

Temporary scholarship programme for refugee researchers

from Ukraine, Belarus and Russia

**in accordance with the scholarship regulations of the
Leibniz Institute for History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO) e.V.**

Preliminary remarks

In view of the humanitarian catastrophe triggered by the Russian attack on Ukraine on 24 February 2022 and the violent repression of critical civil society in Belarus and Russia, the Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO) e.V. sees it as its task to support refugee academics in their work with a special "Ukraine" scholarship.

To this end, it offers a simplified scholarship programme for academics from the above-mentioned regions in accordance with § 2 Para. 1 of the GWZO statutes of 27.11.2017 and the GWZO scholarship regulations (as of 22.12.2020), which is initially valid until 31.12.2023.

A. General

The GWZO supports refugee academics from Ukraine, Belarus and Russia in the field of humanities and cultural studies for a period of up to six months.

To this end, it awards scholarships within the scope of its budgetary possibilities to outstanding doctoral and post-doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers with comparable achievements or functions for research projects on the history and culture of Eastern Europe from the Early Middle Ages to the present.

The GWZO supports refugee scientists in the continuation of their research projects, which had to be discontinued due to the war and violence in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia. Within the scope of its possibilities, the GWZO tries to provide perspectives for their further research work in Germany or other countries by supporting staff members with applications to other funding institutions.

B. Type and amount of funding

The GWZO scholarships from this special programme are aimed at applicants from Ukraine, irrespective of their nationality, and applicants from Belarus and Russia, provided they can demonstrate distance from the regime.

The amount of the GWZO scholarship is monthly:

1,500 € for all scientists.

Subject to the budgetary resources available, the regular scholarship payments may be supplemented by the following grants:

- Monthly material subsidy 200 €

III. special scholarships for refugee academics

Special scholarships are awarded to academics from Ukraine, Belarus and Russia for a period of up to six months (usually 3 + 3 months), provided they can demonstrate their distance from the regime.

The granting of scholarships requires a successful completion of studies or a doctorate and/or habilitation.

The application should include a project description of 2,500 to 5,000 characters (with spaces and bibliography) as well as information on the motivation and reasons for the application.

Additional documents may be requested for the detailed examination of the applications (list of publications, thesis, etc.).

C. Applications

Applications are possible **at any time** and will be decided at short notice.

The application for a scholarship is to be **submitted** in German, English, Russian, Polish or Ukrainian **to the Director of the GWZO**.

The cover letter and all application documents should be sent in a single PDF document to: foerderung@leibniz-gwzo.de.

Each application must contain precise information about:

- the topic and the research question of the research project,
- the source or literature situation,
- the status of the preliminary work (2-3 pages in total),
- the starting date and the requested scholarship duration
- Information on language skills.

The application must be accompanied by:

- a curriculum vitae showing the academic career,
- brief information on the applicant's financial situation (current income, scholarships, etc.) and on any funding already granted by other institutions for the research project,
- a declaration that no paid employment will be entered into for the requested scholarship period,
- If applicable, proof of income from other scholarships during the funding period applied for,
- a certificate of the last academic qualification (degree, doctorate, habilitation),
- *if available*, an expert opinion from the academic supervisor or another designated subject representative. The report should provide information on the scientific aptitude of the applicant and explain to what extent language skills are available and knowledge of the research institutions to be visited is already available,
- proof of health insurance for the stay in Germany (can be submitted later).

Individual documents can be submitted later in the event of a flight situation.

D. Granting of scholarships

The scholarships are selected by the director of the GWZO on the basis of an internal review by the GWZO scholarship committee established at the GWZO and, if necessary, personal interviews.

E. Duties of the scholarship holder

By accepting a scholarship, the scholarship holder undertakes to

- to concentrate the full manpower on the research project,
- to participate in the relevant scientific events of the Institute. Participate in the relevant scientific events of the Institute,
- to hold an initial and final interview with the director and the responsible head of department,
- inform the responsible departmental management on an ongoing basis about the progress of the work and send a comprehensive final report no later than two months after the end of the funding,
- Changes in personal circumstances must be reported to the administration immediately, in the event of publication of the research results, to send the GWZO a free copy of the publication. Acceptance must be confirmed in writing by the scholarship holder.

F. Revocation and recovery

There is no legal entitlement to a scholarship from the GWZO. The granting of a scholarship is dependent on an expert opinion on the part of the GWZO, which reserves the right to obtain further external expert opinions if necessary. In justified exceptional cases, the institute's management may extend the duration of a scholarship. If the research project receives additional financial support from another institution during the fellowship period, this will be offset against the amount of the GWZO fellowship. A simultaneous employment relationship is generally excluded for the duration of the funding by the GWZO.

The Director (Board) of the GWZO may revoke the granting of the scholarship with effect for the future if

- a) a successful completion of the research project seems impossible,
- b) the scholarship has been obtained through false information; or
- c) obligations mentioned under point E. have not been met.

In serious cases of b) or c), the Directorate/Director of the GWZO may reclaim the scholarship amounts paid out.

The GWZO expressly points out that the granting of a scholarship does not constitute an employment relationship. The scholarship recipient is responsible for the declaration and payment of any taxes and social security contributions resulting from the scholarship.

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