THE CENTRE FOR EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW
announces the XIX annual qualifying contest for

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S C H O L A R S H I P S

25 scholarships to be granted to candidates from: Eastern Europe, Balkans, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

The scholarships will be granted to students of 2-year master's course in EASTERN STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW" from 1 October 2021 to 30 June 2023. Until now, in the years 2000-2020 the study centre welcomed a total of approximately 400 scholarship holders of this scholarship programme from over 25 countries.

Conditions and scope of the scholarship programme and the requirements posed to the candidates - see the folder or the website for details
www.studium.uw.edu.pl

Two-year master's course, offering students 5 specialisations, provides thorough educational background for specialists in "Eastern affairs". SPECIALIST EASTERN STUDIES were inaugurated in 1998 by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, Jerzy Buzek. The study centre also offers POSTGRADUATE EASTERN STUDIES, UNDERGRADUATE EASTERN STUDIES AND EASTERN STUDIES IN UKRAINE, run according to the Study programme.

The study centre is also a co-organiser of other Scholarship Programmes, School programmes and Awards, including K. Kalinowski Scholarship Programme sposnored by the Government of the Republic of Poland, Lane Kirkland Scholarship Programme, Polish Government Scholarship Programme for Young Scientists, Lew Sapieha Award, Ivan Wyhowski Award, T. Filipowicz Award, Eastern Summer School, Eastern Winter School and Warsaw East European Conference. In addition, Eastern European Studies of the University of Warsaw are run in Tbilisi and Kiev, at: Caucasian and Kiev centres.

I. CANDIDATES

1. CANDIDATES are recruited from all countries of Eastern Europe, the Balkan countries not being part of the European Union, as well as the Caucasus and Central Asia. For applicants from Russia, the country which is not an official beneficiary of the Polish development cooperation programme, the studies are offered upon payment.

2. The PREFERRED candidates are those, who are in the position to demonstrate their past academic accomplishments or their past organisational activity, the candidates, whose past activities and achievements may offer them with an opportunity of profiting of the acquired specialisation in their own countries in various areas of academic or public life.

II. CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

1. The STUDY COURSE runs for 2 years (4 study terms), and the scholarship is paid out to students during the academic year for 9 months running. Upon fulfilment of the conditions specified in detail in the contract concluded with scholarship holder, it is possible to extend the scholarship by a maximum of 1 month for the first and second year of the study course.

2. The study PROGRAMME covers the issues linked to history and present day of Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and the entire post-communist region, it focuses on history, national and political science-linked affairs, and it also includes elements of the history of art, literature, culture, sociology, geography, demography, law, economics, etc. The programme also embraces a study course of 1 regional language.

3. THE STUDY COURSE is broken down to five specialisation areas:
a) Eastern Europe
b) Central Europe
c) Balkans
d) Russia
e) the Caucasus & Central Asia

4. The "Eastern Studies" PROGRAMME is covered by Polish lecturers (Eastern Europe Studies academic staff) and a selection of visiting lecturers.

5. THE SCHOLARSHIP COVERAGE:
a. Foreign students are exempted from fee payment for studying at the University of Warsaw (€ 3,000 per year),
b. Scholarship offered to foreign candidates upon presenting certificate of master's degree (PLN 1,500 / month net),
c. Polish language course (2 study terms),
d. Regional language course (4 study terms),
e. Partial coverage of the costs of a study tour (during the first year of study).

6. The CONDITION for receiving the scholarship is meeting the requirements set out in the Regulations and in the study programme, as well as drafting a complete master's thesis in the Polish language.

7. IN THE EVENT of a failure to meet the conditions of the scholarship programme or if student makes no progress is the study course, the payment of the scholarship may be discontinued.

III. SCHOLARSHIP CONTRACT

1. At the start of academic year, Scholarship holder signs the contract with the Study Centre for Eastern Europe Studies of the University of Warsaw.
2. The contract is concluded for the duration of the study course.
3. The contract specifies the terms and conditions for scholarship award, as well as the rights and obligations of the parties concerned.
4. In the event of a failure to complete the 1st (winter) study term, the scholarship award may be suspended, both, during the 1st and 2nd year of the study course. The issues of concern have been covered in detail in the Regulations and in the Agreement.

IV. REQUIREMENTS

1. COMPLETED master's study course or equivalent (master's degree certificate or specialist degree certificate), preferably in humanities; evidence of academic research work done would be an asset, or else some practice and organisational experience gained in the field of "Eastern Studies".

2. AGE criterion: up to 30 years

3. General comprehension of the issues of Eastern Europe, Central Europe, Russia, Central Asia and the Caucasus, especially of the 20th century period and of contemporary issues, predominantly pertaining to the post World War II period, and more specifically post 1991.

4. PASSING of written test on general knowledge (range of issues covered as per point 3) and positive outcome of interview.

5. KNOWLEDGE of the Polish language at level B2 will be tested during the interview.

6. KNOWLEDGE of English and Russian languages at a level letting students follow the lectures and comprehend academic literature.

V. DOCUMENTS

1. A COPY of certificate of master's degree (see IV-1).

2. A fully completed candidate questionnaire for "Eastern Studies" (available at www.studium.uw.edu.pl website).

3. CONCISE (up to 2 page long) cover letter written in Polish language in support of the application for the Scholarship, comprising candidate's plans in the context of successful completion of "Eastern Studies" course, indicating particular specialisation of the Study course that candidate would like to opt for (as per the list of available specialisations, see II-3).

4. CV drafted (in the English language), listing the latest events first, provided along with a candidate's photograph.

5. A LIST of all professional publications - for people working as academics or else a list of accomplished works, achievements, and projects - for people being recruited from outside of the academic field.

6. CERTIFICATE of knowledge of the Polish language (B2).

7. OPTIONALLY, any other data, documents or information which, in candidate's opinion, may assist the qualification committee in assessing his or her application appropriately.

VI. APPLICATIONS

1. A COMPLETE SET of documents should be sent by e-mail at the latest **up to 20 March 2021** at the email address: stypendia.studium@uw.edu.pl

2. WITHIN **30 April 2021** the Qualification Committee of the Eastern European Studies will conclude the 1st stage of the admission procedure and will qualify selected candidates to the 2nd and 3rd stage of the admission procedure; both groups of candidates will be immediately notified of the outcomes by email.

3. CANDIDATES selected for participating in the following stages of the admission procedure: i.e. 2nd stage (written test) and 3rd stage (interview) will be asked to fulfill subsequent qualification requirements before the members of the Committee, within **1 May – 15 June 2021** period. Admission procedure will be conducted on the premises of the diplomatic missions of the Republic of Poland or, in exceptional cases, in Poland. A detailed schedule of the procedure will be announced separately.

4. FINAL decision on the admission of candidates will be based on the qualification procedure results and will be taken by the Committee within **15 July 2021**. The Committee will announce the list of shortlisted scholarship holders of the 19th Scholarship Qualifying Contest for the "Eastern Studies".

5. Candidates with poorer knowledge of Polish or English language who in spite of this will pass the examination with very good result will be qualified conditionally, and will be obliged to improve their language skills through self-study. Subsequently, they will be asked to a re-sit their exam in the second half of November.

VII. STUDY COURSE

1. The study course ACTIVITIES will start **in September** with an adaptation course for “Eastern Studies” programme of the University of Warsaw.

2. Foreign SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS will avail of the same mid-term breaks, winter and summer vacations just like Polish students.

3. A SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER who fulfills all of the programme-posed requirements, who passes each study term and who submits and subsequently defends his master’s thesis - will be granted a certificate of 2-year complementary master's degree course in "Eastern Studies" of the University of Warsaw.

4. This CERTIFICATE is a full-fledged document being evidence of completion of third level education in Poland, recognised in line with applicable regulations in other European Union countries.

Kindly make your posters and leaflets available to all interested candidates.
These materials are also available on our website.