

## Procedure for CRASP and Elsevier scholarships for the increase of research potential of Ukrainian Ph.D. students and academics

## of 21 March 2025

- 1. The scholarship fund/scheme shall be created from the gift granted to the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (CRASP) by Elsevier (grantor).
- 2. The scholarship of CRASP and Elsevier, here in after referred as the scholarship, payable from the scholarship fund, referred in pt. 1, shall be distributed to Ukrainian citizens Ph.D. students and academics of up to 35 years of age from Ukrainian higher education institutions, cooperating with a CRASP member institution, here in after referred as Polish universities.
- 3. The scholarship shall be used to support at least 3-month research activity conducted at Polish universities between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026, costs of leaving and lodging in Poland in particular, including all fees and taxes.
- 4. Polish universities shall provide adequate academic supervision.
- 5. The scholarship, irrespectively of the length of stay, shall amount to 17.000,00 PLN.
- 6. CRASP shall pay the scholarship amount to Polish universities, where the research activity shall be conducted, at least 14 days before starting the activity based on an agreement between CRASP and its member.
- 7. Polish universities shall be responsible for the scholarship distribution to scholars, including all taxes, within the transferred amount.
- 8. Polish universities shall provide academic facilities and materials free of charge. Polish universities shall not charge scholars with any fees, including ones for academic supervision or administrative support.
- 9. The scholarship applications, in Polish or English, shall be submitted through Polish universities to CRASP Office to the e-mail address: <a href="mailto:science@krasp.org.pl">science@krasp.org.pl</a> till 31 May 2025.



- 10. The scholarship application shall consist of:
  - a. application form determined in Attachment 1 to the present Procedure;
  - b. plan and schedule of research activity, including the description of research topic, applied research methods, used infrastructure, expected results, and projected continuation of cooperation between the scholar and the Polish university, determined in Attachment 2 to the present Procedure;
  - c. CV of the applicant;
  - d. opinion prepared by the doctoral supervisor in case of a Ph.D. student or opinion of a direct supervisor in case of an academic of a Ukrainian university;
  - e. opinion of the academic supervisor at a Polish university;
  - f. confirmation of the rector or the respective vice-rector of a Ukrainian higher education institution of consent to participation of the scholarship applicants, where the full name of a given applicant shall be specified;
  - g. confirmation of the rector or the respective vice-rector of a Polish university of consent to admission of the scholarship applicants and fulfillment of obligations of a Polish university under the present Procedure, where the full name of a given applicant shall be specified.
- 11. The selection/assessment of applications shall be made by a committee consisting of:
  - a. three CRASP representatives indicated by CRASP President, including the Committee chair:
  - b. CRASP Secretary General acting as the Committee Secretary.
- 12. A grantor representative may participate in a Committee meeting as an observer.
- 13. While assessing the applications, the Committee shall consider the data included in the applications, and on this basis the ranking list shall be created.
- 14. Granting the scholarships, the Committee shall observe limitations according to which the number of research projects at one Polish university cannot exceed 5, and the number of scholars from one Ukrainian higher education institution cannot exceed 10.
- 15. In the case of unexpended resources from the scholarship fund, CRASP shall allow for the possibility to additional recruitment process in order to enable full spending of the funds, allocated for the scholarships, paid by grantor.
- 16. CRASP Office shall inform Polish universities and Ukrainian higher education institutions on the selected candidates of the call until 30 July 2025.
- 17. Within 14 days upon the completion of the research activity, the scholar shall provide at least 5-page report, written in Polish or English, on the realized activity and achieved results, confirmed by the academic supervisor at the Polish university, to the respective Polish university and Ukrainian higher education institution.



- 18. Within 14 days upon the scholar report has been submitted, the Polish university shall hand it over to CRASP Office, along with the statement on the expenditure of the paid funds in accordance with intended use. Within 7 days upon the request of CRASP Office, the Polish university shall provide written progress reports.
- 19. Upon the completion of all the research projects, but not later than until 31 October 2026, CRASP Office shall prepare a summary report which shall be submitted to CRASP President and the grantor.
- 20. The submission of applications and communication concerning the approved candidates shall take place through the following e-mail address <a href="mailto:science@krasp.org.pl">science@krasp.org.pl</a>. All other communication shall take place through the following e-mail address <a href="mailto:biuro@krasp.org.pl">biuro@krasp.org.pl</a>.
- 21. The Work plan shall enter into force upon the date of signature by CRASP President after the acceptance of CRASP Presidium.

**CRASP President** 

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