



**Scholarship Program
of the Government of Poland
for Young Scientists
24rd edition
academic year 2026/2027**

**or candidates from: Eastern Europe,
and Central Asia and Caucasus countries**

**The scholarships will be intended for a research stay at Polish higher
education institutions in the period
from September 2026 to June 2027**

**Terms and scope of the scholarship and requirements for the candidates
– see in the folder or at www.studium.uw.edu.pl**

I. CANDIDATES

1. **The „Scholarship Program for Young Scientists,” initiated in 2003**, is addressed to candidates from: Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. In the academic year of 2026/27, the XXIVth edition of the Programme will be held.
2. Preferred are the candidates who have already had some scientific achievements and/or organisation activity and whose former activity gives the highest hopes of being the vehicle for using the specialisation acquired in Poland in their countries, in various disciplines of scientific life and social activity.
3. Scholarships are granted to further the research project as part of the scientific traineeship.
4. Each qualified candidate can obtain the scholarship once for a specific time which cannot be extended save for extraordinary circumstances.
5. The total duration of the traineeship and the language course is **10 months**, and the stay can be extended by one month, **July 2027**, if the program coordinator applies for such an extension having consulted the tutor. The terms are specified in the Agreement and the Rules of the Program. The possible extended scholarship will end on **31st July 2027**.
6. The people with the satisfactory knowledge of the Polish language will start the programme on **1 September 2026** with the Preparatory Course at the University of Warsaw, which will include general lectures and a supplementary course in the Polish language.
7. In the case of scholarship holders accepted for the traineeship who have very poor knowledge of Polish, the Program will start on **1st August 2026** with a introductory language course. In such a case, the scholarship can last even **12 months** in total.
8. The scholarship (studies) at the already assigned specific higher education institutions will start on **1 October 2026** and will end on **30th June 2027**.
9. The scholarship amount is PLN 1800.00 net. The scholarship holders use this amount to cover their lodging, board and insurance. Upon arrival, the scholarship holders sign an agreement defining the terms and conditions of payment of the scholarship as well as the rights and duties of the parties.
10. The scholarship amount is paid only to the people who remain in Poland during the scholarship and who do not collect any other scholarship amounts.
11. The full set of documents has to be sent by e-mail at **stypendia.studium@uw.edu.pl** by **1st March 2026**.
12. The competent consulates of the Republic of Poland will grant visas valid until **31st July 2027** to the people who receive the scholarship.

II. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed higher studies (4- or 5-year studies ending with the defence of the Bachelor's thesis, the diploma thesis or the Master's thesis), first and foremost with the major in the humanities: history, international relations, political sciences, journalism, sociology, ethnology, cultural studies, social psychology, administration and management, law and related majors..
2. Age of the candidates: **up to 35 years**.
3. General literacy in the issues of one of the specified disciplines or related disciplines, particularly in the period from the 19th century to the 21st century.
4. Knowledge of the Polish language guaranteeing good comprehension of the lectures in the discipline of the candidate and usage of the literature (see I(6) and (7)).

5. In exceptional cases, people without any knowledge of the Polish language can be qualified. However, such scholarship holders will be **obliged to learn the language independently** after they receive a notice of qualification and will take an intensive introductory course in the Polish language in **August 2026** (see I(7)).
6. The applications of people studying or being on any traineeships or scholarships in Poland will be rejected.

III. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. A copy of the diploma of completion of studies equivalent to the Polish first-cycle studies (as a minimum) or the Polish second-cycle studies or a certificate of current doctoral studies.
2. The candidate questionnaire (available at www.studium.uw.edu.pl).
3. A brief motivational letter with justification why the given major has been selected (in the Polish or English language).
4. Research work design (in Polish or English).
5. CV in Polish or English providing details in order from the latest events with a photo.
6. A list of publications, achievements and pursued professional projects.
7. Certificates confirming the knowledge of the Polish and English language.
8. Any other details, documents or information that could – according to the candidate – help the Qualification Board evaluate his or her candidature properly.

IV. QUALIFICATION MODE

1. The final date for application submittal is **1st March 2026**.
2. Candidates are qualified in two stages:
 - a) The first stage involves a qualification carried out by a board in Warsaw on the basis of the sent document – people will be selected for further stages **by 20 April 2026**.
 - b) The second stage of qualification consists in interviews of the candidates (online) held by field Qualification Boards in the period **from 1st May to 14 June 2026** (detailed dates will be determined after the end of the first stage).
3. Information of the detailed date and place of interviews will be provided to the candidates by the Centre for East European Studies.
4. The qualification results will be communicated to the candidates by the Centre for East European Studies around **10th July 2026**.
5. They will be informed on the assignment to the specific university in Poland by the Centre for East European Studies at the University of Warsaw – the coordinator of the Program – by **15th September 2026**.



V. ORGANISATIONAL SERVICE

AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP

1. The Centre for East European Studies at the University of Warsaw ensures academic coordination during the scholarship and assigns the scholarship holders to the higher education institutions in Poland.
2. The higher education institutions to which the scholarship holders are directed appoint scientific supervisors (tutors) who provide scientific care to the scholarship holders and will be the supervisors of their diploma theses. The Centre for East European Studies at the University of Warsaw will notify individual scholarship holders of the assigned higher education institution and tutor.
3. The scholarship holders are obliged to hold a treatment cost insurance policy covering the term of scholarship stay – taken out in their own country or in Poland.
4. The scholarship holders cover the costs of travel to and from Poland.
5. The obligations of the scholarship holders include:
 - a) arrangement of the year-long stay program with the scientific supervisor (tutor) appointed by the higher education institution;
 - b) determination of the scope and topic of the diploma thesis with the tutor;
 - c) determination with the tutor of 2 topics of papers (a part of the diploma thesis) to be delivered **in January and May 2027**;
 - d) participation in and passing of at least 5 academic classes per week (seminars, lectures etc.) in line with the theme of the stay, including – mandatorily – classes held by the tutor and, if possible, methodology classes in field of specialisation of the scholarship holder;
 - e) participation in additional classes in the Polish language for 1 semester and passing of these classes;
 - f) continued contact with the tutor in the form of weekly consultations;
 - g) preparation of a diploma thesis at least 50 pages long with proper back matter, written in the Polish language;
 - h) defence (presentation as part of the tutor's seminar) of the diploma thesis by **20 June 2027**.
6. If the diploma holder fails to fulfil the above obligations or violates the law of Poland, the regulations of the higher education institution or the general rules of community life, his or her scholarship can be suspended. The details can be found in the Rules and in the Agreement.
7. The diplomas of completion of the „Scholarship Program of the Government of Poland for Young Scientists” will be awarded in Warsaw, **in the last week of June 2027**.