

Rules of the competition for the Max Planck Partner Group for the Sociology of Economic Life scholarships

§ 1 General provisions

1. The following Rules of the competition stipulate the governing principles and methods of organization of the competition and award of visiting research scholarships at the The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) in Cologne.
2. Visiting research scholarships are awarded in order to enable research in Economic Sociology, Political Economy or Sociology of Organizations. It is aimed at those researchers who are investigating the social and political foundations of modern economies and the relation between economic, social and political action.
3. At the time of applying for the Scholarship, a candidate shall be a PhD student of the Graduate School for Social Research at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, PAS.
5. The visiting research scholarship is awarded for a period of 3 months with the possibility of extension, the maximum award, however, is limited to 4500 EUR for the whole period of stay.

§ 2 Competition procedure

1. The competition is organized once a year, throughout the duration of the grant, commencing September 2017.
2. Information about the competition and deadlines of application are published on the website of the Graduate School for Social Research at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, PAS.
3. Candidates shall submit their application by delivering the application documents to the School's office and by sending them by electronic mail to sns@sns.edu.pl
4. The application can be withdrawn at the candidate's request at each stage of competition procedure.
5. The applications are subject to formal and quality assessment. Applications which fail to meet the formal requirements shall not be subject to quality assessment.
6. In order to conduct quality assessment the School Director appoints a Competition Committee, making every effort to ensure that the procedure avoids any actual or potential conflict of interests.
7. Each application shall be assessed by at least two reviewers.

8. In their assessment, reviewers will pay special attention to:

- a) the academic achievements of candidates thus far and their academic activity,
- b) the research plan candidates wish to implement during the fellowship,
- c) candidates' knowledge of the English language.

9. In accordance with the criteria in §2 point 8 of the present Rules, candidates shall submit by the application deadline specified in the competition announcement the following documents:

a) Curriculum vitae including:

- history of employment,
- information on participation in conferences,
- information on participation in international academic cooperation,
- information on awards and distinctions for academic achievements,
- information on the advancement of the PhD thesis (candidates who can demonstrate a high level of advancement will be preferred)
- information on the research problems the candidate is working on at GSSR

b) a research plan of up to 1500 words in the English language which shall include the main assumptions of the PhD thesis and justify the need to be awarded the visiting research scholarship to Cologne,

d) Contact information (email or telephone) of referees able to provide information about the candidate.

10. On the basis of findings agreed by the competition Committee, the School Director decides the award of visiting research scholarships. The decision is final and no appeals will be considered.

11. Every candidate shall receive information about the results of the Competition. The list of successful candidates will be published on the School's website.

§ 3

Rights and duties of the visiting research scholarship holder

1. The visiting research scholarship holder shall reside in Cologne throughout the duration of the scholarship and shall participate in the academic life of the host institution.

2. Upon the completion of the scholarship period, each visiting research scholarship holder shall submit a written report giving an account of how they fulfilled their plan of research.

3. The visiting research scholarship holder is also expected to prepare at least one academic article during the stay in Cologne. The programme of the stay in Cologne together with the literature preparation prior to the visit in the host institution, and work on academic texts during the stay in Cologne, will be regarded as an integral part of fellowship holder's individual study programme at the GSSR

4. The visiting research scholarship holder has the right to resign the scholarship in full or in part.

5. The visiting research scholarship holder's publications and PhD thesis with content arising from research conducted during the period of the scholarship shall contain information about finance awarded by the Max Planck Society and the Max Planck Partner Group for the Sociology of Economic Life project.

§ 4
Final provisions

1. The Rules of this Competition come into force on the day of signature.