



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 (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, Senegal, Tanzania, Vietnam.**

2ND DEGREE STUDIES

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

Candidate profile:

- graduate in science or engineering (1st degree studies completed no earlier than three years ago), or
- current final year student of the 1st degree studies (for the academic year 2014/2015);
- 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 no earlier than three years ago, or
- current final year student of Master's degree or equivalent studies (for the academic year 2014/2015).

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 www.buwiwm.edu.pl/wym/kwest.docx www.buwiwm.edu.pl/wym/kwest.pdf**).

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

¹ Information on the areas of knowledge - [Appendix 1 to the announcement](#).

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.

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

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS EXPIRES ON 21 JUNE 2015.

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 **31 JULY 2015**.

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).

² Graduating candidates will be required to forward a copy of the certificate of graduation no later than 15 July 2015.



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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 www.buwiwm.home.pl/wym/kwest.docx www.buwiwm.home.pl/wym/kwest.pdf).

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

³ Information on the fields of sciences – [Appendix 1 to the announcement.](#)

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);
- 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;
- 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 21 JUNE 2015.

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 **7 AUGUST 2015**.

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. LUKASIEWICZ 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).
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.

APPENDIX 2 – 2ND DEGREE STUDIES

LIST OF THE AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE COVERED BY THE IGNACY ŁUKASIEWICZ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

(Legal basis: Ordinance of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 8 August 2011 on the areas of knowledge, fields of science and art, and scientific and artistic disciplines).

NO.	AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE	FIELDS OF SCIENCE/ FIELDS OF ART	SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES/ ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES
1	2	3	4
1	area of sciences	field of mathematical sciences	1) mathematics 2) information technology
		field of physical sciences	1) astronomy 2) biophysics 3) physics 4) geophysics
		field of chemical sciences	1) biochemistry 2) biotechnology 3) chemistry 4) environmental protection 5) chemical technology
2	area of technical sciences	field of technical sciences	1) architecture and urban planning 2) automatics and robotics 3) biocybernetics and biomedical engineering 4) biotechnology 5) construction and machine operation 6) construction 7) electronics 8) electrical engineering 9) power engineering 10) geodesy and cartography 11) mining and geological engineering 12) information technology 13) chemical engineering 14) materials engineering 15) production engineering 16) environmental engineering 17) mechanics 18) metallurgy 19) chemical technology 20) telecommunications 21) transportation 22) textiles

APPENDIX 2 – 3RD DEGREE STUDIES

LIST OF THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE COVERED BY IGNACY ŁUKASIEWICZ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

(Legal basis: Ordinance of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 8 August 2011 on the areas of knowledge, fields of science and art, and scientific and artistic disciplines).

NO.	AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE	FIELDS OF SCIENCE/ FIELDS OF ART	SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES/ ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES
1	2	3	4
1	area of sciences	field of mathematical sciences	1) mathematics 2) information technology
		field of physical sciences	1) astronomy 2) biophysics 3) physics 4) geophysics
		field of chemical sciences	1) biochemistry 2) biotechnology 3) chemistry 4) environmental protection 5) chemical technology
2	area of natural sciences	field of biological sciences	1) biochemistry 2) biophysics 3) biology 4) biotechnology 5) ecology 6) microbiology 7) environmental protection
		field of earth sciences	1) geophysics 2) geography 3) geology 4) oceanography
3	area of technical sciences	field of technical sciences	1) architecture and urban planning 2) automatics and robotics 3) biocybernetics and biomedical engineering 4) biotechnology 5) construction and machine operation 6) construction 7) electronics 8) electrical engineering 9) power engineering 10) geodesy and cartography 11) mining and geological engineering 12) information technology 13) chemical engineering

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			14) materials engineering 15) production engineering 16) environmental engineering 17) mechanics 18) metallurgy 19) chemical technology 20) telecommunications 21) transportation 22) textiles
4	area of agricultural, forest and veterinary sciences	field of agricultural sciences	1) agronomy 2) biotechnology 3) agricultural engineering 4) environmental protection and development 5) horticulture 6) fishery 7) food technology and human nutrition 8) zootechnics
		field of forest sciences	1) wood technology 2) forestry
		field of veterinary sciences	