

GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH, GSSR

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Announces

Competition for the position **PhD-scholarship in Sociology**

Supported via the Belarusian Scholarships Fund (BiaFuS) from the Leaders of Change Foundation established by the Polish- American Freedom Foundation and IFiS PAN

The BiaFuS scholarships program is a joint program of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences (IFiS PAN) and the Leaders of Change Foundation financed within the Lane Kirkland Scholarship Program sponsored by the Polish- American Freedom Foundation.

A monthly stipend of 3780 PLN net (i.e. after mandatory taxes /deductions) will be awarded to one outstanding candidate from Belarus accepted to the GSSR doctoral program in Sociology following this Call. Preference will be given to active citizens currently living in Belarus who plan academic research projects also relevant to the development of their countries, and who have not completed Masters studies in Poland.

BiaFuS Stipends are payable for 12 months of each academic year of the PhD program. Stipend holders will be required also to take part in some events organized in the framework of the Lane Kirkland Program including a Polish language course (if necessary), and meetings of Program participants held in different Polish towns (ca. 10 days in total).

About GSSR

The Graduate School for Social Research, GSSR (gssr.edu.pl) is housed in the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology (IFiS), Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN). IFiS launched GSSR in 1992. Under Poland's 2018 Law of Higher Education, we broadened our organizational and training scope through a formalized collaboration with PAN Institutes of Psychology (IP) and Political Studies (IPS), under IFiS' leadership.

At GSSR we offer English-language doctoral training that leads to PhD degrees in Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology. The defining features of our innovative doctoral studies curriculum, realized in day mode, are:

- Learning-through-Research, implemented via student participation in all stages of the research process, along experienced faculty in Poland and abroad.
- Classroom Training, implemented via mandatory and optional courses, summer schools, workshops, and seminars
gssr.edu.pl/doctoral-school/pphd-programme-in-philosophy-and-sociology/ccourses
- Ongoing assessment of students' doctoral progress.

The interaction of these training policies fosters acquisition of expert, transferable and soft skills, and enables our PhD students to do a top-level doctoral dissertation and publish in acclaimed scholarly outlets within GSSR's 4-year English-language program.

The official inauguration of the 2021-2022 academic year at GSSR is scheduled for October 15, 2021 at 14:00.

Eligibility

Graduates of a foreign higher education institution with the degree of *magisterium* or its equivalent and who are Belarusians, may apply for the BiaFuS PhD scholarship in Sociology at GSSR. Preference will be given to active citizens currently living in Belarus who plan academic research

projects also relevant to the development of their country, and who have not completed Masters studies in Poland. Applicants must have strong academic qualifications, research skills and the ability to fluently communicate in English, both orally and in writing.

How to apply

Candidates interested in participating in the competition are invited to submit the following documents via email to Aleksandra Filipowicz (sns@ifispan.edu.pl) by **September 30, 17:00 CET**.

1. Cover letter (max. 750 words) describing your experience to date in the given discipline, your academic interests, your aims, and the reasons for your choice of the GSSR as the place for your academic development. In English.
2. Academic Curriculum Vitae containing a list of publications, presentations at conferences and other scientific achievements. In English
3. Concise description of your planned research (max. 1500 words plus bibliography) stating your research question, explanation of why it is important for your chosen discipline. Explain how you will approach the problem, and where possible, state your hypotheses, how you expect to conduct your research, and the expected outcome(s). In English
4. Letter(s) of recommendation – not more than two with at least one from your MA thesis supervisor or from a person who is familiar with your academic achievements and aptitude for conducting your own research. In English.
5. Scan of the Master's diploma.
6. Sample of writing (e.g., report, article, master's thesis chapter) in English.

Information about the selection process

The selection process has two stages and involves close scrutiny of each application. In the first stage, the Application Review Commission assesses the submitted documents from a formal point of view, and analyzes the candidates' applications in terms of the potential substantive contribution of each candidate to GSSR. In addition, the Commission evaluates the degree to which a candidate's research project matches the scientific themes and profile of IFiS. The outcome of the commission's review is identifying up to three candidates who may proceed to the second stage of the competition.

Stage Two of the selection process involves personal interviews conducted in English and online. During the interview the commission will ask questions related to the candidate's research project and academic achievements. Regardless of the discipline of the studies already completed by the candidate, the interview may also test the candidate's knowledge of the fundamental issues addressed in the discipline of the candidates proposed thesis.

Candidates selected for Stage 2 will be informed electronically about dates of interview by October 6. Online interviews will be scheduled for October 7 and 8. The successful applicant will have strong academic qualifications, research skills, and a good command of spoken and written English.

Candidates will be notified of their application outcome by October 11. The results will be communicated via email and registered post.

Please attach the following clause to your cover letter:

Consent to the processing of personal data

I consent to the processing of my personal data (name, phone number, e-mail address, photo and other information contained in the application documents) by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, based in Warsaw, ul. Nowy Świat 72 for recruitment purposes.

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Signature of the candidate

Please also read the Information regarding the processing of personal data:
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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 personal data processed as part of the recruitment process is the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, ul. Nowy Świat 72, 00-330 Warsaw.
2. Contact with the personal data protection officer is possible at: Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, ul. Nowy Świat 72, 00-330 Warsaw, e-mail: iod@ifispan.waw.pl
3. Personal data (and contact details - if provided) will be processed for the purpose of conducting the current recruitment procedure on the basis of expressed consent (art.6 par.1 lit.a RODO).
4. The data subject has the right to withdraw consent at any time without affecting the lawfulness of the processing that was carried out on the basis of consent before its withdrawal. Withdrawal of consent takes place by sending a message to the e-mail address: sns@ifispan.edu.pl
5. Personal data will not be transferred to third parties and international organizations.
6. The data collected in the recruitment process will be stored for no more than 6 months from the deadline for submitting documents.
7. The data subject has the right to access their personal data, request their rectification or deletion. Submitting a request to delete data is tantamount to resignation from participation in the recruitment process conducted by IFiS PAN. In addition, she has the right to request restriction of processing in the cases specified in art. 18 *GDPR*.
8. The data subject has the right to lodge a complaint with the President of the Office for Personal Data Protection for unlawful processing of his personal data. This office will be competent to consider the complaint, but the right to lodge a complaint relates only to the lawfulness of personal data processing, and not to the recruitment process.
9. Providing the data contained in the recruitment documents is not mandatory, however, it is a prerequisite for participation in the recruitment process.

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