

**UNESCO/POLAND CO-SPONSORED FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME IN ENGINEERING
EDITION 2024**

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 Krakow (Poland) are placing at the disposal of UNESCO **thirty (30)** fellowships of **six (6)** months' duration starting on 1st October 2024 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 of selection.

A. QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

The required qualifications for each field of research (project) are as per the attached Annex III and Annex IV to this letter of announcement.

B. FACILITIES OFFERED BY THE POLISH AUTHORITIES

- (i) Free tuition and access to the university facilities based on the local regulations.
- (ii) Monthly allowance of **1800 PLN for BSc degree students** and **2200 PLN for MSc degree students** (1 USD = approximately 4 PLN). 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 **1800 PLN for BSc degree students** or **2200 PLN for MSc degree students** to be paid upon arrival in Poland (for 6 months stay period). 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. UNESCO will subscribe the health insurance on behalf of awarded fellows and cover the cost incurred.
- (iii) One-time special pocket allowance amounting to US\$120 (one hundred and twenty US dollars).

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 or Consulate 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 endorsed by the National Commission of the invited Member States.

Letters of endorsement, as well as the scanned copies of all the required supporting documents of the nominated candidates must be submitted by the National Commission for UNESCO of a candidate's country by e-mail to agh.poland@unesco.org (with unesco24@agh.edu.pl and j.markiewicz@unesco.pl in copy) **by 10 May 2024 at the latest (12h00 pm Paris time).**

Applications must include the following supporting documents:

- (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 evaluation procedure, and hand writing form must be written in capital letters only);
- (ii) A copy of the identity photo of the applicant;
- (iii) Certified copies (**in English**) of Bachelor's or Master's Degree/ PhD obtained (candidates should have completed and obtained the degrees before applying for this fellowships programme, and the presented degrees shall meet the requirements and regulations of European Union);
- (iv) UNESCO certificate of language knowledge, duly completed by a relevant authority, if the mother tongue of the candidate is not English; and
- (v) Two letters of recommendation from someone related to the candidate's work, as well confirming the candidate's qualifications.

Upon receipt of the endorsement from the National commissions on their applications, candidates should complete and submit **the information sheet** at this [link](#).

Candidates who do not fulfil the above-mentioned requirements or fail to submit complete application before the deadline will lose their eligibility in the selection.

Only the selected candidates will be notified of the results through their respective National Commissions for UNESCO.

IMPORTANT

National authorities have the responsibility to ensure that all candidates are duly informed of the above-mentioned conditions prior to the submission of applications.

All correspondence should be in English.