**Call for Applications**

**for**

**Individual Research Scholarships**

**for Hungarian and International students and researchers**

**at The Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg (iASK)**

**2016**

**Application**

The grant is open to applicants from all scientific disciplines for the period of September 1 – December 31, 2016 with a possibility of extension for 2017.

Preference will be given to applications focusing on interdisciplinary social science and humanities research on topics related to social and economic innovation, globalization, European integration, with a special focus on Central European cooperation, local, EU-wide, and global crisis, cultural heritage management and sustainability.

Proposals with topics that can directly relate to the research centres and programs of iASK will be given preference. These are as follows:

1. Polányi Centre – global and regional studies, political economy and global governance, the crisis and transformation of the EU, theoretical and empirical studies of democracy and civil society
2. Big Data Centre – methodology of open data
3. Sustainability Science – economic, environmental and social (incl. institutional) sustainability
4. Conflict and Cooperation in Evolutionary Systems
5. KRAFT: Creative Cities and Sustainable Regions, focusing on comparative analysis within the  larger regions of East-  Central and Southern Europe
6. Creative Arts and Science – interface of art and science in music and visual arts
7. Hankiss Centre – the study of Elemér Hankiss’ late work and the theoretical study of interdisciplinarity

For further details please consult the website: <http://www.iask.hu/en/kozpontok/1585>

Research proposals should connect theoretical knowledge with practical analysis that have the potential to result in concrete policy recommendations. Research proposals from the fields of the natural and life sciences, informatics, and the creative arts are included if they can encompass and reflect the topics outlined above.

There are three categories of scholarship awards:

1. **Young researchers:**

Applicants are expected to be:

* at least at the MA level, preferably a PHD student at a Hungarian or foreign university,
* a student participating in interdisciplinary post-graduate training,
* at the ABD level (all but dissertation)

Scholarships in this category are available for 4 months (with a possibility of extension for 2017).

The monthly stipend awarded is maximum HUF 300,000.

**2.) Post- doctoral researchers**:

Applicants are expected to have:

* a PhD/DLA degree,
* at least 3 years of significant experience in working in research institutions or in teaching at universities,
* at least 5 publications in national or international refereed journals.

Scholarships are available for 4 months (with a possibility of extension for 2017).

The monthly stipend awarded is maximum HUF 500,000.

**3.) Senior researchers:**

Applicants are expected to be:

* scientific advisors or senior research fellows in academic research institutes, or leading teachers of institutes of tertiary education (habilitated associate professors or professors in the case of Hungarian applicants); or
* university professors (in the case of international applicants); or
* having at least 10 years teaching experience in higher education; or
* at least 3 years of experience leading international projects or institutes, or experience in network organisation, scientific life or in the area of non-governmental organisations realising social goals.
* In exceptional cases, expert applicants without a doctorate, but with outstanding academic and professional records, managerial, artistic achievements or research experience may also apply. These applicants are expected to utilize their practical experiences and international expertise in higher education or academic research and translate it into academic research and post-graduate training. In these cases, the applicants are expected to be:
* a senior officer of an international organisation (e.g., UN specialised agencies and autonomous bodies, EU or OECD institutions);
* a senior analyst or consultant for an international think tank;
* an expert with at least 10 years of international professional experience in a relevant subject;
* someone with outstanding artistic experience;
* an internationally renowned expert of social or technical innovation.

Scholarships are available for 4 months (with a possibility of extension for 2017).

The monthly stipend award is maximum HUF 1,000,000.

ALL SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS will sign a legal contract with the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg, and perform their academic activities during the grant period.

**The application deadline is: July 7, 2016. Applications must be submitted in English.** The working language at the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg is English. Only application packages prepared in English will be evaluated.

Applications are to be submitted electronically (scanned and signed) and in printed form. Scanned applications should be sent to: **info@iask.hu**

Printed applications (postmarked latest July 7, 2016 midnight) to:

**Katalin Varga**

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Scoring is based on the professional evaluation of experts in the relevant scientific fields of the applications. Notification to applicants will be sent by August 1, 2016.

ABOUT THE GRANT:

Fellows will receive a monthly stipend; they are not obliged to submit reports on payments made. In order to receive the stipend applicants must have a Hungarian bank account. The grants are tax-free.

The scholarship provides the resources for maintenance in Kőszeg (housing, food), health insurance, visa costs (if applicable) and travel related to research and professional activities.

REPORTS AND FOLLOW-UP

Applicants are required to send a final report upon the completion of their grant period.

**Ineligibility**

Applications will be found ineligible if:

* Counterfeit or false data is supplied in the application.
* If the applicant has failed to fulfill the requirements of grants contracted in the last three calendar years before the submission of this application.
* If the applicant acts as an evaluator or decision-maker in the assessment of the applications for this call.
* If the applicant is a (close) relative (as defined in the Civil Code of Hungary) of those acting as evaluators or as decision-makers in the assessment process.

Should any of the grounds for exclusion arise during the grant period, the fellow must notify the institute in writing or via e-mail within 15 days.

All applicants are required to spend 60% of their grant period at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Kőszeg. Applicants unable to comply with this requirement will not be considered, or their grant will be suspended.