

## *Call for Proposals*

### **Individual Research Scholarships**

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

### **Fall/Winter 2023 or Spring 2024**

### **Deadline for applications: 30 June, 2023**

The Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg (iASK) invites applications for **post-doc researchers focusing on Southeastern Europe and Balkan Studies** for a period of 3 months starting from 1st October 2023 or 1st February 2024.

*Priority will be given to applicants from Southeastern Europe and the Balkans.*

The topics include (but are not limited to):

- **Western Balkans and the EU: Future Scenarios**

What are the dynamics of the EU integration processes and the ensuing political, economic, social and cultural implications for the Western Balkans?

How is the European perspective in the countries of the Western Balkans shaped, promoted, or challenged?

- **Environment and Sustainability**

How do Balkan countries align with EU environmental standards?

How can Balkan countries transition to more sustainable societies, and what challenges must be overcome in the process?

What are the regional and cross-border cooperation possibilities for sustainable practices in the Balkans?

- **The Culture of Memory**

What are the implications of different narratives (e.g., digital, popular, and official) and their temporalities for identity construction in the Balkans?

What are the multiple appropriations, and who are the creators of these narratives in physical, online, and imaginary spaces of memory?

The number of available fellowships: up to 3 post-doc researchers for a period of 3 months from September 15 – December 15, 2023.

**Eligibility:** The scholarship is open to applicants with advanced university degrees.

**Post-doc researcher:** Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria: 1) be a doctoral student or doctoral candidate (who has completed their coursework) and their research must not be supported by other sources of funding; 2) hold a PhD/DLA degree. All must have 1-3 years of experience in higher education or research, and at least 3 publications in national or international journals. Based on professional experience, scholarship levels range from 400,000 to 500,000HUF per month.

ONLY APPLICATIONS IN ENGLISH ARE ACCEPTED. The working language at the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg is English.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **June 30, 2023** (24.00CET)

Applications are to be submitted electronically (scanned and signed, in PDF and Word format) and sent to: [scholarship@iask.hu](mailto:scholarship@iask.hu); and hard copies by post to: **Izabella Agárdi**, Institute of Advanced Studies, Chernel utca 14, Pf. 4., Kőszeg, 9730 Hungary.

Deadline for sending the original, signed documents (date of postmark at the latest): **June 30, 2023**

Electronic submission is only valid together with a paper version of the proposal, signed and submitted by the deadline, provided that it complies with the requirements of the call for proposals in terms of form and content. You may provide missing information within 3 working days of the closing date for applications. Late, incorrect or incomplete applications will not be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee.

Proposals will be acknowledged as received by the Head of the Research Unit by the 7th day following the date of receipt of the proposal by post.

#### **The complete application package consists of:**

- ✓ a completed application form (downloadable)
- ✓ research proposal (maximum 5 pages)
  - The applicant submits a monthly research work plan, objectives, methodology, the expected scientific results and their relevance for science and society.
- ✓ signed declaration form (downloadable)
- ✓ a curriculum vitae with a photograph, including a list of publications (in the case of MTMT registration, the data and the publication list)
- ✓ a simple copy of your academic degree certificate(s)
- ✓ a copy of your English language certificate
- ✓ copy of identity card or passport (non-EU citizen)
- ✓ signed personal data protection form (downloadable)

There is no application fee.

#### **Evaluation of applications**

The evaluation of proposals will be carried out by a Selection Committee composed of experts in the relevant disciplines. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the evaluation by **August 1, 2023**.

There is no right of appeal against the decision on the outcome of the application.

#### **About the Grant**

Research fellows receive a **monthly** stipend, which is **not subject to income tax**. To receive the grant, the recipient must have a bank account with a **Hungarian financial institution**. In addition to the stipend, iASK does not provide any other remuneration, reimbursement of expenses or equipment (e.g. laptop).

Successful applicants will sign a legal contract with the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg and perform their academic activities during the grant period. Contractual conditions and obligations of the scholarship will be detailed after the evaluation of successful candidates. This includes the requirement of physical presence at iASK for **75%** of the scholarship period.

### **Ineligibility**

Applications are 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 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 acting evaluators or decision-makers in the assessment process.
- If the applicant has been awarded an iASK research fellowship (minimum 7 months) within the last 3 years.
- If the applicant has been awarded two iASK research fellowships (1-6 months) in the last 3 years.

**Personal Data Protection:** Personal data provided by the applicant will be processed by the iASK Research Department for the purpose of the application procedure. The same personal data may be accessed by the evaluators of the application in order to fulfil their statutory task. The personal data of successful applicants will be processed by the iASK Secretariat for the purposes of the grant contract and by the Finance and Administration Department for the purposes of the financial accounting of the grant. The legal basis for the processing of personal data is the performance of the public task defined in the Government Decree 311/2015 (X.28.) on the establishment of the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg. The applicant must notify any changes in his/her personal data before a contract is signed to: [scholarship@iask.hu](mailto:scholarship@iask.hu). iASK's Privacy Policy is available at [www.iask.hu](http://www.iask.hu).

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