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Fellowships to Belarusian lecturers, scientists, and PhD students at EU higher education and research institutions

EU4Belarus SALT II

Questions and Answers

Question 1:

Am I correct in understanding that only a university can be used for an internship? For example, I work in a Lithuanian NGO and I can apply for an internship in a Polish university? Including if I am a doctoral student at this university?

Answer 1:

The answer to your question is in the title of the action: *Fellowships to Belarusian lecturers, scientists, and PhD students at EU higher education and research institutions under the Programme support to advanced learning and training (EU4Belarus SALT II)*. Your host institution has to be a higher education institution or a research centre. A Polish university can be your host.

Section 2.1.2. The *Guidelines for applicants* states:

The following types of action are ineligible, applicants may **NOT** receive grant assistance for:

- actions concerned only with participation in workshops, seminars, conferences, and congresses.
- actions concerned only or mainly with individual scholarships for studies or training courses.
- fellowships at the same higher education institution or research centre where an applicant has been employed **or was a doctoral student in the past 12 months and/or** at the institution of current employment.
- multiple fellowship awards at the same time.

This is a mobility action. You cannot receive a Fellowship to stay at the university where you are a PhD student.

Question 2

I work in a Belarusian NGO in Vilnius, which was liquidated in Belarus and was recognised as extremist. Can I apply from my NGO to one of the European universities for an internship?

Answer 2

Pls. see the answer to Q1.

Any action planned has to be negotiated with the potential host.

Question 3

If I am a doctoral student at a Polish university, can I apply for an internship at my own university?

Answer 3

Please see the answer to Q1.

Question 4

In the last rejection I was told that I did not have enough "persecution", which was extremely unpleasant to hear. I have international protection status in Poland, is this a sufficient argument?

Answer 4

Section 2.1.1. Eligibility of applicants states that applicants must:

- demonstrate that the applicant has been under threats, suffered from actual persecution /repression, or risks of threatening, persecution, repressions on political grounds (based on official protocols or other documents).

If evidence of persecution by the Belarusian authorities on the political grounds is unavailable, letters of reference confirming the fact of dismissal, prosecution/threat of repressions on political grounds provided by organisations and/or representatives of civil society (e.g., human rights organizations, diaspora organisations etc.) can be provided.

When the application is submitted, the Selection Committee will evaluate each application individually in its entirety considering all the documents and letters presented. It is important to provide evidence of dismissal, persecution or risks of persecution by the Belarusian authorities on the political grounds. It is not possible to make this assessment in advance.

Question 5

As part of this programme I also plan to participate in a summer school in Oxford, but they have not opened enrolment there yet. How do I indicate this in my application and budget?

Answer 5

The design of the project is entirely the responsibility of the applicant and have to be discussed and approved by the host university. Please remember that the evaluation committee will assess the application according to the criteria provided in the Section "2.3 Evaluation and Selection of applications" in the Guidelines for grant applicants: <https://www.cpva.lt/en/international-cooperation/calls-for-proposals/884/k82>

In terms of budget calculation, the eligible direct costs may include only the following:

- Daily fellowship (individual support grant) of EUR 62 for a maximum 310 days (no more than 10 months)

This allowance has to cover all needs during the implementation of the Fellowship project.

Question 6

In the line "Location(s) of the action: specify country and the institution where the action takes place" should it be one country and the university or can it be all countries and institutions visited?

Answer 6

As long as the fellowship project happens in the EU member state, there is no limitation on how to structure the action. However, the multiple locations that you plan to visit have to make perfect sense in terms of the project design.

Please remember that the evaluation committee will assess the application according to the criteria provided in the Section "2.3 Evaluation and Selection of applications" in the Guidelines for grant applicants: <https://www.cpva.lt/en/international-cooperation/calls-for-proposals/884/k82>

Question 7

My application was not successful in the first EU4Belarus SALT Fellowship competition, but it is on the reserve list, which is valid until December 31, 2023...

I would be grateful if you could provide me with information on whether these two competitions are connected or if participation in the new competition requires a new application for EU4Belarus SALT II.

Answer 7

The two EU4Belarus SALT and SALT II Fellowships are separate competitions and are funded by two separate EU programmes. If you were unsuccessful in the first competition, you can apply to the second. The "reserve" status will expire on the 31st of December 2023.

If by that time, your first application under SALT, which is on the reserve list, receives nomination for an award (as additional funding becomes available), but you have submitted the application to the second competition under SALT II, you will have to choose which application you would like to move forward with. Remember that at this time your second application will be in the process of selection.

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Question 8

I would also like to clarify the information on "Annex III: Budget (Excel format)" - On the main page this excel table (if you download it) is encrypted.

If the same table is downloaded from the section "The link to the submission is SUBMIT APPLICATION", the tables are different.

Could you please clarify what the difference is and where can I find the final document?

Answer 8

This is a very valid point and CPMA staff is grateful for this observation.

Currently, the links are corrected, and the Submittable application contains a valid link.

<https://www.cpva.lt/en/international-cooperation/calls-for-proposals/884/k82>

Question 9

I did not find information about the requirements for host institutions (as far as I understood there should be a host institution). For example, I live in Lithuania - does it mean that the host institution must be in another country, not in Lithuania? Is it a mandatory requirement that I should not have any official relationships with the host institution at the moment of proposal submission?

Answer 9

Part of the answer is in Q1. There is no requirement for the host university/research center to be in a different country than your country of residence. But it cannot be at the same higher education institution or research centre where an applicant has been employed **or was a doctoral student in the past 12 months** and/or at the institution of current employment.

You have to be in contact with your host institution, because one of the requirements for the application is an Invitation letter from your host university/research center.