

Polish Research Fellowship

Research Mobility for Polish Doctoral Students

at the University of Alberta

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

The Polish 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 Polish 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: Polish 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 Polish 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 Central European community. From cultural events to local heritage, you will find a welcoming “home away from home” that makes your transition to Canadian academic life seamless.

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 Poland's current priorities in addressing the "Grand Challenges" of the 21st century, such as those reflected in its EU Council Presidency under the motto "Security, Europe!". 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. Human-Centered Digital Transition ("HumanTech")

This area includes research connected to the AI4Society signature area within an institutional environment home to the 2024 A.M. Turing Award ("Nobel Prize of Computing") co-winner. As a global leader in artificial intelligence, the University of Alberta supports research examining how digital transformation affects public policy, human rights, and social justice, in line with Poland's focus on ethical, human-centred technological development.

2. Information Integrity & Civic Resilience

Research in this field focuses on how citizens, communities, and governments navigate challenges related to information integrity and the "Knowledge Crisis." The University of Alberta has expertise in initiatives addressing misinformation and disinformation in areas such as health, climate change, and public policy, supporting the development of tools and approaches that strengthen democratic processes and social cohesion. This work directly supports Poland's priority of building societal resilience against hybrid threats.

3. Cultural Memory & Fine Arts

Projects in this area have access to one of North America's significant Slavic and Central European archives. The University of Alberta also offers a Fine Arts community that brings together traditional methods with new media and digital preservation, providing a unique space for those committed to preserving cultural heritage through avant-garde innovation.

4. Energy Transition & Sustainability Studies

This focus area includes research in collaboration with Political Science, History, and Sustainability Design on the political economy of green transitions. In the context of Poland's ongoing focus on the energy transition as a critical social shift, the University of Alberta offers the ideal setting to study the democratic resilience of communities and evolving governance traditions.