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**Fellowships to Belarusian lecturers, scientists, and PhD students
at EU higher education and research institutions 2024
EU4Belarus - SALT II**

Questions and Answers

Question 1:

Do I understand correctly that under the current call the location of the fellowship could be any EU country/city, including the current place of residence of the applicant?

Answer 1

Yes, the fellowship call allows for a fellowship in any EU country/city, including the applicant's current place of residence.

However, the fellowship call has a requirement of institutional mobility. According to the Guidelines for grant applicants (Section 2.1.2), applicants may not receive grant assistance for “*fellowships at the same higher education institution or research centre where an applicant has been an employee, a doctoral student, or a research fellow (regardless of its funding source) since August 2020.*” Therefore, if you plan to apply for a fellowship in your current place of residence, you must not have had any prior working or academic relationship with the proposed host institution since August 2020.

Question 2:

- a) *Can the National Museum in Warsaw be the host organization?***
- b) *Can I, living in Poland, apply to a Polish institution?***

Answer 2

- a) The Guidelines for grant applicants (Section 2.1.2) require that actions take place “*in one of the accredited European higher education institutions and/or research institutions with an evidence-based track of academic history in the EU member states.*” If the National Museum has a research centre or a research department, which would meet the aforementioned requirements, it could potentially qualify as a host institution.
- b) Yes, it is not necessary to move to a different city/country for this fellowship call. Please look at the response to Q1 for more information.

Question 3:

I had to leave Belarus and am currently staying in Warsaw. Would selecting a host institution located in Warsaw conflict with the conditions of this call for proposals?

Answer 3

In short, if you live in Warsaw, a host institution in Warsaw is eligible as long as you have not had a prior working or academic relationship with that institution. You would not be eligible for the fellowship if you are or were an academic employee or had a fellowship in such a host institution. Please see the response to Q1 for more information.

Question 4:

I am currently finishing my work within the framework of the Fellowship „Support for Advanced Learning and Training – EU4Belarus-SALT II”. It ends in January 2025. In this regard, I have a question - can I apply for the next SALT competition?

Answer 4:

The Guidelines for grant applicants (Section 2.1.2) state that applicants are not eligible for “a second or subsequent Fellowship from “Support to Advanced Learning and Training (EU4Belarus – SALT II)” Action for the same recipient.” Unfortunately, if your current fellowship is under the SALT II programme, you cannot apply for the current fellowship call. However, you may be eligible for the upcoming academic research grant call under the SALT III programme. Please monitor the website www.EU4Belarus/info for new announcements.

Question 5:

- a) I am currently residing in Switzerland. Would it be possible for me to apply? I left Belarus in May 2021, and I resided in different EU countries (Germany, Hungary, and Lithuania) from May 2021 until August 2024, when I moved to Switzerland. I would arrange that for the time of the scholarship I would be affiliated with an university in Germany.***
- b) Would it be in order if a German civil society organization (German Society for Eastern European Study, or DGO) would assess my level of a threat by the Belarusian regime? I relied on their expertise in this area already, and it would be easier for me to organize.***
- c) Right now, I am looking for a possibility to draft an English version of my book, which was published this year in German. It means, this would be not original research per se. At the same time, it won't be a simple translation of the German original, since for my book to appear with a reputable publishing house in UK or US, major revisions in terms of its content and style are required. Would such a project be eligible for funding within your program?***

Answer 5:

- a) According to the Corrigendum published on the CPVA [website](#), the Guidelines for grant applicants (Section 2.1.2) require that applicants must “*reside in an EU member state, a member of the Schengen Area, the United Kingdom or one of the Eastern partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine)*”. As a result, if your current place of residence is Switzerland, you are eligible to apply. Please also keep in mind the additional eligibility requirements that require the fellowship to take place in person in European higher education institutions and/or research institutions with an evidence-based track of academic history in the EU member states.
- b) The Guidelines for grant applicants (Section 2.2.1) outline that “*If evidence of persecution by the Belarusian authorities on the political grounds is unavailable, letters of reference confirming the fact of dismissal, persecution/threat of repressions on political grounds provided by organisations and/or representatives of civil society (e.g., human rights organizations, representatives of democratic political institutions, diaspora organisations etc.) may be accepted.*” You may submit a recommendation letter from a civil society organisation with your supporting documents. Any and all supporting documents, which would confirm any facts of persecution by the Belarusian authorities in any available language (English, Belarusian, Russian, Lithuanian, etc.) can be submitted and would be analyzed by CPVA and external assessors to confirm the compliance with the requirements, listed in the Guidelines. Whether the letter alone is enough will be determined by the Selection Committee during the eligibility check based on its content. The contracting authority is not in a position to provide a prior opinion on the eligibility of applicants at this stage.
- c) You can find eligible types of activities outlined in the Guidelines for grant applicants (Section 2.1.2). It depends on how you plan and present your action as a project of academic exchange and collaboration, how you raise goals and measure incremental achievements. You would still need to have an affiliation with a host institution which would invite you, support your selected topic, defined efforts and intended deliverables, and have a colleague there who would serve in a supervisory role and would be able to sign your reports. Lastly, the fellowship covers the livelihood costs of the fellow, and therefore is not defined as “funding for a project”. While the applicant’s own expenses (usage of received funding) would not be monitored and checked, the fellowship funding is subject to the host institution’s signed confirmation that the applicant is performing the fellowship as defined in the invitation letter. The contracting authority is not in a position to provide a prior opinion on the evaluation of applications.

Question 6:

Can I apply for the "Support to Advanced Learning and Training (EU4Belarus – SALT II)" programme if I already have Polish citizenship? I also have Belarusian citizenship.

Answer 6:

According to the Guidelines for grant applicants (Section 2.1.1), the applicants must “be a citizen of the Republic of Belarus” with possible exemptions. Dual citizenships are not prohibited. As long as you have Belarusian citizenship, your Polish citizenship does not affect your application.

Question 7:

Please clarify, in this call for a grant program, a necessary condition is also moving to another city where the inviting university is located? Or can the inviting university be located in the same city where I live? Thank you.

Answer 7:

In short, moving to another city is not a mandatory requirement for this call but institutional mobility is required. Limitations apply, if you had an academic or employment relationship with the university in the same city as you live in prior to the planned fellowship. Please see the response to Q1 for more information.