
PHD STUDENT IN THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Position: PhD student in philosophy

Unit of the project realization: Faculty of Humanities – University of Silesia in Katowice

Unit realizing the PhD student education: Doctoral School at the University of Silesia in Katowice
in cooperation with the European University consortium – Transform4Europe

The research undertaken by the successful applicant will be carried out within the framework of the project “**Technē and Epistēmē in the 21st Century. The Impact of Digital Technologies on Knowledge Production and Humanistically-Oriented Epistemologies**”.

Duration of the scholarship: 48 months

Scholarship amount: 3466,90 PLN / 5340,90 PLN (after mid-term evaluation)

PhD supervisor: dr hab. Michał Krzykowski, prof. UŚ

Project description:

This T4E track is about how we can know and what knowledge means in the digital era, when our actions and decision-making increasingly depend on artificial, automated and algorithmically structured information. PhD candidates will be encouraged to develop a deeper understanding of the impact this fundamental technological change has on individuals, local communities and society. A special stress in their inquiries will be put on how information technology, as a practical application of scientific knowledge, is transforming scientific and philosophical thinking, especially in relation to humanistically-oriented epistemologies. Critical and transdisciplinary perspectives on digital technologies (social media, large language models and other AI-based systems) are also welcomed. You can consider choosing this track if a) you want to study technology from continental philosophy, social philosophy, cultural theory and Kritische Theorie perspectives; b) you are willing to combine philosophical thinking with other sciences; c) you are interested in theories of social change; d) you question the Silicon Valley agenda in terms of further AI development.

Requirements:

1. MA in the humanities.
2. Fluency in English (both spoken and written).
3. Very good knowledge in the field of digital humanities.

Required documents:

1. A written outline of a research proposal (up to 4500 characters) including methodology, research goals, and bibliography.
2. A list of the candidate's scientific publications.
3. A CV focused on research and academic experience.
4. A copy of the MA diploma (or a declaration of obtaining a diploma no later than September 10, 2024).
5. One letter of recommendation.

Candidates should register in the IRK system (<https://irk2.us.edu.pl/>), select "Admission to the Doctoral School at the University of Silesia in Katowice – ADMISSION FOR PROJECTS," and choose a suitable project title.

Documents should be delivered until **31.05.2024** through the IRK system.

In case of any questions before submitting the formal application, please contact the Doctoral School (szkola.doktorska@us.edu.pl).

Documents will be evaluated by an interview panel led by the project leader. Admission will be carried out in English. Interviews will be organized online. The final decision will be sent to the candidates via the IRK system until **17.06.2024**.