

Foundation for the Development of the Education System

Intermediary of Scholarship and Training Fund

Announces An Open Call For Proposals

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Scholarship and Training Fund appointed within EEA Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Financial Mechanism aims to contribute to the development of social and economic cohesion within European Economic Area through facilitating cooperation in the field of education between Poland and the EEA EFTA countries.

The Scholarship and Training Fund shall support the following measures:

I. Mobility Projects

Financing: lump sum depending on the period of mobility.

II. Language Courses

Financing: up to 5 000,00 €

III. Individual Mobility Grants

Financing: lump sum depending on the period of mobility.

IV. Inter – Institutional Cooperation Projects

Financing: from 5 000,00 € to 100 000,00 € Grants from the STF will not exceed 90% of total project costs, the remaining costs shall be provided or obtained by the Beneficiary.

V. Development of Polish Higher Education Institutions

Financing: from 20 000,00 € to 250 000,00 € Grants from the STF will not exceed 90% of total project costs, the remaining costs shall be provided or obtained by the Beneficiary.

Eligible Applicants:

- schools and universities,
- doctoral students and young researchers,
- educational and research institutions,
- other organisations and institutions active in the field of education (all sectors: primary, secondary, higher, vocational and adult education).

The following activities can be financed within Scholarship and Training Funds:

- studies and practical placements for students, work shadowing, teaching assignments and participation in conferences for staff of educational institutions,
- courses of Polish language and culture and courses of languages and culture of EEA EFTA countries,
- mobility of doctoral students and young scholars to conduct research in educational and research institutions,
- individual study visits of representatives from different institutions and bodies active in the field of basic, secondary, higher, vocational and adult education,
- activities aiming at enhancement of cooperation between educational institutions from Poland and EEA EFTA countries,

- activities aiming at increase of participation of Polish educational institutions in international educational projects of exchange of pupils and students and increase of possibility of organisation of international educational events,
- activities aiming at improvement of quality culture and institutional capacities of Polish educational system,
- activities aiming at development of study programmes,
- activities aiming at improvement of quality of study programmes offered by Polish higher education institution in foreign languages.

The total possible amount of funds to be distributed between beneficiaries within this Call for Proposals is **3 600 000,00 €**

Applications should be sent to the following address:

Fundacja Rozwoju Systemu Edukacji
Fundusz Stypendialny i Szkoleniowy
Ul. Mokotowska 43
00-551 Warszawa

Applications can be also delivered in person to the office of The Foundation for the Development of Education System until **4 p.m. on 30th June 2008 at the latest**. Applications delivered after this dead-line will be considered as formally ineligible (the date of the post stamp or the date of delivery in person will be taken into consideration as a formal criterion of eligibility)

An applicant is obliged to fill in an appropriate application form on-line, available at: www.fss.org.pl.

Applications should be sent in two copies (one original – printed from the online system of application, originally signed and stamped and one duplicate).

Application forms should express the grant amount in Polish currency. To convert the amounts between EUR and PLN, applicants should use the exchange rate published by the National Bank of Poland 1 € = 3,4460 PLN (exchange rates table no: 84/A/NBP/2008 , published on 29 April 2008

Detailed information on application procedure, application forms and administration regulations is accessible on the web-site of the Scholarship and Training Fund:

Additional information is available in the STF office
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