

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland
Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland

announces recruitment to

THE IGNACY ŁUKASIEWICZ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

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OFFER

Scholarships offered as a part of the programme include free 2nd degree studies conducted in Polish language (preceded by a year-long preparation course for taking up studies in Poland) and 3rd degree studies conducted in public universities supervised by the minister responsible for higher education ([the list of universities at the following link](#)). The amount of the scholarship, which covers the costs of accommodation and living, is PLN 1350 per month.

The offer is addressed to the citizens of developing countries – beneficiaries of the official development assistance from the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD DAC) – [the list of countries at the following link](#) (without the Eastern Partnership countries).

In the first place, the scholarship offer is addressed to the citizens of the following countries: **Angola, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Colombia, Mexico, Myanmar, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Palestine, South Africa, Senegal, Tanzania, Vietnam.**

2ND DEGREE STUDIES

Scholarships offered for the 2nd degree studies in the area of sciences, natural sciences technical sciences and agricultural, forestry and veterinary sciences preceded with a year-long preparation course for taking up studies in Poland.¹

Candidate profile:

- graduate of the 1st degree studies (completed in 2016 or 2017) conducted in the aforementioned areas of sciences or current final year student of the 1st degree studies in the academic year 2016/2017;
- in the absence of the form of 1st degree studies in the higher education system of the country which issued the diploma, graduate of Master's degree or equivalent studies (completed in 2016 or 2017) or current final year student of Master's degree or equivalent studies in the academic year 2016/2017, conducted in the aforementioned areas of sciences.

Recruitment:

Candidates choose by themselves the university and subject of studies which they want to pursue out of the educational offer of the Polish public universities supervised by the minister responsible for higher education. A possible change in the current subject of study is permitted within the same area of knowledge.

The candidate's questionnaire must be downloaded from the website of the Bureau for Academic Recognition and International Exchange (**available for download at http://buwilm.edu.pl/enrolment_il/**).

The candidates are required to submit completed and signed questionnaire to Polish diplomatic posts, along with the following attachments:

- description of the proposed dissertation according to the following specifications: 1.5-2 A4 pages, font size 12, spacing 1.5; required elements of description include: proposal for a topic, problem and research method, detailed description of chapters);
- a copy of the 1st degree studies graduation diploma with a supplement, in the absence of the form of 1st degree studies in the higher education system of the country of origin – a copy of diploma of Master's Degree or equivalent with a supplement or certificate of the marks obtained in the winter session in the final year of 1st degree studies or final year of Master's degree or equivalent studies, and the planned date of completion;²
- a copy of health certificate;
- a copy of passport.

¹ Information on the areas of knowledge - Appendix 1 to the announcement.

² Graduating candidates will be required to forward a copy of the certificate of graduation no later than 15 July 2016.



Candidates who are the participants of Polish language course please include the lector opinion (concern candidates from countries where in Higher Education Institutions are conducted Polish language courses by lectors posted from Ministry of Science and Higher Education Republic of Poland).

Documents issued in a language other than Polish must be translated into Polish or English.

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS EXPIRES ON 23 JUNE 2017.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The recruitment procedure:

Verification of candidates in terms of meeting the formal requirements of the programme and selection of the scholarship recipients will be carried out on the basis of documents submitted by the candidates.

Announcement of the recruitment results:

Information about the recruitment results will be communicated to the candidates via the Polish diplomatic posts until **1 AUGUST 2017.**

Additional information:

Beginning of the 2nd degree studies on the subject of study chosen by the scholarship holder will be preceded by a year-long preparation course to take up studies in Poland ("zero year").

After the first year of studies, the scholarship holders will be able to take part in a student exchange under the Erasmus programme (for universities which have concluded appropriate contracts with foreign universities).

Essentially, the language of studies is Polish. Studies in another language are possible if those are conducted for free and candidates meet the requirements related to the language of lecture.

3RD DEGREE STUDIES

Scholarships offered for the 3rd degree studies in the following fields of sciences: mathematical, physical, chemical, biological, earth sciences, technological, agricultural, forestry and veterinary sciences.³

Candidate profile:

- graduate of Master's degree or equivalent studies completed no earlier than three years ago (does not apply to persons already studying in Poland);
- graduates of Master's degree or equivalent studies completed in the country of origin of candidates will be preferred (however, this does not preclude persons with Polish university diploma from the possibility of applying for the scholarship);

Persons who are already at 3rd degree studies in Poland may apply for the scholarship. In this case, it is required that candidates for scholarships **studied on conditions provided for foreigners, not incurring the cost of education.**

Recruitment:

Candidates choose by themselves the university and subject of studies which they want to pursue out of the educational offer of the Polish public universities supervised by the minister responsible for higher education.

The candidates are required to register for the studies and meet the requirements of the university related to recruitment to their chosen subject of study – **passing the recruitment process positively is not equivalent to granting the scholarship.**

A possible change in the current subject of study is permitted within the same field of sciences.

The candidate's questionnaire must be downloaded from the website of the Bureau for Academic Recognition and International Exchange (**available for download at http://buwilm.edu.pl/enrolment_il/**).

The candidates are required to submit, via the university admitting the foreigner to the 3rd degree studies, to the Bureau for Academic Recognition and International Exchange, completed and signed questionnaire along with the following attachments:

- outline of the doctoral dissertation prepared in accordance with the following specifications: 4-5 A4 pages, font size 12, spacing 1.5; required elements of description include: proposal for a topic, research problem, the main hypothesis and research method, detailed description of chapters);
- a copy of the Master's degree graduation diploma (with a supplement) authorising to take up doctoral studies in the issuing country (not applicable to persons already studying in Poland);

³ Information on the fields of sciences – Appendix 1 to the announcement.

- a document confirming admission by the university (or the promise of admission), **in the mode provided for foreigners**, to 3rd degree studies with the scholarship of the Minister of Science and Higher Education, stating that financial conditions will change when a foreigner does not obtain a scholarship (does not apply to persons already studying in Poland);
- opinions of two independent academics (Prof. or Ph.D.), including at least one from Poland);
- a curriculum vitae with a covering letter;
- a copy of health certificate (it does not concern to people already studying in Poland);
- a copy of passport;
- a copy of the document authorizing to the stay on the Polish territory (for people already studying in Poland or holding a valid visa).

Documents issued in a language other than Polish must be translated into Polish or English.

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS EXPIRES ON 5 JULY 2017.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The recruitment procedure:

Verification of candidates in terms of meeting the formal requirements of the programme and selection of the scholarship recipients will be carried out on the basis of documents submitted by the candidates.

Information about the recruitment results will be communicated to the candidates via the admitting universities until **10 AUGUST 2017**.

Additional information:

Essentially, the language of studies is Polish, but with the consent of the admitting university studies in another language are possible.

After the first year, the scholarship holders will be able to take part in a student exchange under the Erasmus programme (for universities which have concluded appropriate contracts with foreign universities).

OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPANT OF I. ŁUKASIEWICZ PROGRAMME

1. Scholarships are implemented under general conditions, set out in the Ordinance of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 12 October 2006 on taking up and completing studies and training courses by foreigners and their participation in research and development work (Journal of Laws of 2006, No. 190, item 1406, as amended).
2. The realization of scholarships is ensured by the Bureau for Academic Recognition and International Exchange subordinate to the Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland.
3. Scholarship holders are required to have an insurance policy covering medical expenses for the period of stay on scholarship – bought in the country of residence or in Poland.
4. Travel costs to Poland and from Poland are covered by the scholarship holder.
5. Obligations of the scholarship holder include:
 - participation in classes provided for in the curriculum and achievement of positive results in all subjects required in the course of the studies;
 - defence of the dissertation in accordance with the schedule of the studies;
 - participation in the year-long preparation course (for the 2nd degree studies);
 - participation in meetings of scholarship holders.
6. Failure to fulfil the above-mentioned obligations, violation of the law established by a final judgement of a court, as well as violation of the rules of studies in force at the university by the scholarship holder will automatically interrupt participation in the scholarship programme.