Utrecht Network Young Researchers Grant (YRG) 2024-25 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) and PhD students for min. 4-week research stay within the framework of the Young Researchers Grant for as self-organised mobility at one of the <u>UN partner universities</u>. 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),
 - PhD students (3rd cycle degree).
- All candidates applying for exchange must have a <u>status of a student at the time of applying and</u> for the entire stay on the exchange.
- Confirmation of language proficiency of the host University at least C1 level (CEFR).

 A certificate proving the level of foreign language might be necessary. Some university may require a certificate proving the level of foreign language.
- The weighted average of at least 4,0 is a necessary condition for applying.
- 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.

Period of mobility:

- The period of mobility (4 weeks) must be between 1 May 2024 31 March 2025. 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:

- 1200 EUR
 - Exchange program participants cover the remaining costs related to their stay abroad (living expenses, additional materials, etc.). Additional funding is not anticipated.
- 3 grants available for JU students/PhD students

Application deadline to IRO: 2 February 2024 (Friday), 12:00 CET

All candidates will be notified individually (via email) of the recruitment results after March 15, 2024

Candidates will be nominated by the Jagiellonian University. Eligible candidates should submit **ONLY** scans of their applications in one (1) PDF (name your file according to the formula: **A.Nowak_Charles University**) 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 C1 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 student/PhD student on the program (with estimated time of graduation)
 and 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. The final decision to accept a candidate is made by the Utrecht Network.

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

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