



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

NEC FELLOWSHIPS FOR UKRAINIAN SCHOLARS

Academic year 2024/2025

New Europe College – Institute for Advanced Study in Bucharest (Romania) extends the annual competition for the 2024/2025 NEC Fellowships for Ukrainian scholars.

The program is aimed at qualified researchers (post-doctoral level) in the humanities and the social sciences, including law and economics, who intend to pursue a project of their own choosing. The selected applicants will have the opportunity to spend an extended period (ideally one or two semesters, between October 2024 and July 2025) as Fellows, resident in Bucharest, where they will enjoy all the benefits associated with a fellowship (stipend, accommodation, academic and administrative assistance, integration into international academic networks).

By agreement, financial support can also be granted to researchers who are not in residence for the full period and who want or need to continue their work in Ukraine. Seed funding to support the Fellows' scholarly activities is also available, e.g., for the organisation of small events, for cooperative projects with partners in the host country or at home, or for the provision, development or reconstruction of research infrastructure, especially in the digital arena. Overall, NEC hopes to contribute with this programme to the sustainability and renewal of scientific life and work in Ukraine and beyond.

What we offer:

- a monthly stipend of 850 Euros;
- accommodation in Bucharest;
- reimbursement of travel costs;
- access to the institute's library and electronic resources;
- additional support for scientific activities can be solicited.

What we expect:

- Fellows are expected to work on their projects and take part in the scientific events organized by NEC;

- Presence (physical or virtual) at the weekly seminars discussing the work in progress of the Fellows is compulsory. While, as a rule, Fellows are expected to be in residence in Bucharest, NEC also accepts more flexible arrangements for scholars based in Ukraine.

- At the end of their affiliation to the NEC, the Fellows have to submit a research article, based on their work, that is to be published in the institute's yearbook.

Eligibility:

- The Fellowships are open to postdoctoral level scholars who present a meaningful research proposal.

- Please note that English is the preferred language of communication during most events; some communication skills in English are thus required.

Duration:

A full academic year (10 months) or one term (5 months, starting with October 2024 or March 2025). Flexibility is also possible here.

How to apply:

- Applications will be submitted in electronic format only, using the on-line forms available at <https://applications.nec.ro/>.
- Please respect the guidelines below to make sure you have all needed documents to fill in the form.

Selection process:

- Applications will be reviewed by members of the institute's academic team, with support from its Academic Advisory Board and from other external experts.
- For selection criteria, please see the guidelines below.

Applications will be evaluated by NEC's academic staff, in consultation with external experts. Candidates will be notified on the results of the pre-selection by mid-March 2024, by e-mail. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview, scheduled on April 17–18, 2024. The Academic Advisory Board of the NEC plays a decisive role in the selection of the Fellows. For selection criteria, please see the **Guidelines** below. Please note that NEC does not disclose to candidates the assessment reports on the applications.

The DEADLINE for submitting applications is MARCH 1, 2024.

Incomplete or late applications will not be taken into consideration.

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to: applications@nec.ro

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GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Submitting an application:

To apply for a NEC Fellowship, fill in the electronic form available at <https://applications.nec.ro/>. NEC accepts applications in English, French or German. Please note that you need to upload several documents to the application platform:

- a recent photo;
- a scan of your PhD diploma;
- two original letters of reference (in English, French, or German) written explicitly to support your application for the Fellowship. Once the candidate has submitted the application, the referees receive an automatic message with the link for uploading the letter.

Please answer all the questions mentioned in the application form and do not exceed the allotted space. The project itself should not exceed 12,000 characters (with spaces), including footnotes/endnotes and bibliographical references. The project should describe the state of research in your particular area of interest and indicate your objectives; it should also include bibliographic references.

Selection Criteria:

- Quality of the candidate's academic portfolio and publications;
- Relevant research proposal with significant contribution to scholarship;
- Special attention is accorded to projects and plans that include elements of strengthening and revitalising science and research in Ukraine.

GDPR:

Personal data are processed and stored in accordance with current GDPR regulations.