**Call for Applications**

**for**

**Individual Research Scholarships**

**at**

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

**2020-2021**

The **Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg** (iASK) invites applications with scientific and social innovation relevance from all disciplines for the academic year of **1 September 2020 – 30 June 2021** for periods of **3-10 months**.

Preference will be given to applications that focus on interdisciplinary social science and humanities OR to applications in the natural sciences that have social relevance. Topics that directly relate to the research centres and programs of iASK are given preference. Research proposals should connect theoretical knowledge with practical analysis that has the potential to result in policy recommendations that serve the public good on the local, national, regional and global levels.

The topics of interest for the academic year of 2020-2021 are as follows:

**Advanced Research on New Methodologies**

Grants are available for **senior researchers** working on the following broad themes:

From Linear thinking to “Metadisciplinary” contextuality

1. *Elemér Hankiss Fellowship*: Novel transdisciplinary methodologies challenging ‘old’ paradigms
2. History of science in the context of political changes

**Polányi Centre**

Grants are available for **senior** and **early-career researchers** working on the following broad themes:

Globalisation, Democracy and Sustainable Societies:

1. The crisis and transformation of democracy and socio-economic polarisation (security, war, violence, changing energy paradigms, water scarcity, causes and consequences of migration)
2. Traumatised societies and forms of social dissent and civic engagement
3. Complex systems theory from social, political and economic perspectives
4. Conflict and cooperation in evolutionary systems and societies

**KRAFT Social Innovation Lab**

Grants are available for **senior** and **early-career researchers** working on the following themes:

1. The regional specificities of human networks and novel collaboration methods based on regional value sets
2. Sustainable societies: resilience and social capital in today’s peripheral regions
3. New patterns of community healthcare: best practices and their applicability in Western Hungary

Grants are available for **early-career researchers** on the following themes:

1. Hybrid value chains and utilization of volunteering

2. Mediation techniques in groups of small settlements

Application deadline: **31 March 2020** (midnight)

Inquiries about the grant should be sent to **scholarship@iask.hu**

For further details please consult the website  [**https://iask.hu/en/research/**](https://iask.hu/en/research/)

**Qualifications**

**1.) Senior researchers**

Applicants are expected to possess:

* scientific advisors or senior research fellows, professors and lecturers in academic research institutes, or institutes of tertiary education (full, habilitated and associate professors);
* 10 years teaching experience in higher education nationally and internationally
* practitioners with a strong academic interest and background with at least 10 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 demonstrated outstanding academic and professional experience (managerial, artistic, or research experience) may also apply. These applicants are expected to utilize internationally-recognized qualifications and expertise 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-known expert of social or technological innovation.

The screening committee will ultimately decide on the amount of the grant based on qualifications with range up to 3.500 euros/ month.

**2.) Early- career researchers**:

* PhD students at the ABD level (all but dissertation) who are not otherwise supported institutionally for their research;
* PhD/DLA degrees;
* 1-3 years of significant experience in working in research institutions or in teaching at universities,
* at least 3 publications in national or internationally-refereed journals.

The screening committee will ultimately decide on the amount of the grant based on qualifications with range up to 1.200 euros/ month.

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: March 31, 2020. 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: **scholarship@iask.hu**

Printed applications (postmarked latest January 20, 2019 midnight) to:

**Izabella Agardi**

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(Institute of Advanced Studies)

Kőszeg, Pf. (PO Box) 4.

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APPLICATION PACKAGE

Applications should include the following:

* a completed application form (downloadable)
* a research proposal (4-5 pages)
* a signed declaration form (downloadable)
* an academic Curriculum Vitae
* Early career researchers are to attach 2 professional recommendation letters as well.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Scoring is based on the professional evaluation of experts in the relevant scientific fields. Notification to applicants will be sent by **May 31, 2020**.

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 covers living costs in Kőszeg (housing, food), health insurance, visa costs (if applicable) and travel related to research and professional activities. iASK does not provide extra funds for these expenses.

**Fellows are to spend at least 75% of their grant period in residence in order to take active part in the intellectual life of the Institute**. Hungarian fellows, who are employed elsewhere, are to provide an official permit from their primary employer reducing their work responsibilities to 25% for the duration of their grant period.

REPORTS AND FOLLOW-UP

Reports are required at the half-way point of the scholarships period and at the end of the period.

INELIGIBILITY

Applications will be found ineligible if:

* Counterfeit or false data is supplied in the application.
* If the applicant has failed to fulfil 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 of scholarship notification.

All applicants are required to spend at least 75% 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.