

# Come to US with NAWA Scholarship!

NAWA – The Polish National Agency of Academic Exchange is an institution established in 2017 to coordinate state activities driving the process of internationalization of Polish academic and research institutions. One of the objectives of NAWA is to enhance international cooperation of scientists within the Polish system of science and higher education. In order to fulfil this objective, NAWA has a range of Programmes supporting both institutions and scientists. One of such programmes, addressed to the foreign scientists that is now open for applications, is The Ulam Programme. Named after Stanisław Marcin Ulam, a brilliant Polish mathematician, the Programme allows both recognised and promising scientists from all around the world representing all fields of science to visit Poland in order to strengthen the scientific potential of Polish entities and to participate in their scientific activities, primarily research projects and didactics. The Ulam Programme is addressed also to Polish scientists working permanently abroad (they may constitute a maximum of 10% of Fellows in the call).

After the first 4 editions NAWA had 250 proposals selected for funding. An eligible applicant is a person with a doctoral degree, who has not lived, worked or studied in Poland for the last 3 years. Applicant needs to have minimum 3 achievements in the last 5 years and at the moment of applying or in the recent past should be employed in the foreign higher education institution or a research centre. Applicant also needs an invitation from the host institution confirming the willingness to host him or her during that period and indicates the person who will be responsible for coordinating and supporting the fellow.

Visiting scientist can stay in Poland for 6 to 24 months. Scientist receives a monthly scholarship, a mobility allowance for the travel costs, and also a monthly allowance in the amount of PLN 2,000 if the fellow has a spouse and/or underage child. If the fellow has more than one child, the allowance is PLN 3,000. This allowance is granted even if the family does not come to Poland. The allowance is also available to the fellow with a severe or moderate degree of disability. Insurance costs and

visa costs are covered by the fellow. The agency supports only mobility of the scientist in this programme. Money for research, conferences and other expenses should be obtained from other resources. Additionally, to the scientific activities, the fellow may have didactic classes at the host institution. The description of activities in the proposal should include impact and benefits of the stay not only for the fellow but also for the institution.

All Polish institutions of science and higher education and all our universities can be host institutions in this programme. If a university wants to host a scientist, it must prepare an invitation and make all financial aspects clear at the stage of preparing the application. Other commitments of host include supervision over the progress of the scholarship, and providing opinion on the fellow's performance as reviewed in NAWA reports.

In order to learn more visit: <https://nawa.gov.pl/en/scientists/the-ulam-programme>

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