

UNESCO/POLAND CO-SPONSORED FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME 2017

With a view to promoting human resource capacities in the developing countries and to enhancing international understanding and friendship among nations and the people of Poland, the Polish National Commission for UNESCO and the UNESCO Chair for Science, Technology and Engineering at the AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow are placing at the disposal of UNESCO **forty (40)** fellowships of **six (6)** months duration starting on 2nd October 2017 for the benefit of Member States listed in Annex I. Beneficiaries of these fellowships will be given the opportunity to undertake an individual research programme in the field of **Science, Technology and Engineering**. For more information please visit also <http://www.unesco.agh.edu.pl/en/> .

Details regarding the fellowships offered and the criteria of selection are listed below. The Polish authorities will make the final decision.

A. QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

The required qualifications for each field of research (project) are as per the attached Annexes to this letter of announcement (see Annex I).

B. FACILITIES OFFERED BY THE POLISH AUTHORITIES

- (i) Free tuition and access to the university facilities based on the local regulations. Accommodation at the AGH UST Student Campus organised for fellows by the UNESCO AGH Chair.
- (ii) Monthly allowance of **1600 PLN** (1 USD = approximately 4,0 PLN) corresponding to the salary of a local junior research fellow. Thus, all living expenses and accommodation in Poland are to be borne by the fellow with this allowance; and;
- (iii) A one-time special allowance of **1600 PLN** to be paid upon arrival in Poland, this sum will cover different activities related to your stay in Krakow, such as an obligatory medical check-up upon arrival (in accordance with the internal regulations for all students); cultural, historical and/or touristic visits, conferences, workshops, and seminars related to your studies.

No provision to finance or lodge family members is made.

At the end of the research studies, the beneficiaries will receive a certificate attesting to their attendance at the host institution, this certificate will be given after receipt of the requested reports and financial clearance from the Institution.

C. FACILITIES OFFERED BY UNESCO

- (i) **International travel expenses:** (by the most direct, economical route) from the beneficiary's country to and from Poland will be covered by UNESCO under its Regular Programme Budget.
- (ii) **Health insurance for fellowship beneficiaries who are declared medically fit:** UNESCO fellowship holders may be covered by a health insurance policy, taken-out by the Organization for the duration of fellowship. The costs of this health insurance is subscribed to and covered by UNESCO on behalf of awarded fellows.

D. VISA

Fellows, from countries where Polish Embassies or Consulates exist, will have to obtain their entry visa to the country of study prior to their departure. Fellows, from countries where no such Embassy or Consulate exists, must secure their visa through the nearest Embassy of the Republic of Poland.

UNESCO and the Government of the Republic of Poland **provide no allowance** to defray passport and visa expenses. Selected beneficiaries will have **to secure their own visas themselves.**

E. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FILES

Candidatures should be submitted by the invited Member State. **Original applications in duplicate** must be channelled through the National Commission for UNESCO of the candidate's country and communicated to Mr Stoyan Bantchev, Chief, Participation programme and Fellowships Section, **by 14 April 2017 at the latest (GMT +01:00)** to UNESCO mailing address. An advance copy of the application should be sent by fax (33.1) 45.68.55.03 or by e-mail unesco3@agh.edu.pl; s.bantchev@unesco.org; b.qin@unesco.org and l.zas-friz@unesco.org. Applications should have **imperatively** the following attachments in **DUPLICATE**:

- (i) UNESCO fellowships application forms, including medical certificate, **ALL four (4) pages** duly completed **in English using capital letter** (illegible documents will be eliminated from the procedure, hand writing form must include capital letter only);
- (ii) Two photographs attached to the applications (4x6 cm);
- (iii) Certified copies (**in English**) of Bachelor's or Master's Degree/ PhD obtained; and,
- (iv) UNESCO certificate of language knowledge, duly completed by a relevant authority, if the mother tongue of the candidate is **not English**.
- (v) Two letters of recommendation from someone related to the candidate's work, as well confirming the candidate's qualifications.
- (vi) The endorsed candidates should register themselves to the Fellowship e-registration system available on the page: <http://www.unesco.agh.edu.pl/en/> .

Deadline 14 April 2017 at the latest

IMPORTANT

It is the National authority's responsibility to ensure that all candidates are duly informed of the above-mentioned conditions prior to the submission of applications.

Files which are incomplete or which are received after the deadline as well as candidatures that do not fulfil the requirements will not be taken into consideration.

Only the selected candidates will receive a letter through their respective National Commissions for UNESCO.

All application should be endorsed by the National Commission from the country of the candidate.

All correspondence should be in English.