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PUEB STER PROJECT

Internationalisation of the PUEB Doctoral School - PUEB PhD Hub

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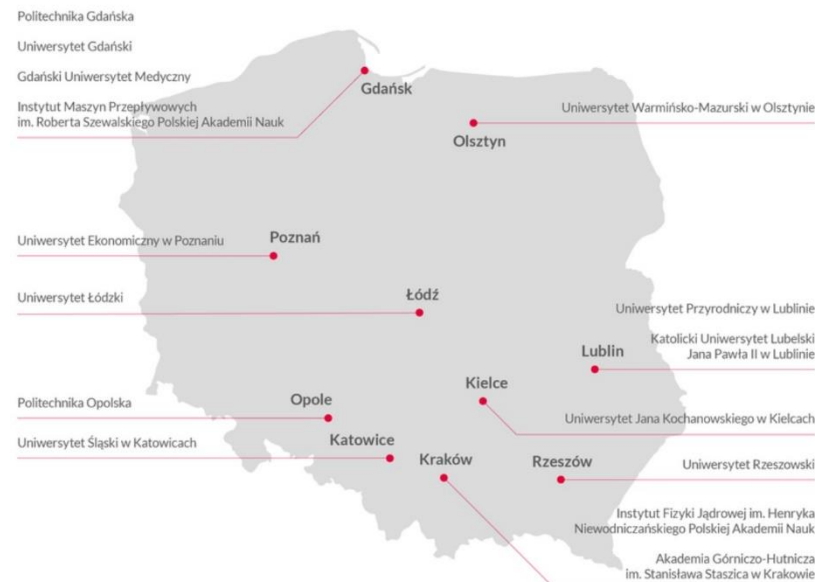


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NAWA STER PROGRAMME

- STER is a program for the **internationalisation of Polish doctoral schools** administered by NAWA (Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange)
- PUEB has been granted **PLN 1.6m** within the 4th edition of the NAWA STER program to be used over the period of **2024-2026**





NAWA STER PROGRAMME - AIMS

- 1) To increase the **international mobility** of (Polish) PhD students
- 2) To increase the **number** of foreign doctoral students
- 3) To increase the **number** of foreign academic teachers
- 4) To promote **international collaboration**
 - international **doctoral projects**
 - international doctoral **programmes (joint/double degree)**



NAWA STER PROGRAMME - TASKS

Task	Budget	Starts from
1. Funding foreign internships of doctoral students	PLN 0.6m	May 2024
2. STER scholarships for the doctoral students	PLN 0.4m	June 2024
3. Stays/remuneration of foreign visiting professors	PLN 0.2m	March 2024
4. Foreign (on-line) academic tutoring	PLN 0.13m	October 2024
5. Training sessions for PhD students/academic staff	PLN 0.05m	October 2024
6. Co-tutelle agreements	PLN 0.05m	2024/2025



FUNDING FOREIGN INTERNSHIPS

When and how organized?

Five rounds of competitions

- Round 1: **May 2024** (internships starting between August 2024 and December 2024)
- Round 2: **November 2024** (internships starting between January 2025 and June 2025)
- Round 3: **May 2025** (internships starting between July 2025 and December 2025)
- Round 4: **November 2025** (internships starting between January 2026 and June 2026)
- Round 5: **May 2026** (internships starting between July 2026 and December 2026, with no extensions beyond December 2026)



FUNDING FOREIGN INTERNSHIPS

Limits per round / per doctoral student

- 1) In each round, we plan to fund:
 - up to **four internships lasting 1 month**, or **two internships lasting 1 to 3 months**;
 - **one 6-month internship** (co-tutelle).
- 2) **Unused** funds in a given round **increase** the funds to be used in the next one.
- 3) In case of no 6-month internship (co-tutelle), the funds earmarked for it may be used to **increase** the number of **shorter internships**.
- 4) In a given round, each candidate may apply for funding for only **one internship**.
- 5) PhD students can get funding for **a maximum of two** internships during the project.



FUNDING FOREIGN INTERNSHIPS

Requirements:

- Duration of the internship: **1-3 months** (an exception – 6 months for co-tutelle)
- **Application** submitted within the deadline set in the competition announcement
- **Invitation** (letter of intent) signed by a foreign professor (mentor/co-ordinator)
- Research tasks should be **in line with IRPs** (confirmed by supervisor!)
- **GDPR declarations** (and other NAWA requirements/consents)



FUNDING FOREIGN INTERNSHIPS

Criteria used during evaluation:

Criterion	Score	Weight
Description of internship tasks to be performed, aligned with the doctoral school's IRP (individual research plan)	0 to 10 points	5
Research achievements of the foreign mentor at the host institution, who mentors the doctoral student and intern candidate	0 to 10 points	2
Research achievements of the doctoral student since enrolling in the doctoral school (publications and grants for research projects)	0 to 10 points	3

- Minimum required – **40p.** (out of 100p.)



FUNDING FOREIGN INTERNSHIPS

Funding amount:

1. Funds to cover the **costs of stay** in the country of the host institution:
 - **PLN 12,000 per month** for stays in **OECD countries** or in cities within non-OECD countries ranked among the top 50 in the MERCER report;
 - **PLN 8,000 per month** for stays in other countries.
- The total amount to be paid **in the month before** the internship commences!
2. Funds to cover the **travel expenses** (including insurance, visa, etc.):
 - **PLN 1,000–5,000**, depending on the distance to the hosting institution location



STER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PhD STUDENTS

When and how organized?

- **Two rounds** of competitions
 - Round 1: September 2024 – for academic year **2024/2025** (12 months),
 - Round 2: September 2025 – for academic year **2025/2026** (12 months),
- **Competition announcements** are expected in **June/July**
- **Application submissions** will open in **August/September**
- **Decisions** announced in **September/October**



STER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PhD STUDENTS

Limits per round / per doctoral student:

1) In each round, we plan to fund:

- up to **two scholarships for the best foreign doctoral students;**
- **one scholarship** for the best **Polish** doctoral student (**co-tutelle**).

2) **Unused** funds in the first round **increase** the funds to be used in the **next round**.

3) PhD students can get a scholarship only **for one academic year**.

Scholarship amount:

- **PLN 3,500** per month (12 months) – gross/net (?)



STER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PhD STUDENTS

Requirements:

- **Application** submitted within the deadline set in the competition announcement,
- **GDPR declarations** (and other NAWA requirements/consents),
- For **future PhD students** and **current** PhD students in the **1st, 2nd, 3rd year**,
- For PhD students who are not employed at the PUEB under a permanent contract of employment **on more than a half-time basis**,
- Doctoral dissertation being prepared in English (or at least one publication in English)

A special requirement for **Polish** doctoral students (NAWA):

- **Co-tutelle** (double degree programme)



STER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PhD STUDENTS

Criteria used during evaluation:

Achievement	Score
Academic publications (articles in foreign journals, monographs or monograph chapters published by a foreign publisher)	0 to 10 points per publication, up to 30 points in total
Academic publications co-authored with scholars affiliated with a foreign research institution (regardless of the nature of such publication and the place at which it has been published)	0 to 5 points for co-authoring a publication, up to 10 points in total
Research projects pursued in cooperation with foreign scholars	0 to 15 points per project, up to 30 points in total
Short research internships in foreign research institutions (1 week to 1 month)	0 to 5 points per stay, up to 10 points in total
Long research internships in foreign research institutions (over 1 month)	0 to 10 points per stay, up to 20 points in total



CONCLUDING REMARKS

- **STER** and **IREG** projects are **complementary** to each other
- Most funds to be spent on **internships and scholarships**
- **Competition-based** funding (but not for all tasks)
- Detailed information to be published on the **PUEB's DS website**
- We await your **applications!**



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Thank you!