Dear colleagues,

With this 17th issue of our Newsletter we report on the Forum of the Ukrainian Research Diaspora 2018, two ERC consolidator grants and other important prizes awarded to Ukrainian researchers working abroad, German-Ukrainian joint call and provide you with a digest of the latest news and selected funding opportunities related to academic cooperation with Ukraine.

We send you our Seasonal greetings, thanks for your interest in and commitment to fostering the academic cooperation with Ukraine and we wish you all the best in the coming year!

With kind regards,

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COMMUNITY CORNER

First Forum of the Ukrainian Research Diaspora took place in Kyiv on 20-22 October 2018

The first Forum of the Ukrainian Research Diaspora Forum was held in Kyiv on October 20-22 in the framework of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

About 160 researchers, representatives of the government and interested public from all over Ukraine as well as 33 scientists from more than 10 foreign countries took an active part in the Forum’s intensive three-day program. The Forum was opened by its main co-organizers - academician of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) of Ukraine, chairman of the Ukrainian International Committee for Science and Culture at the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine Prof. Yaroslav Yatskiv and head of the department of neurophysiology at the Karl Ebergard University of Tübingen and the president of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society Prof. Olga Garaschuk. The Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada, Mr. Andriy Parubiy sent his official greetings to the Forum’s participants. Welcome remarks were also offered by the Deputy-Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Prof. Maksym Strikha, representative of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany Anette Schwartz, Vice-President of the NAS of Ukraine academician Prof. Anton Naumovets and President of the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine, academician of the NAS of Ukraine Prof. Vasyl Kremen.


The keynote lectures were given by prominent Ukrainian scientists and devoted to the history of the NAS of Ukraine, the Shevchenko Scientific Society, the Encyclopaedia of Contemporary Ukraine and the Minor Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, which became the UNESCO center.

In general, the Forum’s program was organized around three key topics:

- **International cooperation and relevant funding**, including a plenary session “Ukrainian-German Academic Cooperation Highlights”, dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the Cooperation Agreement in Science and Technology between Ukraine and Germany, an informative overview of the Franco-Ukrainian scientific collaboration, as well as a plenary session “H2020 promotion: current outcomes and prospects for Ukraine”;
- **Fostering innovation, research in and with industry**;
- **Structural reforms of the Ukrainian science system**.
In total six plenary sessions, in which 60 scientific talks and information presentations were given, highlighted results of successful collaborative projects, as well as research that could become the subject of cooperation in the future. The talks also covered topics related to access to research infrastructure, EU and EUROATOM funding opportunities, as well as support provided by various German funding organizations, Canadian “Mitacs Globalink” program, expert evaluation and selection of applications for the EU-funded programs, etc.

Particularly active discussions took place during three roundtables on the following topics:

- "How can we support the process of brain circulation",
- "Supporting innovation in Ukraine",
- "Creation of expert commissions to support the reforming of science in Ukraine".

As a result of frank and sometimes controversial discussions, the Forum participants adopted a joint resolution, which in particular states: “We assess the current state of science in Ukraine as borderline critical, which poses a genuine threat to the national security of the country. It requires immediate and far reaching action by the legislative and executive powers in order to prevent further degradation of the country’s science and technology. It is absolutely crucial to develop a long-term vision for the development of science and innovation in Ukraine, radically increase the basic level of support for research organizations, as well as undertake long overdue legislative changes, in particular regarding the level of salaries, import of scientific equipment, etc. It has to be done not some time in the future, but right now.” The full text is available as a download here and on our web-page:


An initiative group of the Forum’s participants are also working on a broader set of recommendations, based on the discussions at the Forum and feedback of the participants,
which will be published in due course. The Forum provided an open discussion platform and brought together a broad range of the stakeholders from Ukraine and many engaged Ukrainian diaspora researchers. We hope to organize similar events in the future: if you are interested to join forces and contribute – do get in touch: ua.diaspora.forum2018@gmail.com and/ or info@ukrainet.eu.

Media reports and publications related to the Forum:


A special issue of the Newsletter has been published

This first special issue of the Newsletter provides a deeper insight into a German-Ukrainian collaborative project dealing with the provenience research related to a unique historical document, to the religious history of Ukraine and echoes of World War II. In this special issue of our Newsletter you can find a summary of this interesting research, written by Dr. Natalia Sinkevych (University of Tübingen, follow this link to the original publication “Kriegsbeute in Tübingen. Eine Urkunde Peters des Großen, Seilschaften der Osteuropaforscher und die Restitution”, K. Kucher, C. Kuhr-Korolev, T. Sebta, N. Sinkevych, Zeitschrift OSTEUROPA 11-12/2016) as well as an insightful historical commentary (in English and in Ukrainian), prepared by Dr. Oleh Turiy (Director of the Institute of Church History, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv) and Anatoliy Babynskyi (Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv), allowing to place the document, around which this research is centered, into the broader historical context.


WORKING GROUPS

Members of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society have initiated the following Working groups:

- Communication & Public Relations (Website, Newsletter, etc.)
- Funding
- Laboratory Equipment
- Mentoring
- Organization of the Annual Meeting and of the Annual PhD Thesis Presentation Contest
- Outreach (Expert Lectures in Ukraine)
- Reviewers (grants, papers, etc.)
- Organization of Summer Schools

Dr. Tetyana Yevsa (Hannover Medical School) coordinates the working groups and you can contact her is you are interested to contribute to the activities of a group or initiate a new one.
MAJOR GRANTS, AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

Maksym Kovalenko (ETH Zürich, Switzerland) is awarded an ERC Consolidator grant and is named in the Clarivate’s List of Highly Cited Researchers 2018

Chemist Maksym Kovalenko (tenured associate professor at the ETH Zürich, Switzerland) researches metal halides which emit light in response to the passage of an electric current or when excited optically. In his second ERC-funded project “SCALE-HALO”, he uses chemical engineering approaches to broadly tune the optical properties of these materials. The aim is to develop various forms of non-toxic light sources, including nanocrystals, thin films and composites, for a wide range of applications. These could be employed in television displays, solar cells, photodetectors or detectors for radioactivity, or even future quantum communications technologies. Part of the research of the KovalenkoLab is related to batteries and light-emitting devices and is conducted at a sister ETH institution – Empa (Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology).

Maksym Kovalenko studied chemistry at the Chernivtsi National University (Ukraine), and then carried out his PhD research with professor Dr. Wolfgang Heiss at the Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, where he gained his PhD in 2007. Prof. Kovalenko won an ERC starting grant (2012) and Werner Prize (2016, see our June 2016 NL No. 4), amongst other awards. He was also included on the Clarivate’s list of Highly Cited Researchers 2018, due to his exceptional research performance, determined by production of multiple highly cited papers that rank in the top 1% by citations for field and year in Web of Science.

https://www.empa.ch/web/s604/erc-grant-kovalenko

Ganna Panasyuk (INEM, Inserm/CNRS, France) is awarded an ERC Consolidator Grant

Ganna Panasyuk has been awarded an ERC Consolidator Grant to carry out research on the project "Metabolic integration by nutrient SENSing (MetaboSENS)". Ganna obtained her PhD degree in Molecular Biology in 2006 for her research in the field of major growth regulator mTOR/P13K/S6K signalling, which she carried out in the lab of Valeriy Filonenko (Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Kyiv, Ukraine). She collaborated with researchers from the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research (London, UK), and did her postdoctoral research in the lab of Ivan Gout at UCL (UK), where she discovered the novel splice form of mTOR kinase and demonstrated its relevance for cell proliferation. In 2013 she secured an Inserm tenure position following a highly competitive international recruitment procedure to develop her research program at the Institute Necker Enfants Malades in Paris. Her research team is funded by the French national start-up award for junior group leader (ANR JCJC) since 2016. Ganna also holds a habilitation degree (HDR) from University Paris Descartes (2015) and is actively involved in scientific mentoring programs at INEM and different French universities.

Panasyuk Lab: http://www.panasyuklab.fr/

Andriy Luzhetskyy (University of Saarland, Germany) leads the €1.8M ERA-CoBiotech project

The European Commission has awarded €1.8M to the ERA-CoBiotech project "MISSION – Streamlined Streptomyces cell factories for industrial production of valuable natural products"
led by Andriy Luzhetskyy. The project is funded through the ERA-Net Cofund on Biotechnologies within the EU H2020 program. Andriy is Full Professor in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology and holds a chair at the Department of Pharmacy, University of Saarland (Germany) since 2015. Andriy Luzhetskyy graduated in Biology from Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine (1999). He did his doctoral thesis at the “Laboratory of Genetics and Genetic Engineering of Industrially Important Microorganisms” (also in Lviv). A part of his PhD studies he conducted at the Albert-Ludwigs University in Freiburg supported by a DAAD scholarship (2002-2003) where he received the Eugen-Graetz award for the best thesis. He then joined the Institute for Pharmaceutical Sciences at the Albert-Ludwigs University in Freiburg where he founded his own junior research group in 2006. Since 2011, he heads a research group at the Helmholtz Institute for Pharmaceutical Research Saarland (HIPS).

Andriy is an active member of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society. On 11 of December 2018 he gave a lecture “Use of genomic potential of actinomycetes for the development new antibiotics” within the framework of the Lviv Biotech & Pharma Meetup.

Lyubomyr Borakovskyy is awarded the DAAD Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm-Prize 2018

The DAAD awards the Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm Prize to foreign academics for outstanding achievements in the fields of German language and literature, German as a foreign language and German studies. This year’s award distinguishes research achievements of Dr. Lyubomyr Borakovskyy, who works at the Chair for intercultural communication and translation of the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv.


Tetyana Yevsa (Hannover Medical School, Germany) is awarded the grant of the Gilead Sciences International Research Scholars Program in Liver Disease

Tetyana studied microbiology and immunology in Odesa (Ukraine). In 2009 she joined the Helmholtz Center for Infection Research in Braunschweig as a postdoctoral researcher, and since 2013 she leads her own research group at Hannover Medical School. The Gilead Sciences International Research Scholars program supports basic and clinical research in the field of liver disease and awards three prizes each year to most promising young international researchers. The award provides financial support of $130,000 for research over two years. Tetyana is an active member of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society and coordinates its working groups (see above). In 2019, together with Prof. Viktor Umansky (DKFZ, Germany), also an active society member, they will organize two summer schools in Ivano-Frankivsk and Odesa, supported by DAAD (more information will be available at the Society’s web-site in due course).

Luzhetskyy lab: https://www.helmholtz-hzi.de/en/research/research_topics/anti_infectives/actinobacteria_metabolic_engineering/andriy_luzhetskyy/

https://www.mh-hannover.de/ag-yevsa.html

COOPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

Successful cooperation between the German Law Center, National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv and Julius Maximilians Universität Würzburg

By Yana Liashko

The series of events within the DAAD-funded project “Alumni Network Ukraine-Germany” 2018, carried out in cooperation with the German-Ukrainian Academic Society and numerous other partners from academic and industry, is successfully completed in the Ukrainian capital. Among numerous events, two half-day round-tables took place at the National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv in June and October 2018.

The first round-table was held under the motto “Society in Dialogue” on June 7, 2018. The focus of this event was on such topics as sustainable and efficient social security systems and successful foundation of a company.

The second round table “Career” took place on 19 October 2018. The key idea of the event was to present different career pathways (job, study, research etc.), which one has after the stay in Germany.

An important aspect of the program was the presentation of funding opportunities for Ukrainian researchers and young scientists, the activities of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society/The UKRAINE Network and the program “Migration for Development (PME)”, which supports returning experts. Above all, it was about job perspectives for motivated experts, who returned from Germany in order to intensify the knowledge and know-how transfer back to Ukraine. These two German-Ukrainian events were rounded off by the varied testimonials of those alumni who had already practical experience in Germany and who successfully implemented their “German”
experiences in Ukraine, working at national and international companies and contributing to scientific, economic and social development of Ukraine.


NEWS FROM UKRAINE

**President of Ukraine decrees the establishment of “The President Foundation for the Support of Educational and Scientific Programs for Youth”**

The Foundation of the President of Ukraine for the Support of Educational and Scientific Programs for Youth is a state-owned trust fund under the President of Ukraine, established with the purpose of providing grants to support research and development of Ukrainian young scientists. The respective decree No. 357/2018 was announced by the President of Ukraine on 6 November 2018. The main goals of the Foundation are to:

- provide support to young people for continuing education at MSc and PhD level at leading Ukrainian and foreign institutions of higher education and research institutes,
- offer internships for training at leading foreign higher education institutions and scientific organizations,
- support participation in international scientific and practical seminars and conferences, as well as
- support the involvement of scientists and teaching staff from foreign higher education institutions and research organizations, as well as internationally recognized experts for participation in scientific and teaching activities at HEIs and scientific organizations in Ukraine.


This surprising and unusually swift (if not to say light-strikingly fast) decision, immediately supported by the Ukrainian parliament with the budget of UHR 1 billion, although a positive news for the generally notoriously underfunded Ukrainian research landscape, brought with it some serious questions. Foremost, what exactly this decision means for the future of the National Research Fund of Ukraine (NRFU), which has been decreed to be established under the auspices of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 4 of July 2018 and is just about to start its activities in 2019? The long-expected NRFU, concept of which was developed in close cooperation with leading international experts and based on the best international practices (including the support of the German Research Foundation, DFG), is to be the key research grants’ awarding organization in Ukraine. At the same time its budget is foreseen to be only approximately a quarter of that of the newly-established Presidential Fund, which somehow miraculously became available. Ukrainian research community asks further questions on exactly who is going to run the foundation and decide on the distribution of funds – getting these basic questions right is essential for such a major research funding organization and the information on these crucial matters is rather superficial and scarce, compared to the long-élaborated statute and regulations for the NRFU.

You can follow the discussion on the establishment of the new Presidential Foundation in the Ukrainian weekly “Dzerkalo Tyzhnyu” (Week’s mirror) “Фонд потрійного призначення/ Fund with the triple purpose” (UA), 15 December 2018: [https://dt.ua/SCIENCE/fond-potriyono-priznachennya-297012_.html](https://dt.ua/SCIENCE/fond-potriyono-priznachennya-297012_.html)
The government of Ukraine decided to establish Fund for the Development of Innovations

The Fund is aimed at supporting commercialization of innovations and facilitation of launch of new technologies, goods or services on Ukrainian and foreign markets. The Fund will provide financial, technical and advisory assistance to start-ups at an early stage of their development, will actively work at attracting private partners and investors in order to enable as many Ukrainian companies as possible to grow their business.

https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npos/pro-utvorennya-fondu-rozvitku-innovacij

“This is the first-ever state-backed investment fund in the country dedicated to startups. It was formally approved in early November by the cabinet, included in the 2018 budget and has been proposed for the 2019 budget as well. The fund will be entirely funded by the state with 50 million hryvnias [approximately $1.8 million at the current exchange rate – ed.] and will invest or co-invest in technology oriented Ukrainian startups at the seed stage,” - said Deborah Fairlamb. More: Interview with the Fund launch coordinator Deborah Fairlamb (Ukrainian Digital News, 7 December 2018): http://www.uadn.net/2018/12/07/deborah-fairlamb-launch-coordinator-for-the-ukrainian-national-startup-fund-there-are-more-western-investors-in-ukraine-than-it-seems/

REPORT (2018): Foreign Non-Governmental Foundations in Ukraine

The Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting (Kyiv), for the first time, analyzed the activities of foreign non-governmental institutions that public activists and non-governmental entities in Ukraine rely on when implementing their initiatives. JTI supported this research. More (EN): http://www.ier.com.ua/en/publications/reports?pid=6097


International Hi-Tech & Future Forum in Kyiv

International Hi-Tech and Future Forum was the highlight of the scientific, technical and cultural life in Kyiv this October 2018. The Forum hosted talented young people of Ukraine, representatives of international organizations and state-of-the-art technology companies from different countries. Insightful report by Sergey Vakarin, Chairman of UkraIneIS:


German-Ukrainian Legal Database (GULD) has been presented

By Prof. Olena Shablii and Jana Liashko

The team of the NGO, The German-Ukrainian Jurisprudential Dialogue, and the Scientific German Law Center presented the German-Ukrainian Legal Database – GULD on November 2, 2018 in the main building of the National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv.

GULD was developed by an interdisciplinary German-Ukrainian team and supported by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany (within the framework of the Ukrainian-German Year of Languages 2017-2018).

This database provides verified and consolidated Ukrainian translations of German legal concepts and professional comments to terms and translations. This resource is needed by specialists from all sectors involved in the process of implementation of the “Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union” as well as in the administrative and judicial reforms. This database will become a source of special knowledge for science and educational purposes, and finally will provide mass media and all Ukrainian citizens with access to understandable legal
information. Another advantage of this resource is the possibility of its continuous expansion and improvement, thanks to the tools for submitting changes and suggestions from registered users.

The event was attended by representatives of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Office for European Integration, the Language and Information Fund of Ukraine, German and Ukrainian scholars and students. Project Coordinators, Prof. Olena Shablii and DAAD long-term associate professor, Dr. Bernhard Schloer, informed the attendees about the long-term goal of this database, its benefits, prospects for expanding and the potential for application in legal and translation education and practice.

The video-presentation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DefuC1u33w&feature=youtu.be

More (UA): http://www.univ.kiev.ua/news/9969?fbclid=IwAR2Etbp3YI-40ozWHScDDEDk6kzHEX2Ge7oLmBH_etgteKwWDE8CoWY-KnY

29 youth projects with Ukrainian participation to receive EUR 3M from EU program Erasmus+

The European Union's Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) announced the selection results of the 2018 Call for Proposals under EU Erasmus+ Programme for Capacity Building in the Field of Youth Action for cooperation projects. In total, 171 projects have been selected for funding. 29 projects (with total funding of approximately EUR 3 million) will be implemented by 23 Ukrainian non-governmental organizations and universities, including 11 acting as project coordinators.

https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/news/639

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS’ REPORTS

Funding results of the joint DFG-NFFR call in Physics and Mathematics have been announced

Nine joint German-Ukrainian projects were selected for funding by the German research Foundation (DFG) and the National Fund for Fundamental Research of Ukraine, including research of the Society member Prof. Yuri Genenko (TU Darmstadt):


REPORT: “Statistics and Analyses of Ukrainian Participation in HORIZON 2020 (updated after 457 concluded calls), 8 May 2018

In the framework of the RI-LINKS2UA project the Institute of Fundamental Technological Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences, in cooperation with the Centre for Social Innovation
Die Deutsch-Ukrainische Akademische Gesellschaft e.V. (Amtsgericht Berlin, VR 35585 B)
The UKRainian Academic International NEtwork – The UKRAINE Network

The UKRAINE Network – The UKRAINian Academic International NEtwork (ZSI, Austria), and the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine prepares regular analytical reports about the Ukrainian participation in H2020.

Signed Association agreement (2015) gives Ukrainian researchers a unique chance to significantly increase their participation in H2020. This is evidenced by the results of participation in the first 457 calls, where 579 Ukrainian organizations participated in the preparation of 1040 project proposals (1 333 participations), aiming at the EC contribution of 357.31 M€. In particular, Ukrainian researchers coordinate 13 projects, which were classified for funding (MAIN LIST) with EC contribution of 2.48 M€. In total 97 Ukrainian organizations are involved in 98 proposals on the MAIN LIST (125 participations), with EC contribution of 17.88 M€. These results place Ukraine on the 7th place among Associated & Candidate Countries.

[Link to Statistics of Ukraine participation in HORIZON 2020 after 457 concluded calls]

List of H2020 projects with UA participation: [Link to List of H2020 projects with UA participation]

Speech of German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel Rede at the 3rd German-Ukrainian Economic Forum on 29 November 2018 in Berlin (DE)

German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel announces new funding for clusters of excellence in Ukraine

On 1 November 2018 German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel visited Kyiv. She gave a joint press-conference with Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko. Of particular relevance to researchers is her statement on intensifying cooperation and support of the German-Ukrainian scientific cooperation:

“Wir arbeiten eng im Wissenschaftsbereich zusammen, und ich kann heute mitteilen, dass wir unsere Mittel hier sehr stark erhöhen werden, indem wir in Zukunft Exzellenzcluster mit zwei Millionen Euro pro Jahr unterstützen. Das ist deshalb so wichtig, weil ukrainische Spitzenforscher eine Chance in ihrer Heimat haben sollen und nicht ins Ausland gehen sollen, sondern auch hier Exzellenzarbeit machen können.”/ Translation: We work closely together in the field of science, and I can say today that we will significantly increase our commitment in this field by supporting future Clusters of Excellence with two million euros per year. This is particularly important because Ukrainian top researchers should have a chance in their home country and not go abroad, but rather be able to do excellent work here.

Full text (DE): [Link to Full text (DE)]

Germany allocates more funds for civil society cooperation with the Eastern Partnership countries and Russia

Dirk Wiese, Coordinator for Intersocietal Cooperation with Russia, Central Asia and the Eastern Partnership Countries, welcomes the results of the budget decision. For 2019, a total of 18 million euros have been made available to promote civil society cooperation with the Eastern Partnership countries and Russia.

Full text (DE): [Link to Full text (DE)]
GERMANY, Greifswald: the Greifswalder Ukrainicum 2018 – Murderous Identities?

By Tamara Münzer, Universität Greifswald

The „Greifswalder Ukrainicum“ took place on 6-18 August 2018 for the 23rd time. 40 participants (some with their families and children) from Germany, Italy, Poland, Russia and Ukraine attend this already traditional summer school in Ukrainian studies, supported by the Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg.


Save the Date: XXIV. Greifswalder Ukrainicum will take place on 05 - 17. 08 2019.

https://www.wiko-greifswald.de/

International Economic Forum "Ukraine and the EU: Opportunities and Challenges"

By Dr. Larysa Sysoeva

On November 14, 2018 the International Economic Forum "Ukraine and the EU: Opportunities and Challenges" was held in Berlin with the support of the Ukrainian Embassy in Germany and the German-Ukrainian Academic Society.
The Forum addressed the following main topics:

- How did the Association Agreement with the EU affect the economic development of Ukraine?
- What problems does Ukraine have with the adoption of the European regulatory system and implementation of European legislation?
- What role do EU countries play in Ukraine’s foreign trade?
- How did the structure of the labor migrants’ flow transforms EU member states?
- What are necessary steps for Ukraine in order to increase the chances for success of the Ukrainian government in the process of reforms?

The current event has provided an excellent opportunity to present the latest research and identify directions of possible economic development of Ukraine for the coming years taking into consideration European norms and standards, as well as the need to continue reforms in Ukraine on the way to the EU.


**BERLIN, “Science First Hand” Lecture by translator and interpreter Sofia Onufriv**

Sofia Onufriv is interpreter and translator for Ukrainian. She studied German language and literature in Lviv, Ukraine. Since the beginning of the 90s, she has been engaged in various German-Ukrainian cultural projects, especially in the field of literature. She worked for several years for the Lviv city council, was a coordinator at the International Renaissance Foundation and was Editor of the independent cultural magazine І. For the last 10 years she has been interpreting and translating from German to Ukrainian and vice versa in Berlin, organized travel and accompanied groups to Ukraine for the Berlin tour operator *Ex Oriente Lux Reisen*. Sofia is co-founder of the Association of Literary Translators from Ukrainian into German *Translit e.V.* On 6
December 2018 Sofia gave a lecture “Moderne ukrainische Literatur auf Deutsch: kurzer Exkurs, Tendenzen, die wichtigsten Akteure/ Modern Ukrainian literature in German: a brief overview, trends, key players”. The key questions addressed were: What modern Ukrainian authors are translated into German? What publishers from German-speaking countries show interest? Who are the translators and how is the popularization of Ukrainian literature in Germany going? The lecture gathered a good group of interested listeners, who join in the lively discussion on the modern Ukrainian literature. Sofia has also provided a useful list of recently-translated works of Ukrainian authors: http://ukrainet.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2018_UA_lit_aufdeutsch_so.pdf

More on the Translit e.V. (DE): http://www.translit-portal.de/verein/

A SELECTION OF RELEVANT FUNDING & SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

For the up-to-date announcements visit our LinkedIn group: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8473594 or our web-page: http://ukrainet.eu/category/fund/

A useful list of currently opened EU calls is also maintained by the project ‘Strengthening Research and Innovation Links towards Ukraine’ (RI-LINKS2UA): https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/call/list

5th call of the Culture Bridges Program

Culture Bridges program supports the development of the cultural sector in Ukraine and enables it to engage more effectively with cultural organizations and operators in the EU. The program funds a range of activities including international mobility, national and international cultural cooperation projects, as well as training sessions and study visits to the EU member states. Grants are offered in three program categories:

- International Mobility grants of up to EUR 4,000 are available for professional travel/study in EU member countries or Ukraine. Deadline: 9 January 2019
- National Cooperation Project grants of up to EUR 10,000 are available to Ukrainian institutions located in at least two non-neighbouring regions of Ukraine for the implementation of joint projects. Deadline: 31 January 2019
- International Cooperation Projects organised between cultural operators working in Ukraine and EU countries are eligible for grants of up to EUR 50,000. Deadline: 31 January 2019

http://culturebridges.eu/results_call5_en

GERMANY, DAAD: Stays of students for learning tours in Germany, three deadlines pa, next: 1 February 2019

Eligible to apply are teachers at the foreign HEIs. Funding is available for up to 15 foreign students, accompanied by a university teacher for a maximum of 12 days. From DAAD funding, a lump sum of 50 euros per person per day is offered as a subsidy to the subsistence costs. For groups aiming to visit from developing and emerging countries, the DAAD also pays a country-specific mobility grant per participant.

https://www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/projekte/de/11342-foerderprogramme-finden/?s=1&projektid=57405381

GERMANY, DAAD: Stays of students for practical courses in Germany, three deadlines pa, next: 1 February 2019

For the practical courses: Eligible to apply are teachers at the German HEIs. Funding is available for up to 15 foreign students, accompanied by a university teacher for a maximum of 12 days.
From DAAD funding, a lump sum of 50 euros per person per day is offered as a subsidy to the subsistence costs. 

https://www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/projekte/de/11342-foerderprogramme-finden/?s=1&projektid=57405382

CANADA: The Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Grants, apply by 1 March 2019

- Research Grants in Ukrainian and Ukrainian-Canadian Studies in the Humanities and Social sciences, Law, Education, and Library Sciences 2019-2020,
- The Remeza Family Research and Publications Grant 2019-2020,
- The Teodota and Ivan Klym Grants in Ukrainian Studies 2019-2020


Joint German-Ukrainian call for research proposals, apply by 14 March 2019

Within the framework of the German-Ukrainian Cooperation in Science and Technology (WTZ) respective ministries have just announced a joint call for proposals. In line with the specific research priorities of the BMBF and the MESU, applications in the following thematic areas are invited:

- Biotechnology
- Technologies for effective resource & energy use, sustainable environmental technologies
- Health research and medical technology
- Information-and communication technologies
- New materials and production technologies

Applications on other thematic priorities of the BMBF technical programs and EU research programs can also be supported. Two-stage application process. Funding: up to EUR 40 000 (for the German side) and up to UAH 320 000 (for the Ukrainian side). Duration: up to 2 years.

BMBF (DE): https://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/bekanntmachung-2166.html

GERMANY, DAAD: Partnerships with Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in East-Central, South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, as well as Caucasus and Central Asia („East-Partnerships/"Ostpartnerschaften"), apply by 1 April 2019

Eligible to apply are German HEIs. Funding is available for short-term multilateral exchange measures such as summer courses or symposia as well as stays for study and research purposes at the partner university or in Germany.


EU “Science for and with Society calls, apply by 2 April 2019

Numerous calls, including:

- Research innovation needs & skills training in PhD programmes (SwafS-08-2019)
- Open schooling and collaboration on science education (SwafS-01-2018-2019)

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-search;freeTextSearchKeyword=;typeCodes=1;statusCodes=31094501,31094502;programCode=H2020;programDivisionCode=31048026;focusAreaCode=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;callCode=Default;sortQuery=openingDate;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false

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The UKRAINian Academic International NEtwork – The UKRAINE Network
www.ukrainet.eu, info@ukrainet.eu, https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8473594
EU: 4th Call for EaP PLUS Grants for Networking, apply by 30 May 2019

The grants for networking call financially support the participation of local researchers from Eastern Partnership countries in Brokerage Events related to Horizon2020 and Preparatory Meetings for the development of H2020 project proposals.

https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/call/240

GERMANY; DAAD: Material Resources Programme for Institutions of Higher Education in Developing Countries

Equipment is provided for former DAAD scholarship holders and Germany alumni to continue the research work they started at German higher education institutions, thus facilitating the success of scholarships and academic work. For this reason, preferential support is given to applications that closely interlink with the alumni programme and the range DAAD partnership programmes. Applications could be submitted at any time.


Individual Funding/ Fellowships

AUSTRIA, Vienna: Fellowship program for young Ukrainian researchers, apply by 11 January 2019

The junior fellowship program supports the research of Ukrainian scholars who are completing or have recently completed doctoral studies at a Ukrainian institution of higher education. It offers access to the resources of the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM) in Vienna to younger researchers who have demonstrated exceptional talent to allow them to work on a research project of their own choice. Duration: 6 months (between July 2019 and June 2020). The fellowships are open to all academic disciplines in the humanities and social sciences (including history). Eligibility:

- Ukrainian citizenship,
- enrolment in a doctoral program at a Ukrainian institution of higher education or a recently obtained PhD,
- not older than 35 years.

http://www.iwm.at/fellowships/ukraine-in-european-dialogue/?fbclid=IwAR2htUHzeqXsNsUbkRyFP6vG42-bijzwI9S-xAkEB1uhwm29G4PhCF0Ad8

UKRAINE, Dnipro: Transregional Academy, apply by 14 January 2019

The research program Prisma Ukraina invites scholars to apply for the Transregional Academy “After Violence: The (Im-)Possibility of Understanding and Remembering” (Dnipro, Ukraine, 10–17 June 2019). It will address issues related to the understanding and remembering of traumatic experiences of physical and symbolic violence that occurred during the 20th and 21st centuries. The Transregional Academy will predominantly focus on Ukraine, which became one of the main battlefields of the 20th century, profoundly affected by revolutions, the two world wars, and the Holocaust. Ukraine now represents a space of both military and symbolic conflict. The Academy
additionally wants to explore studies covering the wider Eastern-European region, seeking original and productive comparisons with similar phenomena beyond Ukraine. Researchers engaged in interdisciplinary work in the humanities and social sciences are welcomed to apply.

More (EN): https://www.prisma-ukraina.de/nc/home/news-detail.html?tx_news_pi1%5Bnews%5D=2373&fbclid=IwAR0kqun9zhJwcpK-IPVMS3ogz2ZDPPsxXHP-u1yOQQ-pZWUXZUVCBoMQyw

GERMANY: “Ukraine calling”, apply by 20 January 2019

The “Ukraine Calling” program is aimed at employees of German and international organizations in the fields of civil society, education, culture, politics, media, administration and economics, who would like to acquire or expand their knowledge of Ukraine. This is the last call in this format. Continuing education provides professionals in responsible positions with well-founded knowledge through interdisciplinary exchange, to serve as a solid basis for further study of Ukrainian-relevant topics.

More (DE): http://ukrainecalling.eu/ausschreibung/
Already supported projects: http://ukrainecalling.eu/projects/

GERMANY, Irmgard Coninx Prize Fellowship for Transregional Studies 2019/20, apply by 31 January 2019

The Berlin-based Forum Transregionale Studien and the Irmgard Coninx Foundation invite postdoctoral researchers in the humanities and social sciences to apply for the Irmgard Coninx Prize Fellowship for Transregional Studies in the framework of its research programs:

- Europe in the Middle East — The Middle East in Europe (EUME) and
- Prisma Ukraina – Research Network Eastern Europe.

The Irmgard Coninx Prize Fellowship for Transregional Studies consists of one research fellowship of up to 10 months and is awarded to a project dealing with a particular research question that relates disciplinary and area-based knowledge in mutually beneficial ways. Applicants should have obtained their doctorate within the last 7 years. The working language of the fellowship is English.


EU: 2019 Eastern Partnership Civil Society Fellowship Programme, apply by 31 January 2019

20 fellowships are available for young civil society activists from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova or Ukraine with new ideas for improving their community or country and who are looking for opportunities to improve their leadership skills.

http://eapcivilsociety.eu/events/2019-fellowship-call-for-applications.html?fbclid=IwAR3K_rqzAc3_wF2TeOoAcpANsBKrdefOvgsve?ymK25iz2FWKEbrQVzVo

USA: Grants Program 2018-2019 from the Shevchenko Scientific Society, apply by 1 February 2019

The Shevchenko Scientific Society in the USA will award grants in 2018-2019 for research on a wide range of topics and issues related to Ukrainian Studies. While priorities are given to projects in the humanities and social sciences, proposals for research in other fields and disciplines are welcome, if they will make important contributions to Ukrainian Studies.

GERMANY; DAAD Leonhard Euler-Programm, apply by 15 February 2019

Sur-place scholarships for completion of a diplom/ master thesis or doctoral thesis, short-term scholarships for study or research stays at the German host university, stays of foreign university teachers at the German partner university as well as stays of German university teachers at the foreign partner university for coordination the cooperation and scientific support of the scholarship holders. In addition, material may be requested for teaching materials for foreign graduates and doctoral students, but only in connection with a stay in Germany.


CANADA: The Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies awards, including

- Bayduza Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship for the Study of Modern and Contemporary Ukraine 2019-2020, apply by 15 February 2019,
- The Kolasky Visiting Research Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Law, Education, and Library Sciences 2019-2020, apply by 1 March 2019,
- Leo J. Krysa Family Undergraduate Scholarship in Education, History, Humanities and Social Sciences 2019-2020, apply by 1 March 2019
- Neporany Doctoral Fellowship 2019-2020, apply by 1 March 2019


GERMANY, Berlin: Einstein Guest Professorships and Einstein Junior Scholarships to foster academic freedom

The Einstein Foundation is committed to fostering academic freedom. Two special programs (Einstein Guest Professorships and Einstein Junior Scholarships) are offered temporary in order to reach this objective and to enable researchers who are experiencing constraints in their work around the world to come to Berlin for two years to pursue their research without undue restrictions or threats. First and foremost, the programs are intended to support top researchers from regions of conflict. Furthermore, they are directed at researchers from regions that experience subtle or direct restrictions of research, and who look for opportunities to return, migrate or cooperate with countries offering a work environment free of constraints.

https://www.einsteinfoundation.de/en/programmes/academic-freedom/

GERMANY: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation’s Georg Forster Research Fellowship for researchers from developing countries, no deadline

Support for individual researchers for research stays in Germany (6 - 24 months, could be split into 3 periods for senior researchers), for proposals relevant for the continued development of the country or region of origin.

https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/georg-forster-fellowship.html

DAAD (Germany) Scholarship Database:

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Job portals for open positions in HE for teaching and research:

- in Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein and Switzerland (in German): https://akademischestellen.com/about-akademischestellen,d18.html
- in the UK and worldwide (in English): https://www.jobs.ac.uk, with useful career development resources: https://www.jobs.ac.uk/careers-advice

EU Reports:

“The structure of the European education systems 2018/19”, download:

“National student fee and support systems in European higher education”, download:

190 universities launched 600 free online courses
https://www.class-central.com/report/new-courses-october-2018/?fbclid=IwAR0qYfekZD7xoWjL0D0dekCn9rDCnxq8Nx05tTF3N_LBKy6mi9jeipAJs

The RI-LINKS2UA eJournal

It informs about the project’s activities, upcoming events and recent developments on the EU-Ukraine cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation:

Newsletter, DAAD Kyiv: https://www.daad-ukraine.org/ua/pro-nas/informatsijnyj-byuleten/

Ukraine Digital News: http://www.uadn.net/

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