

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 Organiser of the scholarship

The organiser of the scholarship is the Ośrodek “Pamięć i Przyszłość” (The “Remembrance and Future” Centre) 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 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 one to three months. In exceptional cases, the duration may be extended.

3. The scholarship can be taken up between 1 April and 30 November 2019.

§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 of 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 is fluent in English or German.

§4 Finance

1. The organiser grants a scholarship in the amount of PLN 5,400 net monthly.
2. The organiser will not cover the costs of travel from and to the place of residence.
3. The organiser 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 organiser.
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 organiser 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 organiser 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 organiser 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 is obliged 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 its 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 their research with their academic supervisor.
6. The scholarship recipient is obliged to present their research project at a seminar at the beginning of the scholarship at the organiser'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 organiser.
8. In the course of the scholarship or within three months after the end of the scholarship the recipient is required to provide the organiser with a scientific review of the research undertaken as part of the scholarship (in Polish or English).
9. Within three months after the end of the scholarship the recipient is obliged to provide the organiser 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 organiser reserves the right to organise 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 organiser about any change of personal data or any decision to cease academic work.

§6 Application

1. The 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@szzip.pl

3. The application must be accompanied by:
 - a) A CV,
 - b) A copy of a document certifying completion of a university degree in 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 fulfilled 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 15 January 2019 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 fulfil the scholarship together with a different tutor.
4. The announcement of the results of the selection process will take place no later than 28 February 2019.
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 organiser 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 organiser's website and those of all the institutions from the Network and a paper version may be obtained at the organiser'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.