Utrecht Network Young Researchers Grant (YRG) 2023-24 call for applications

JU International Relations Office has opened a call for applications for degree-related students (i.e. part-time and full-time undergraduate studies, graduate studies, long-cycle studies), participants of doctoral schools and PhD students for one or two-month research stay within the framework of the Young Researchers Grant for as self-organised mobility at one of the UN partner universities. The Utrecht Network Young Researchers Grant is designed to promote and further enhance the Network's support to students/PhD students who are preparing a master's or doctoral thesis.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligible candidates for the exchange program at the time of submitting application:

- 1st and 2nd year of master's studies (2nd cycle degree),
- 4th-5th year of a 5-year-masters studies (long-cycle),
- participants of doctoral schools and PhD students (3rd cycle degree),
- must provide a confirmation of language proficiency of the host University – at least B2 level (CEFR) – a certificate proving the level of foreign language might be necessary,
- must provide a transcript of records – a certificate of the weighted average of all grades obtained by the candidate during all periods of study should be provided (the weighted average of at least 4,0 is a sine qua non for applying).

All candidates applying for exchange must have a status of student/participant of doctoral schools at the time of applying and for the entire stay on the research stay.

Since the study/research period including the application is self-organised, students are expected to check possible research areas of the university they want to apply to and to find the supervisor by themselves. International Relations Office may offer help in finding a supervisor but it is considered that this task is part of a student's project and should be done by the student.

Period of mobility:

- The period of mobility (from 4 weeks) must be between 1 May 2023 – 31 March 2024. Mobility is not restricted to semesters, but may also take place during the holidays.
- **NOTE! Students can go abroad for research or studies, but the priority is given to research-only students who are not eligible for Erasmus.**

Grant:

- EUR 1000
- 3 grants available for JU students/participants of doctoral schools/PhD students

APPLICATION DEADLINE to IRO: 3 February 2023, 15:00 CET

Candidates will be nominated solely by the Jagiellonian University. Eligible candidates should submit ONLY scans of their applications to: agnieszka.kolodziejska-skrobek@uj.edu.pl

Required documents:

- YRG Application Form signed by the candidate, the MA/PhD supervisor/tutor and the Dean of the Faculty or the Director of Doctoral School (the signature of the Dean/Director of Doctoral School must be in the blank space at the end of the Application Form);
- Nomination Letter (in English) – an opinion of the MA/PhD dissertation supervisor;
- Letter of Acceptance from the chosen UN partner university;
- Diplomas/certificates of completed language courses and/or certificates from Jagiellonian Language Centre confirming the knowledge of the language of instruction in the chosen university (at least B2 level (CEFR); in some cases a higher level may be required by the chosen university);
- CV in Polish or in English with enclosed certificates confirming additional activity in student academic societies, student organizations and student government (certificates should be issued by a person authorized to represent the above-mentioned societies and organizations);
- Covering letter (in Polish) providing the applicant's justification for the trip to the chosen university – max. 9000 characters with spaces;
- Certificate confirming the weighted average of grades, including all years of study (issued by the institute/faculty). Students of the second-cycle programme of study who have completed their first-cycle programme of study outside JU are obliged to provide a copy of their first-cycle programme diploma and supplement;
- Copies of the applicants' higher education diplomas (applicable to students of the second-cycle or third-cycle programmes). PhD candidates are obliged to provide a copy of their second- cycle programme diploma supplement.

The selection of candidates is a two-stage process – at the level of the Jagiellonian University and at the level of the Utrecht Network.

All candidates will be notified about the recruitment results individually via e-mail.

Those qualified for the YRG after receiving the decision are asked to contact Dr. eng. Izabela Zawiska (izabela.zawiska@uj.edu.pl), the Jagiellonian University's representative in the Utrecht Network to arrange further details of the trip.

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