



Fundacja “Instytut *Artes Liberales*” (FIAL)
“*Artes Liberales* Institute” Foundation

Grant for a research stay

at the “*Artes Liberales* Institute” Foundation and the Faculty of “*Artes Liberales*”

Research stay is offered within the Open Society Foundations Global Dialogues project. The purpose of the FIAL project is to support the development of the milieu of academics and researchers (coming from Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine) active in the field of humanities and social sciences with special attention paid to the liberal arts education, as well as those who work interdisciplinarily between arts and sciences.

Findings:

Each fellow will receive monthly allowance of \$2000 (before taxation) to cover the costs of stay in Warsaw including accommodation. Additional costs will be available to cover each fellows’ trip to Warsaw and back (insurance is to be covered by a grant-holder before getting Polish visa).

Duration of the fellowship: 6 months - September 2016-February 2017.

Eligibility:

Eligible for application are scholars from Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine who hold doctoral degree (or equivalent e.g. *kandydat nauk*).

Application

Required documents:

- application form (personal data filled [online](#)).
- letter of motivation (please indicate how your fellowship will benefit for your current activity. Max. 2 pages. TNR not less than 12, interval not less than 1,5)
- description of the project (please indicate precisely what do you want to research during the fellowship. Max. 4 pages. TNR not less than 12, interval not less than 1,5)
- CV with the list of publications.
- Writing Sample (please send us max. two of your papers, preferably in English. We accept also papers in Belarusian, Polish, Russian, and Ukrainian. If your papers were prepared in other languages than indicated above, please provide us with texts in your own English translation).
- Copy of the PhD Diploma or equivalent (copy of the original and notarized copy of the official translation into English, issued by sworn translator)
- 2 letters of recommendation (electronic version must be send directly by your reference to foundation’s e-mail, given below).

All application documents must be written in English. Important: your files should be named according to following templates:

- YourSurname_motivation
- YourSurname_project
- YourSurname_CV
- YourSurname_sample1(2)
- YourSurname_diploma
- YourSurname_diploma_translation
- YourSurname_recomendation

The format of the electronic version of the documents is pdf. Hard copy of the documents send by post is also required. All the documents must be send not later than **June 31, 2016**.

Please, send the documents to the following addresses:

E-copy: fialosf@ial.org.pl

Hard copy: postal address:

Fundacja “Instytut Artes Liberales”, ul. Jaracza 10, lok. 28, 00-378 Warszawa, Poland

Candidates, selected from the application stage will be invited for an interview (through videoconferencing). Finally, four individuals will be selected for the fellowship. Successful candidates will be notified until the end of **July 2016**. The decision of the selection committee is final and non-disputable.

Contact person: Olha Tkachenko, coordinator of the project, fialosf@ial.org.pl

More information <http://www.obta.uw.edu.pl/>

Terms and Conditions

Project Description

The proposed project’s activity is hosting four fellows, academics and researchers (coming from Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine), active in the field of humanities and social sciences with special attention paid to the liberal arts education, as well as those who work interdisciplinarily between arts and sciences. During their stay in Poland they will be able, on the one hand, to familiarize themselves with the Polish experience (especially in the higher education system and in the advantages of the interdisciplinary approach to research, learn and study), on the other hand, work on and discuss their own projects. They will be able to share and popularize the effects of their work after return to their native countries: the best results in the work might be reached via “small steps”.

FIAL was founded in 1997 in order to cooperate with reform-oriented academic institutions in Poland and Eastern Europe and to support activities which are aimed at fostering new possibilities for collaboration in the region. Since its beginnings FIAL has been collaborating closely with the University of Warsaw (Faculty of “Artes Liberales”) in such a field. Together with the Faculty of “Artes Liberales” FIAL has been running an educational program: the International School in the Humanities – MSH (previously: East-European School in the Humanities) for young researchers for the region of Eastern Europe (the Asian part of the Russian Federation included). Together with the Faculty of “Artes Liberales” of the University of Warsaw, FIAL has been running a curriculum in artes liberales, unique in Poland and one of the very few in Eastern Europe. Our joint initiative (FIAL and Faculty of “Artes Liberales”) has also been running a specific experimental PhD curriculum in which students from the Eurasia region play a leading role (including Asiatic, i.e. Siberian, parts of the Russian Federation). The PhD curriculum is dedicated to questions of identity, which is one of the most important issues in post-Soviet regions. We are carrying out research into current issues in the humanities (post-colonial studies, trans-humanistic studies), regional studies (Eastern Europe and Siberia, Balkans and Latin America), and reception studies on the diffusion of ‘Mediterranean culture’

in European and world history. We also actively participate in the reforms of the educational system in Poland and Eastern Europe (especially Ukraine and Russia).

Successful candidates will be provided with appropriate mentorship in all of the above-mentioned areas. There is also a special journal published in Polish, English and Russian (*Artes Liberales Debates*) in which are presented current discussions and debates organized by us on the specific nature of liberal arts education and its ties with involvement in civil society.

Fellows' sojourn

Fellows will receive full administrative support. Members of our staff are familiar with organizing multi-national events and hosting foreign guests and fellows and speak all the relevant languages. We will provide fellows with comprehensive assistance in all organizational matters, including ticket and accommodation booking and all other arrangements. We can offer to fellows the possibility of low cost accommodation at the University Hotel or assist them in renting an apartment not far from the university.

The Faculty of "Artes Liberales" has at its disposal a spacious building with modern, well-equipped classrooms, seminar rooms equipped with video-conference facilities, common space for student and faculty meetings as well as private offices.

FIAL will invite mentors and other contact persons to take part in the Project according to specific topics of fellows' interests and needs. Thanks to the long history of running international programs (especially with the countries east of Poland) FIAL is proud to be able to offer fellows mentorship by the eminent specialists in the field of humanities, social and natural studies.

During their stay, successful candidates are required to carry all academic activities undertaken at the FIAL:

- (a) own research over project presented in application
- (b) consultations with mentor(s) and expert(s)
- (c) participation in works of a chosen Faculty's/FIAL seminars of the international research projects;
- (d) organization of Open Seminar on selected topic
- (e) participation in the Faculty and FIAL international conference on the role of human sciences
- (f) participation in conferences outside University of Warsaw
- (g) participation in everyday life of the Faculty, especially of the College of Liberal Arts,
- (h) meetings with authorities and members of the Faculty
- (i) participation in the workshops organized by the Faculty
- (j) work on the publication of his/her research results
- (k) work on report on his/her realization of the fellowship program.
- (l) consultations about the results of the EU grant Strategy of implementation and evaluation of interdisciplinary studies and research at universities in the context of the reforms of higher education in Poland.

Each fellow shall work upon his/her own project. Important papers prepared during fellows' sojourn in Warsaw and debates organized during the Open Seminars are going to be printed in the series *Artes Liberales Debates* established by FIAL with the close cooperation of the Faculty of "Artes Liberales". At the end of each month fellows are obliged to provide their progress report to the project-coordinator. At the end of the mobility fellows shall submit a final report of their work.