

Rules for a scholarship to be held
in the companies of the Western and Northern Territories Network Consortium

These regulations determine the rules of a contest in which the prize is a research scholarship to be undertaken in the companies of the Western and Northern Territories Network Consortium and the rules of the implementation of this scholarship.

§1 Organizer of the scholarship

The organizer of the scholarship is the Ośrodek „Pamięć i Przyszłość” in Wrocław. The scholarship will be assumed within the Western and Northern Territories Network consortium, which includes:

1. Państwowy Instytut Naukowy – Instytut Śląski in Opole
2. Instytut Zachodni im. Z. Wojciechowskiego in Poznań
3. Ośrodek Badań Naukowych im. W. Kętrzyńskiego in Olsztyn
4. Centrum Dialogu „Przełomy” in Szczecin
5. Ośrodek „Pamięć i Przyszłość” in Wrocław

hereinafter called the institutions of the Network.

§2 Scholarship

1. The scholarship is addressed at young researchers from abroad who are under 35 years of age, and whose research topics relate to the past and present of the lands that were incorporated into Poland as a result of World War II, in particular:

- a. state policy towards the Western and Northern Territories, the former German lands incorporated into the Polish state in 1945,
- b. cooperation and cultural relations, and social relations between these territories and other regions in Poland and neighbouring countries,
- c. ethnic, cultural, linguistic, economic and religious issues occurring in these areas,
- d. research on contemporary trends and their development,
- e. research on collective memory.

2. The duration of the scholarship is from 1 to 3 months. In exceptional cases, the duration may be extended.

3. The scholarship can be taken up between 1 May and 30 November.

§3 Candidate profile

1. The scholarship holder must be a person who:
 - a. holds a nationality other than Polish,
 - b. is no older than 35 years of age,
 - c. is a graduate in the humanities or social sciences,
 - d. is conducting research concerning the past or the present of the Western and Northern Territories,
 - e. has a communicative knowledge of Polish and fluent English or German.

§4 Finance

1. The organizer grants a scholarship in the amount of PLN 5400,00 net monthly.
2. The organizer will not cover the costs of travel from and to the place of residence.
3. The organizer covers the recipient's travel expenses related to travelling between institutions of the Network related to the implementation of the scholarship.
4. Payment of funds is made in monthly instalments at the beginning of each month on the basis of a bilateral agreement between the scholarship recipient and the organizer.
5. In special cases, at the request of the recipient, the scholarship may be extended. A request for an extension of the scholarship must be submitted no later than one month before the end of the scholarship.
6. The recipient may apply for another scholarship one year after the end of the scholarship.
7. The organizer has the right to suspend payment of the grant and request a refund of funds paid in the event that the scholarship recipient:
 - a. does not fulfil the obligations contained in § 5 of these regulations,
 - b. violates the principles of scientific integrity.
8. The organizer determines the number of grants each year.

§ 5. Implementation of the scholarship

1. The scholarship recipient will take up the scholarship at the chosen time or at a time previously agreed with the organizer and the institution of the Network in which the scholarship will be executed.
2. The scholarship recipient will conduct the research project at a chosen institution of the Network (at least one) and will take active part in its life, both scientific and cultural.
3. During the period of the implementation of the scholarship, the scholarship recipient has an obligation to stay in the chosen city of the network, together with the possibility of carrying out field research in all the libraries and archives in the city and region.
4. During the period of the implementation of the scholarship, the scholarship recipient will have a supervisor who is a researcher employed in the institution of the Network in which the research project is to be conducted or another educational institution in the city. The scholarship recipient can propose a supervisor.
5. The scholarship recipient has a duty to consult on the progress of his/her research with his /her academic supervisor.
6. The scholarship recipient is obliged to present his/her research project at a seminar at the beginning of the scholarship at the organizer's headquarters (in Wrocław).

7. The scholarship recipient is obliged to present the results of the research carried out under the scholarship at a summary seminar, at a centre indicated by the organizer.
8. In the course of the scholarship or within 3 months after the end of the scholarship the recipient is required to provide the organizer with a scientific review of the research undertaken as part of the scholarship (in Polish or English).
9. Within 3 months after the end of the scholarship the recipient is obliged to provide the organizer with a scholarly article (in Polish or English) presenting the results of research conducted during the scholarship. After receiving positive reviews, it will be published in "Rocznik Ziem Zachodnich".
10. The institution of the network in which the scholarship is undertaken will provide access to research facilities (its own archives and library) and an office (work place, Internet and office equipment).
11. The organizer reserves the right to organize an academic seminar for scholars receiving a scholarship at the same time at which participation is mandatory.
12. The scholarship recipient is obliged to inform the organizer about any change of personal data or any decision to cease academic work.

§6 Application

1. Application for the scholarship consists of a Scholarship Application Form that is in the annex to these regulations.
2. The application should be submitted in electronic form to the following email address: scholar@szip.pl
3. The application must be accompanied by:
 - a) A CV,
 - b) A copy of a document certifying completion of a university degree in the humanities or social studies,
 - c) A cover letter in Polish (max 1500 characters),
 - d) Tutor's/Supervisor's reference in Polish, German, or English (for PhD students),
 - e) A reference from an independent researcher working for a scientific unit (for those candidates who are not affiliated to any scientific or research unit),
 - f) Description of the research project to be realized during the scholarship in Polish, German or English (max. 7000 characters),
 - g) Optional: list of publications,
 - h) Consent to the processing of personal data for the purposes of the contest.
4. The set of documents should be sent by 31 March 2017 to the email address indicated above
5. Incomplete applications and those submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

§7 Conclusion

1. The Director of the Ośrodek "Pamięć i Przyszłość" in Wrocław (hereinafter referred to as the Director of the Centre) will appoint the scholarship commission, to include representatives of the institutions of the Network.
2. The scholarship Committee will evaluate those submitted applications that meet the formal requirements. The commission will award the scholarship to the best candidate(s) from among those applying for the scholarship.

3. When assessing applications, the Commission in exceptional cases has the right to nominate a centre other than the one indicated in the application to realize the scholarship together with a different tutor.
4. Announcement of the results of the selection process will take place no later than 14 April 2017.
5. The list of scholarship winners will be publicly announced on the website www.szzip.pl, and winners will be notified by email.
6. The scholarship commission's decision is final and is not open to appeal.
7. The Commission is not obliged to explain why an application was rejected.
8. In the case of applications of insufficient quality, the organizer reserves the right not to award any grant and to announce a new call for scholarship applications.

§8. Final provisions

1. Any issues related to the conduct of the competition shall be resolved by the Director of the Centre.
2. These regulations, together with the annexes, are available in digital format on both the organizer's website and those of all the institutions from the Network and a paper version may be consulted in the organizer's headquarters.
3. Any changes to these rules must be approved by the Director of the Centre via a separate resolution.
4. Participation in the competition implies awareness of and consent to its terms and conditions.