

# Croatian Research Fellowship

## Research Mobility for Croatian Doctoral Students

### at the University of Alberta

Are you a Croatian doctoral candidate looking for a supportive research environment to advance your dissertation while connecting with an international academic community?

The Croatian Research Fellowship is open to doctoral research across all fields in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts. We welcome diverse topics, approaches, and methodologies, and encourage you to apply if your work would benefit from the University of Alberta's research environment, resources, and academic community.

The call for applications for the Croatian Doctoral Research Fellowship for the 2026-2027 academic year is now open.

- Duration: 8-month research residency (October 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027).
- Award Value: **\$27,600.00 CAD**.
- Eligibility: Croatian citizens at the PhD level (ABD) in the Humanities, Social Sciences, or Fine Arts.
- Community Engagement: Successful candidates serve as a liaison between the local Croatian community and the Wirth Institute.
- Application Deadline: 6 April 2026
- How to Apply: Visit the [Wirth Institute Opportunities Portal](#)

#### Your Academic “Home Base” in Canada

The [Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies](#) provides a supportive and interdisciplinary academic home where you can advance your research, engage with a vibrant scholarly community, and make the most of your time in Canada.

- **A dedicated network:** You will join a collaborative network of researchers from Central and Southeast Europe, while connecting with a wider community of scholars in Edmonton and across North America.
- **Research resources:** Access Canada's second-largest research library system, with extensive collections across disciplines to support your research.
- **An established community:** With over 15 years of experience running this fellowship, the Wirth Institute offers a well-established fellowship and a strong, connected network of fellows and [alumni](#).
- **Engage with the TRSI Hub:** Use the Transforming Research for Social Impact Hub to turn your research into evidence-based solutions through community-engaged research frameworks.
- **A Familiar Connection:** Edmonton is a city with a diverse and deeply rooted Croatian community, offering a welcoming “home away from home.”

## Explore Research Areas and Connections

The following themes highlight areas of research strength and potential collaboration at [the University of Alberta](#), including areas of shared interest with Croatia's National Development Strategy 2030 and the Smart Specialization Strategy (S3 2029). These themes are provided as examples – not requirements – and we strongly encourage applications from all fields within the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts.

### 1. Public Policy & Evidence-Based Governance

Opportunities to engage with political science and law research examining the intersection of populism and institutional distrust. This collaboration can contribute to generating evidence-based insights relevant to administrative improvement and the strengthening of social cohesion.

### 2. Sustainable Transformation & Environmental Governance

In alignment with Croatia's focus on the Green Transition, the University of Alberta offers a unique "sister" landscape for comparative research. Opportunities exist to engage with Social Sciences and Humanities research examining behavioral changes and governance traditions relevant to green transitions. An interdisciplinary approach also supports exploration of the connections between human, spatial, and cultural-indigenous dimensions of climate change, contributing to evidence-based approaches for a resilient future.

### 3. Smart Specialization & Socially Responsible Innovation

Opportunities to engage with a multidisciplinary ecosystem that bridges research and practical application. Research may connect with the eHUB Entrepreneurship Centre, including work on emancipatory and inclusive entrepreneurship and the ways in which business and innovation can contribute to social justice. This area reflects the Croatian S3 2029 objective of linking academic resources to social applications while maintaining high standards of professional ethics.

### 4. Digital Humanities & Digital Culture

Opportunities to engage with the University of Alberta's Digital Humanities (DH) ecosystem, which includes one of the leading graduate programs in Canada. This framework connects with other SSH disciplines to explore the societal impacts of digitization beyond a purely technical approach.

Available resources include:

- **Digital Scholarship Centre (DSC):** A specialized research facility providing technology and training in 3D modelling, data analysis, and digital mapping.
- **Media and Technology Studies:** Faculty expertise in digital culture, visualization, text analysis, and interactive interface design.
- **Advanced Methodologies:** Support for research involving text and data mining and multimedia, contributing to approaches where technological advancement remains grounded in humanities-led inquiry, in line with the "Digital Croatia" vision.