report on work done under the scholarship and on the use of the scholarship stipend unless there is:

1) any discrepancy between the scholarship programme presented in the application and the completed scholarship programme, the expenses covered by the scholarship, and the schedule of implementation of the scholarship programme; or

2) any material misconduct affecting the obligations in the scholarship agreement.

2. The Director of the Centre shall refuse to approve the scholarship report if the deficiencies referred to in paragraph 1 are found, and the scholarship recipient:

1) did not provide within the prescribed period explanations for this report, or the explanations confirmed doubts about the report;

2) did not submit within the prescribed period a corrected report, or the corrected report raises further questions.

3. The grantee shall be notified of the decision referred to in paragraph (2).

§ 36. The decision of the Director of the Centre on approval of the report is final and cannot be appealed.

§ 37. The Centre may inspect:

1) scholarship settlements;

2) performance of the grant agreement.

§ 38.1. To help control the scholarship agreement, the Centre may call on the scholarship recipient to submit within a specified time additional information and explanations.

2. If the grantee does not provide within the prescribed period additional explanations and information, the Director of the Centre shall review the grant agreement

Cancelling a scholarship

§ 39. Reasons for cancelling a scholarship include:

- 1) the grantee stops doing research activities during the period of the scholarship;
- 2) the grantee fails submit a report within the specified period;
- 3) the grantee fails to provide additional information and explanations on the results of the scholarship Programme within the prescribed period;
- 4) the grantee fails to submit a corrected report on work done under the scholarship within the prescribed period;
- 5) the grantee asks to end the scholarship;
- 6) the grantee behaves in a way detrimental to the interests of the Centre.

§ 40. 1. The Director of the Centre in notifying a scholarship's cancellation shall withhold payment of subsequent tranches of the scholarship and request repayment of the tranches of the scholarship received so far.

2. The amount of undue scholarship received shall be refunded with statutory interest, calculated from the date of occurrence of the event referred to in § 39 until the date of repayment of the scholarship to the Centre's bank account, the number of which is indicated in the scholarship agreement.

3. If the grantee has been unable to fulfil the obligations specified in the grant agreement due to events outside his or her control, the Centre may waive the demand for reimbursement

Chapter 13

Unsuccessful termination of scholarship proceedings

§ 41. 1. The scholarship procedure shall be terminated without awarding any scholarship if:

- 1) No application is received;
- 2) All submitted applications fail to meet the specified standards

2. Notice of the termination of the scholarship procedure shall be posted on the Centre's website <https://mierszewski.pl/> under Competitions/Scholarships/Research in Poland and on the Centre's social media profiles

Chapter 14

Archiving documents

§ 42. A grantee shall be obliged to keep records on fulfilment of the obligations in the scholarship agreement for a period of 5 years, starting from January 1 of the year following the year in which the implementation of the scholarship Programme was completed.