

Call for Applications

MWNO Research Scholarship

1 January – 31 July 2027

Application deadline: **15 November 2026**

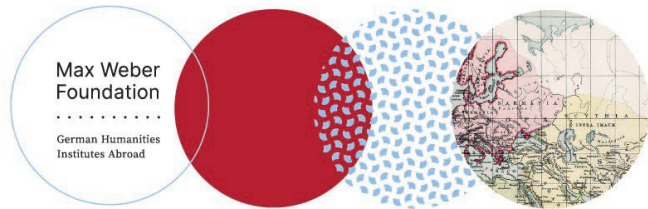
The Max Weber Netzwerk Osteuropa | Max Weber Network Eastern Europe (MWNO) awards research scholarships of one to three months for research on historical topics in archives and libraries in the 'post-Soviet' states (except Russia and Belarus) and in Finland. The scholarship program is aimed at postgraduate researchers (PhD candidates and PostDocs) in the humanities and social sciences affiliated with universities and research institutions in Europe (except Russia and Belarus) or the South Caucasus. The objective of the program is to support qualification projects that address the multiple dimensions of the history of the Soviet Union, its predecessor and successor states as well as the transnational and transregional contact zones with other neighboring (imperial) states and their relationship with Germany. *Please, note that the scholarship cannot be awarded for research stays in the country where the applicant has their place of residence. Also, due to the war-related security situation, no scholarships can currently be awarded for research stays in Ukraine.*

Application requirements

Applicants must have at least a master's degree or an equivalent qualification (state examination, diploma) in the humanities or social sciences, be affiliated with a university or research institution in Europe (except Russia and Belarus) or the South Caucasus and be pursuing a research project there that serves the purpose of further academic qualification. Applications from early career researchers with a connection to German research institutions or universities are particularly welcome.

Countries and regions

MWNO research scholarships allow stays in the following countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Finland. Applicants can apply for research stays in up to two countries (e.g. Lithuania and Georgia) or in one region (e.g. Baltic States, incl. Finland; South Caucasus; Central Asia).



Funding rates

The scholarship is intended to cover additional expenses resulting from the research stay. The amount of the scholarship is determined by the MWNO and is based on the guidelines of the German Research Foundation (DFG). In the case of research stays in one country or region, the travel costs for a return ticket are reimbursed. In the case of research stays in two countries located in two different regions (e.g. Baltic States and Central Asia), travel allowance will be granted for one additional trip.

Scholarship rates and other guidelines regarding the scholarship are defined by the scholarship [regulations](#).

Application documents

The application documents must be submitted in German or English. Please note that the documents must be accompanied by written confirmation from the archives to be consulted, stating that the applicant will get access to the respective archives and is authorized to consult the holdings there. Please, submit the following documents:

- A completed and signed [application form](#)
- Exposé of the research project, incl. work plan (2-3 pages)
- Outline of the research to be conducted during MWNO scholarship (1-2 pages)
- Confirmation of access to the archives to be consulted
- Curriculum vitae (with list of publications, if applicable)
- Letter of recommendation from the academic supervisor (PhD students) or other expert (1 page)
- Copy of university diploma / doctoral certificate

More details and all applications forms can be found at [Opportunities – Max Weber Network Eastern Europe](#).

Please, send the completed application form and all documents as **one** pdf attachment and exclusively via e-mail to stipendien@mws-osteuropa.org. There is no legal entitlement to being awarded a scholarship. For inquiries contact our academic manager, Dr. Maike Lehmann: maike.lehmann@mws-osteuropa.org