



KIRKLAND RESEARCH PROGRAM

Polish-American Freedom Foundation

Founder of the Program

and

Leaders of Change Foundation

Program Administrator

announce an open competition for candidates from

Ukraine, Belarus, Russia,

as well as Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic

for

KIRKLAND RESEARCH PROGRAM

in the 2017-18 academic year

Under the Program, we offer short-term R&D internships for persons who already hold strong academic positions.

The candidates who are planning to return to their countries of origin after the scholarship program for the purpose of implementing the newly acquired knowledge therein are welcome to submit their applications.

The scholarship program is intended for the period from the middle of September till the end of January (1 semester). The elements common with the Kirkland Program include participation in the orientation and preparation program in September, held in two sessions for the grantees (December and January), and - optionally - in other classes and workshops organized for the grantees.

As part of the Kirkland Research, the grantees are obliged to participate in academic seminars and work individually under the supervision of their academic advisors to eventually write a diploma project. If the grantee's academic article is accepted for publishing by his/her academic supervisor and the grantee presents effects of his/her work during the meeting of the grantees in January, such grantee shall be entitled to obtain the Program graduation diploma.

FIELDS:

- Economics and Management
- Public Administration (Central and Local Government Administration)
- Law
- Social Sciences (Social Psychology, Sociology)
- Political Science and International Relations

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Citizenship and permanent residence in one of the targeted countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine)
- Up to 40 years of age (in special cases up to 45)
- PhD degree (*kandidat nauk*);
- At least four (4) years of research experience;
- At least two years between any previous foreign scholarships (lasting longer than 6 months) and your application;
- Research accomplishments, including publications
- Polish language proficiency at a minimum B2 level

Our offer is addressed to those people who haven't previously taken part in the Lane Kirkland Scholarship Program, nor completed PhD studies in Poland.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

- 2000 PLN monthly stipend, paid for four (4) months
- Up to 1200 PLN monthly housing allowance, paid for four (4) months
- One return ticket to the country of origin
- Public transport tickets
- Academic and research package up to 3700 PLN
- Health and civil liability insurance
- Costs of participation in the preparation and orientation program and two academic and integration seminars

SELECTION PROCESS:

Candidates will be selected in a 3-stage evaluation process:

- I. Review of applications with regard to eligibility criteria
- II. Review of candidates' applications by independent experts
- III. Interviews (planned on 30 March - 30 April 2017).

The candidates advanced to the third stage will be notified by e-mail by the end of March 2017. Information on the final nominations will be mailed to the candidates in June 2017.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

1. Application form on-line:
 - detailed personal questionnaire
 - proposed research work plan explaining the purpose of participation in the Kirkland Research Program and including proposals for the use of the research results (4000-6000 znaków ze spacjami).
2. Two letters of reference (in Polish, English or Russian), describing the accomplishments and qualifications of the candidate as well as the expectations connected with the candidate's further development and work in her/his professional or social field – to be submitted by e-mail.
3. Copy of PhD diploma – to be submitted by e-mail.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Description of the program and detailed application instructions can be obtained directly from the following website: www.kirkland.edu.pl. They can also be requested by e-mail, mail or phone from the Program Office.

Application forms should be filled on-line.

After the on-line application is completed, the system will generate a confirmation document. The candidate is required to print out the document, sign it and send it to the Program Office by regular post with a photo of the candidate attached.

Two letters of reference and copy of diploma should be scanned and send by e-mailed at: kirkland@kirkland.edu.pl.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Application forms and relevant documents should be received by the Program Office no later than:

March 1, 2017

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

KIRKLAND RESEARCH SCHEDULE:

- Inauguration of the Program (mid-Sept 2017)
- Orientation (8-10 days)
- Research work in leading Polish academic centers, such as Warsaw, Kraków, Poznań, Lublin or Wrocław
- Preparation of a scientific paper
- Presentation of grantee's work during the grantees meeting in January 2018

THE PROGRAM PATRON

The Program is named after **Lane Kirkland**, who passed away in 1999, the legendary trade union leader (AFL-CIO), member of the Polish-American Enterprise Fund Board of Directors and promoter of the Polish-American Freedom Foundation. In the 1980's, he wholeheartedly supported the Solidarity movement and backed it during the underground years. He also supported the aspirations for freedom of other peoples of Central and Eastern Europe. He was awarded the highest distinctions, including the American "Medal of Freedom" and the Polish "Order of the White Eagle".

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POLISH-AMERICAN FREEDOM FOUNDATION (Program Founder)

The Foundation launched its activity in 2000. The main goal of the Foundation is to advance democracy, civil society, equal opportunities and market economy in Poland, as well as share Polish experiences in transformation with Central and Eastern European countries. PAFF finances its activities from revenues generated by its endowment (\$250 million), the source of which are assets of the Polish-American Enterprise Fund. Since 2000, the Foundation has disbursed over \$140 million for its programs.

The Foundation's programs are administered by various Polish non-governmental organizations in line with the Foundation's principles and procedures.

The Lane Kirkland Scholarship Program, launched in 2000 is a long-term endeavor of the Polish-American Freedom Foundation. Additional information about the Foundation and its programs:

<http://www.pafw.pl>



LEADERS OF CHANGE FOUNDATION (FLP) – Program Administrator

The Foundation was established in February 2016 by the Polish-American Freedom Foundation. The main activities of the Foundation include administration of the long-term programs financed by the Polish-American Freedom Foundation: The Lane Kirkland Scholarship Program and "Study Tours to Poland" Program. The Foundation also co-organizes on behalf of the Polish-American Freedom Foundation the Warsaw Euro-Atlantic Summer Academy (WEASA).

All the Programs were transferred to the new Foundation together with the teams who have been responsible for their creation for years. A combination of programs with similar profiles and participation of new persons in their co-creation constitute an opportunity to expand and enrich our activities. We would like to have a broad offer addressed to those who are willing to benefit from experiences of active people from East Europe, the Caucasus region and Central Asia. In collaboration with academic facilities and institutions in the public and NGO sectors, we also hope to offer some new forms of internships and research stays in Poland.

We gather people who believe in the power of change.

Additional information about the Foundation is available online: **www.leadersofchange.pl**