



THE UKRAINIAN
ACADEMIC
INTERNATIONAL
NETWORK

STAND WITH UKRAINE:

HOW CAN WE BEST SUPPORT UKRAINE NOW AND
LAY THE GROUND FOR ITS REBUILDING AFTER THE WAR

CHANCE FOR SCIENCE CONFERENCE

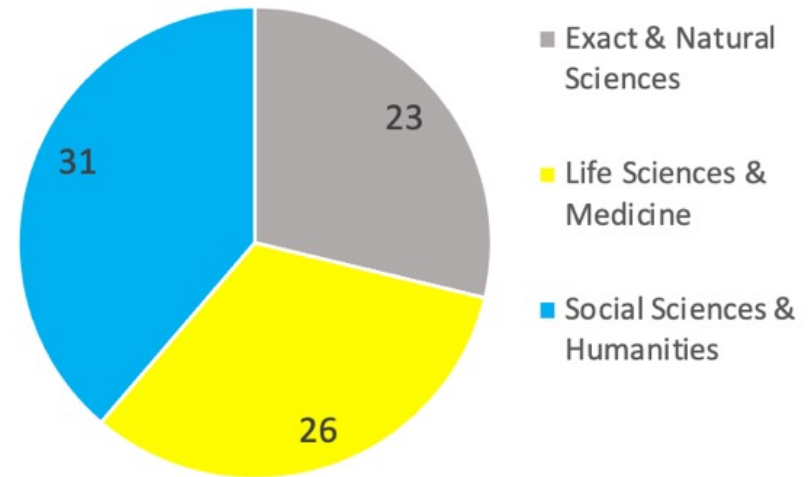
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Main goals of the UKRAINE Network (est. in 2015):

- **FOSTER** academic cooperation with Ukraine
- **IMPROVE** knowledge about Ukraine abroad and *vice versa*
- **INCREASE** visibility of Ukrainian scientists and their achievements
- **SUPPORT** career development of the Network members & early-career researchers in Ukraine
- **SUPPORT** reforms in Ukrainian science

FOUNDED IN BERLIN ON 11 JULY 2016

80 CURRENT MEMBERS



Including:

- ✓ Most in Germany, 10 in Ukraine and worldwide
- ✓ Over 60 PhD-level researchers and managers, incl. 30+ professors/ research group leaders
- ✓ 12 PhD students (associated members)



WHAT IS OFFERED RIGHT NOW: RESIDENTIAL OFFERS

Immediate response addresses the urgent humanitarian needs of Ukrainian academics who fled Ukraine:

- Typically support is offered to **individual** students and/or researchers
- For their stays/ integration **outside of Ukraine**
- For a **short term**: 3 - 6 months, rarely up to 2 years

Challenges:

- If integration abroad is successful – can contribute to the **brain drain**
- Meanwhile the employment in Ukraine could be lost → **unemployment**
- Can result in the “**atomization**” of Ukrainian science

**AS A RESULT SUCH MEASURES IN THE LONGER TERM
COULD CONTRIBUTE TO DISINTEGRATION OF RESEARCH TEAMS AND
UNDERMINE FUNCTIONING OF UKRAINIAN INSTITUTIONS**



WHAT ABOUT SUPPORTING UKRAINIANS IN UKRAINE?

Appeals, initiated by Ukrainian researchers [“Open remote positions for Ukrainian refugee scholars”](#) and Science4Ukraine [“Scholars who remained in Ukraine need remote collaboration opportunities”](#)

IN ADDITION TO HELPING INDIVIDUALS, WE NEED TO SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS IN UKRAINE NOW HOSTING (THE MAJORITY) OF THE DISPLACED STUDENTS AND STAFF

- A number of Ukrainian universities [offer an opportunity](#) for displaced students of other Ukrainian universities to continue their studies
- [Polish Young Academy](#) offers research fellowships and resources to cover accommodation for displaced Ukrainian researchers & their families
- [European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities \(ALLEA\)-Breakthrough Prize Foundation Partnership to Support Scholars Impacted by the War in Ukraine](#) is establishing a **USD 1,5 million** European Fund for Displaced Scientists to support
 - academic host institutions across Europe and
 - to facilitate support to Ukrainian institutions to continue their operations, rebuild their research networks, and foster the return of scientists to Ukraine after the war



EXAMPLES OF NON-RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT SCHEMES: I

- [The “Pauli Ukraine Project”](#) of the The Wolfgang Pauli Institute, Austria supports scientists in **mathematics, physics, computer science and related (STEM) fields**, who stay in Ukraine
- [EU COST Program](#) supports researchers, **irrespective of their physical location**, affiliated to Ukrainian legal entities, for **short-term research stays, Virtual Networking Tools** and/or to join any **Action Working Group**
- [Emergency Fund for Ukrainian researchers](#) established by the European Research Network on Signal Transduction (ERNEST) offers **Virtual Mobility Grants** for researchers who reside in Ukraine, e.g. for **online lectures, workshops, webinars, podcasts or research-related activities**



EXAMPLES OF NON-RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT SCHEMES: II

- [The Center for Urban History \(Lviv\), in cooperation with the Institute for Human Sciences \(IWM, Vienna\) and Körber-Stiftung \(Hamburg\)](#): 4 fellowships for scholars in Ukraine affected by the Russian invasion and war. Topics: Documenting Russia's 2022 war against Ukraine and Diversifying and Decentralizing Eastern Europe
- [HURI \(USA\) & IWM \(Austria\) Non-Residential Fellowships to Support Ukrainian Scholars](#) in the **humanities and social sciences**, incl. **Non-Residential Documenting Ukraine Fellowships** for Ukrainian scholars, journalists, cultural figures, and public intellectuals who are documenting the war and its consequences
- [Shevchenko Emergency Fund](#) (USA) offers non-residential fellowships to **scholars, writers, and artists located in Ukraine** who need support in order to continue their work
- [e-editiones](#) and the [TEI Consortium](#) in collaboration with [Archives Online & JinnTec](#) offer grants to **Ukrainian scholars, incl. those who had to relocate within Ukrainian territory because of the war**, working on sources broadly conceived as **textual cultural heritage**
- [The Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz – Max-Planck-Institut \(KHI\)](#) supports **art historians, heritage scholars and professionals at risk**, also on a **non-residential basis**



FOSTER COLLABORATION INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON INTEGRATION

- Part-time rather than full-time positions, to accommodate for (paid!) remote work (teaching, research and administration) at home universities in Ukraine
- Guest status and access to research infrastructure, libraries, datasets, etc.
- Invited talks, webinars, joint conferences
- Invite to join existing projects and/or develop joint grant applications ([EU Hop-On facility](#), DFG, ERC, HFSP, etc.)
- Develop joint teaching and PhD supervision: certificate/ degree programs (DAAD, ERASMUS+, EU MSCA, etc.)
- Donate your (used) lab equipment

LONGER TERM/ STRATEGIC:

Establishment of the **German-(Polish)-Ukrainian University** based on the successful model of the Deutsch-Französische Hochschule



SUPPORT FURTHER EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Both researchers and science managers/ administrators could be offered a guest status and access to courses/ training to advance their transferable skills in e.g.

- ✓ Academic English
- ✓ Modern teaching approaches/ digitalization/ internationalization
- ✓ Research funding & proposal writing
- ✓ Research Integrity & Good Academic Practice

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Apply by 25 April: Speyer University Certificate Programme

'Public Leadership and Administration' for (Future) Senior Civil Servants in the Ukrainian Government and Administration

**Longer-term: Could the offers of
the DAAD International Academy, the Helmholtz Leadership Academy etc.
be expanded to non-German research management community?**



- [Ukrainian Global University](#) (UGU) is a vast network of educational institutions, that join efforts to rebuild Ukraine by supporting Ukrainian high school and university students, scholars, tutors by providing them with scholarships, fellowships and postgraduate programs
- [UAScience.reload](#) is an initiative of Ukrainian scholars from all over the world

WHAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ESTABLISH?

- **Return fellowships:** e.g. [AvH](#), [ERA Fellowships](#) aimed at fostering balanced brain circulation
- **Infrastructure grants**
- **Support of "Smart Specialization"** through teaming/ collaboration: e.g. 12 BMBF-funded [German-Ukrainian Excellence Centers in Ukraine](#); expand the [Dioscuri Centres of Scientific Excellence](#) to Ukraine
- **Joint programs for international students**



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EXPAND UKRAINIAN STUDIES

USA: [the Ukrainian Research Institute \(HURI\)](#), an integral part of **Harvard University**, established in 1973, is the leading academic institution in the United States dedicated to the support of scholarship and the dissemination of knowledge about Ukraine and its neighboring countries of Eastern Europe

- [The MAPA: Digital Atlas of Ukraine program](#) brings the latest innovations of IT to studies of modern Ukrainian history and contemporary political geography

Canada: [Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies \(CIUS\) at the University of Alberta](#), established in 1976

UK: [Cambridge Ukrainian Studies](#), since 2010 a permanent academic centre at the University of Cambridge

Germany:

- [Ukrainian Free University](#) (Munich), since 1921
- [Chair for the Entangled History of Ukraine](#) led by **Prof. Dr. Andrii Portnov** (Viadrina, Frankfurt/ Oder)
- [Lehrstuhl für Ukrainische Kulturwissenschaft](#), **JProf. Dr. Roman Dubasevych** (U. Greifswald)



BE CLEAR ABOUT THE TARGET GROUP

RUSSIA STATE NEWS DEMANDS 'LIQUIDATION' OF UKRAINIANS
(SEE THIS RIA NOVOSTI ARTICLE)



Prof. Dr. Vasyl Kladko was killed on 13 March 2022 by russian invaders in Vorsel near Kyiv while rescuing his family. He was a remarkable experimental physicist and Deputy Director of the V.E. Lashkaryov Institute of Semiconductor Physics of the NAS of Ukraine

Credit: <https://www.iucr.org/news/newsletter/volume-30/number-1/vasyl-kladko-19572022>

A substation at the Ukraine Neutron Source was destroyed by russian attacks on 6 March

Credit: State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine



Web page: <https://ukrainet.eu>

- [Information & Collaboration Platform](#)
- [#SupportUkraine](#) pages, incl.
 - [Offers of support for students and researchers from Ukraine](#) (curated list)
 - [Non-residential offers](#)
 - [Supporting learning](#)
 - [Saving Heritage/ Data Rescue](#)
 - [Jobs4Ukraine](#)

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Webinar (in Ukrainian) **“Війна 2022 та підтримка українських науковців”**, 3.04.2022 within the framework of *Наукові зустрічі* by Scientia Conventibus and Dr. Kyrylo Snizhko: [the talk](#), [slides of the presentation](#) & [the discussion](#)

Newsletter: **31** issues since February 2016, distributed to 160+ subscribers, including [#StandWithUkraine Special](#)

LinkedIn groups:

- [UKRAINET](#): 645+ members from over 30 countries
- [Ukrainian researchers in Nordic countries](#): 40+ members





Aimed at:

- Ukrainian PhD students carrying out their research outside of Ukraine (incl. exchange PhD students)
- PhD students, regardless of nationality, who are involved in a collaborative (e.g. German-Ukrainian or multi-lateral, including Ukraine) research project
- PhD students, regardless of nationality, whose topic of research relates to Ukraine

2022: apply by 16 May

2021:

- 17 candidates from Germany, Hungary, the UK and Ukraine
- The winners 2021 ([press-release](#)):
 - The 1st place: **Kseniia Kravchenko**, Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife research (IZW), FU Berlin, Germany (Population Biology)
 - The 2nd place: **Nataliya Yadzhak**, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv/ Ukraine & University of Clermont Auvergne/ France (Material Sciences)
 - The 3rd place: **Pavlo Burdiak**, University of Szeged, Hungary (International Law)



“We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must – at that moment – become the center of the universe.”

– Elie Wiesel, Nobel laureate, and Holocaust survivor, from The Night Trilogy: Night, Dawn, The Accident

