

Project: *Soft power in heavy shelling: New dynamics of German, Polish and Ukrainian towns paradiplomacy in Wartime Europe*, Polish-German Foundation for Science (Grant No. 400-2025-00494)

Website:

<https://wnpid.amu.edu.pl/badania/projekty-i-granty/miekka-sila-pod-ciezkim-ostrzalem-nowa-dynamika-paradyplomacji-niemieckich,-polskich-i-ukrainskich-miast-w-europie-czasu-wojny>

Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Faculty of Political Science and Journalism

Call for Applications for a Three-Month Research Scholarship for a PhD candidate enrolled at a Polish higher education institution

Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, as a partner institution in the project financed by the Polish-German Foundation for Science, announces a call for applications for a three-month research scholarship for a PhD candidate enrolled at a Polish higher education institution. The scholarship period runs from 2 March 2026 to 31 May 2026. The scholarship amounts to the equivalent of EUR 1,200 per month (gross-to-gross amount subject to fiscal charges depending on the status of the scholarship holder, in accordance with Polish law). Permanent physical presence in Poznań is not required; remote work is permitted.

Application deadline: 20 February 2026

Eligibility criteria:

- 1) PhD student status at a Polish higher education institution throughout the entire scholarship period.
- 2) Master's degree in political science and administration, international relations, European studies, or related disciplines.
- 3) Documented experience in research on paradiplomacy (e.g. participation in research grants, doctoral dissertation project, bachelor's or master's thesis, published academic article, conference presentation).
- 4) Experience in the application of quantitative and qualitative research methods.
- 5) Fluency in English. Knowledge of German and/or Ukrainian will be considered an additional asset.

Duties of the scholarship holder:

- 1) Analysis of the political and institutional environment of change before and after 2022, i.e. state policy concepts and local government concepts as determinants of paradiplomacy, based on sources such as legal acts, funding and networking programmes, and political debates. The duties should be completed with the following outcomes:
 - a) co-authorship of a working report mapping structural changes in the political and institutional environment;
 - b) co-authorship of recommendations for work packages 4, 5, and 6 (change of discourse, change of actions, social change);
 - c) co-authorship of a scientific article for a peer-reviewed journal;
 - d) authorship of a chapter for the final publication of the project.
- 2) Active participation in the work of the research team, including other tasks assigned by the Polish project coordinator.

Application procedure:

Applicants are required to submit their application as a single PDF file containing:

- 1) Application letter with motivation (maximum 1 page);
- 2) Academic CV (maximum 2 pages);
- 3) List of publications or other academic achievements (maximum 2 pages);
- 4) Letter of recommendation (maximum 1 page) from the doctoral supervisor or another independent academic staff member (habilitated doctor or professor).

The organisers reserve the right to conduct online interviews with shortlisted candidates. Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee appointed by the Polish project coordinator, Prof. Jarosław Jańczak, PhD, DSc. Applications should be sent to paradyplomacja@amu.edu.pl by 20 February 2026. The results will be announced within seven days after the application deadline on the following websites: bip.amu.edu.pl and wnpid.amu.edu.pl.

Information Clause for Scholarship Applicants

Pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation; Official Journal of the EU L 119/1 of 4 May 2016), we hereby inform that:

1. The controller of your personal data is Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, with its registered office at: ul. Henryka Wieniawskiego 1, 61-712 Poznań.
2. The controller has appointed a Data Protection Officer supervising the lawfulness of personal data processing, who may be contacted via e-mail at: iod@amu.edu.pl.
3. The purpose of processing your personal data is the implementation of the recruitment process for the indicated scholarship.
4. The legal basis for processing your personal data is Article 6(1)(a) of the General Data Protection Regulation of 27 April 2016, as well as the Labour Code of 26 June 1974 (Journal of Laws of 1998, No. 21, item 94, as amended).
5. Your personal data will be stored for a period of 6 months following the completion of the recruitment process.
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10. With regard to your personal data, decisions will not be taken in an automated manner, within the meaning of Article 22 of the GDPR.

Contact: paradyplomacja@amu.edu.pl

Procedure for reporting violations of the law

Recruitment: Positions and Competitions for Academic Teachers: Information on the internal reporting procedure referred to in the Act of 14 June 2024 on the Protection of Whistleblowers (Journal of Laws, item 928), announced by Regulation No. 5/2023/2024 of the Rector of Adam

Mickiewicz University, Poznań of 17 September 2024 concerning the introduction of the Internal Reporting Regulations regarding the breach of law and follow-up actions at Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań. Below are links to the regulation together with its annexes:

[Ordinance No. 5/2023/2024](#)

[Rules for submissions](#)

[Information clause](#)