

## Scholarship Regulations of the Max Weber Netzwerk Osteuropa | Max Weber Network Eastern Europe (MWNO)

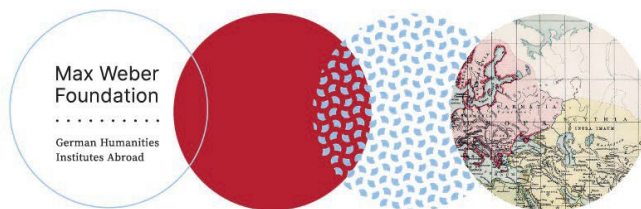
### Objectives and funding formats

#### Research Scholarships

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 at universities and research institutions in Europe (except Russia and Belarus) or the South Caucasus. The objective of the program is to promote 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 of these states with other neighboring (imperial) states and their relationship with Germany. 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 that serves the purpose of further academic qualification. *Please, note that the scholarship cannot be awarded for research stays in the countries where the applicant has their place of residence.*

#### Scholarships for a Research Stay in Germany (Deutschlandstipendium) for researchers from the South Caucasus

The Georgia Branch Office of the Max Weber Network Eastern Europe promotes the development of academic exchange and academic cooperation between the South Caucasus and Germany in the field of history and its neighboring disciplines. To this end, it awards research scholarships for a research stay of up to three months in Germany to outstanding doctoral students, post-docs and experienced academics who are affiliated with an institution in the countries of the South Caucasus. The scholarship is intended for historical research in German archives, libraries and research institutions on topics that correspond to the research profile of the Georgia Branch Office.



## Mobility Funding for Participation in Conferences, Workshops and Colloquia

The Max Weber Network Eastern Europe and its individual locations reserve the right to offer mobility funding for participation in conferences, workshops and colloquia. The program is aimed at highly qualified, internationally oriented scholars in the humanities and social sciences (doctoral candidates, postdocs, experienced researchers) working on topics that correspond to the research profile of the network and its branch offices. Currently, this funding line is reserved for researchers from 'post-Soviet' states (excluding Russia and Belarus) and scholars in exile who do not hold a position or receive multi-year funding.

### 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. Funding within the framework of a Research Scholarship enables stays in up to two countries (e.g. Lithuania and Kazakhstan) or in one region (e.g. Baltic States, incl. Finland; South Caucasus; Central Asia).

Please note that on-site support by network staff can only be guaranteed at the branch offices of the MWNO. *Due to the security concerns related to the war, no scholarships can currently be awarded for research stays in Ukraine. Applications for research stays in Russia and Belarus are generally not possible.*

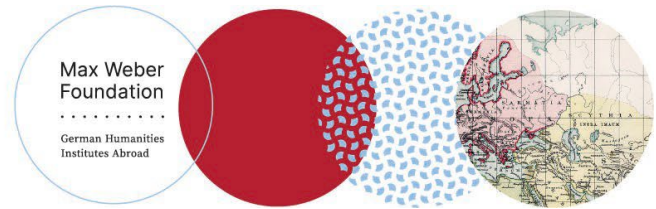
Scholarship holders are responsible for clarification of entry requirements and questions regarding residence permits in the respective countries.

Applicants for the Scholarship for a Research Stay in Germany (Deutschlandstipendium) are free to choose their place of work or cooperation partner in Germany depending on their respective research project.

### Application and approval

Applications must be submitted by the applicants by the deadlines specified in the call for applications. The application form must be accompanied by the documents listed in the respective call for applications. Incomplete applications do not qualify.

It is possible to apply for a Research Scholarship and Mobility Funding at the same time, but Mobility Funding cannot be claimed for an event that falls within the period for which a Research



Scholarship has been awarded.

After receiving a scholarship, a new application for a new scholarship can be submitted at the earliest two years after the end of the first scholarship. A person can be awarded a maximum of two scholarships from the Max Weber Network Eastern Europe.

There is no legal entitlement to the award of a scholarship or mobility funding. The selection is made by the Scholarship Commission of the MWNO. All applicants will be notified of the result no later than six weeks after the application deadline.

Once a scholarship has been approved, applicants will be asked to submit a declaration of consent in which they confirm receipt, acknowledgement and acceptance of the scholarship regulations. The scholarship award only becomes effective upon receipt of the signed declaration of consent.

The start of the scholarship must be agreed with the Max Weber Network Eastern Europe. If, contrary to expectations, the scholarship cannot be used within the planned period, a new date for the start of the scholarship can be agreed with the Max Weber Network Eastern Europe or the supervising location. Otherwise, the scholarship will expire six months after the date of the letter of approval.

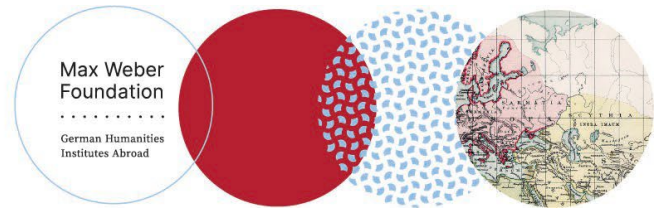
The approval of a scholarship does not constitute an employment relationship. Scholarship holders are responsible for paying any taxes on the scholarship and other statutory duties. If a scholarship is approved, no other scholarship may be received during the specified period.

The Max Weber Network Eastern Europe explicitly points out that for all trips and research stays for which it provides funding, applicants are responsible for ensuring that they have adequate health insurance cover. The MWNO does not pay any benefits in the event of illness or accident.

The Director of the Max Weber Network Eastern Europe may revoke the funding if reasons become apparent that make a successful completion of the work appear impossible.

## Obligations

Scholarship holders are expected to attend at least two MWNO Colloquium (MWNO Stipendiat\*innentage) and give a presentation on their research topic and the results of their research stay at one such colloquium. Scholarship holders who receive a Research Scholarship



for a stay in countries or regions where the Max Weber Network Eastern Europe has a branch office are obliged to actively participate in in-person events of the MWNO office that supervises them. Scholarship holders who conduct research outside the countries where the MWNO has branch offices are expected to attend hybrid events during their scholarship.

A report on the research conducted must be submitted no later than two months after the end of the scholarship period (3,000 to 4,000 characters). A [template](#) can be found here.

Publications produced in connection with funding from the MWNO must include a reference to the funding from the Max Weber Network Eastern Europe. Recipients of funding are requested to provide the network or the relevant office with a free copy or offprint of the relevant publications.

## Scholarships and mobility funding rates and regulations

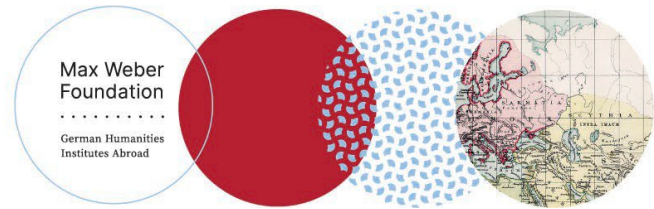
### Scholarships

The scholarships are intended to cover additional expenses resulting from the research stay in the post-Soviet states, in Finland and in Germany. The amount of the scholarship is determined by the Max Weber Network Eastern Europe and is based on the DFG guidelines. The benefits consist of a basic scholarship amount and a travel allowance. Holders of an MWNO Research Scholarship may also receive a limited reimbursement of material costs. For scholarships spent in Germany, an international bonus is awarded per month. The scholarship is only paid out for the period in which the archival research / event participation that it was awarded for is in fact conducted. Should the scholarship holder have to terminate the scholarship prematurely for unforeseeable reasons, he/she is obliged to inform the Max Weber Network Eastern Europe and (where applicable) the host institution immediately.

### Scholarship rates:

- for doctoral candidates € 1,450 per month
- for postdoctoral researchers € 1,750 per month

For scholarships for a Research Stay in Germany, an additional € 500 per month will be paid as an international bonus.



## Travel allowance:

In the case of research stays in one country or region, the travel costs for one return tickets are reimbursed, up to a maximum of € 500.

Only for recipients of the Research Scholarship: In the case of research stays in two countries located in two different regions (e.g. Baltic States and Central Asia), the travel allowance will be awarded for one further trip, up to a maximum total of € 750.

Reimbursable travel expenses (in accordance with the Federal Travel Expenses Act) must be substantiated by submitting the usual travel receipts (tickets, boarding passes). Costs for taxi or similar services can only be reimbursed to scholarship holders providing proof of their necessity (i.e. physical impairment, lack of public transport to the airport/train station). On principle, no travel expenses will be reimbursed for trips *within* a target region.

## Material costs (only for Research Scholarship holders):

Upon presentation of receipts, material costs such as copying costs can be reimbursed up to an amount of € 300.

The Max Weber Network Eastern Europe tries to support scholarship holders within the scope of its possibilities if they incur additional costs for accompanying children under seven years of age during their stay. The extent of this support will be decided on an individual basis following an application and with appropriate proof of the costs. It can only be awarded within the limits of available funds.

## Mobility Funding

The mobility funding consists of a travel allowance and an accommodation allowance. Accommodation allowance is only paid for the duration of the respective event (including the day of arrival and departure, if applicable). Reimbursable costs must be substantiated by submitting the usual travel receipts (tickets, boarding passes, hotel bill):

- Travel/flight costs for one outward and return journey, up to a maximum of € 500
- Accommodation allowance, up to a maximum of € 90 per overnight stay
- Conference fees, where applicable
- Reimbursement of costs is limited to a total of € 800.