



## **RWI Research Exchange Cooperation for Academics in Belarus 1-30 November 2017**

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### **Research Exchange Cooperation**

In 2017, RWI offers the possibility of a research exchange for academics in Belarus to spend 1 month (preferably 1-30 of November) in Sweden. The aim of the research exchange is to increase opportunities for targeted researchers in Belarus to produce quality human rights (including gender equality) research. The cooperation also aims to contribute to improved quality and increased availability of relevant academic research products on human rights (including gender equality) relevant to be used for public policy dialogue, and formal and non-formal education. As a result of the research exchange it is expected that the successful candidate will write an academic paper on a human rights theme of relevance to the Belarusian context.

Through the research exchange RWI offers:

- access to a conducive research environment,
- supervision from experienced human rights professors and senior researchers,
- access to research materials through one of the largest human rights libraries in Europe, and
- opportunities for the researcher to enhance her/his knowledge and skills relating to research methodology, academic writing and, if applicable, teaching methodologies.

In 2017, this opportunity is offered to three English speaking researchers from Belarus during 1-30 of November, or at another time period in 2017 as suggested by the applicant upon agreement with RWI.

### **Expected results**

The following results are expected to be achieved through the research exchange cooperation:

- 1) The researcher has enhanced her/his skills in research methodology to the extent that it could directly feed into her/his research projects at her/his home institution
- 2) The researcher has been given the chance to discuss her/his research with experienced academics and scholars at RWI, both in terms of research methodologies and in terms of substance,

- 3) The researcher has strengthened her/his capacities to find and make efficient use of human rights resources, using physical and virtual library resources
- 4) If applicable, the researcher has increased her/his knowledge and skills in human rights teaching methodology and theories of learning
- 5) No later than three months after the research exchange, the researcher has to deliver (or produce) an academic paper as a direct result of the research exchange. This paper could have different formats, such as an article or report, or even being part of a larger academic undertaking or scientific production, e.g. a book's section.

### **Scope of Research Scholarships**

The three selected researchers to participate in the research exchange will be awarded scholarships to spend four weeks during the month of November 2017 at RWI, in Lund, Sweden, or as otherwise agreed. The scholarships will cover all necessary individual expenses in Lund, including housing. In addition to the scholarship, RWI will cover the cost of a round trip economy ticket to Lund, office space, computer/Internet connections, emergency medical insurance, and access to the Institute's library.

### **Qualifications**

In order to apply for the research exchange candidates must have

- A university degree
- Be academically linked to a university in Belarus
- Demonstrated experience of research and/or teaching in human rights or a related field
- Fluency in written and spoken English

### **Application**

The researchers to participate in the research exchange will be selected through a competitive procedure based on individual applications.

All proposals will be evaluated by a Selection Committee having relevant research, human rights and contextual expertise. The following factors will be taken into consideration when evaluating proposals: quality of the written proposal, i.e. clarity, organisation and design; relevance and benefit in relation to the objectives and themes of the research exchange; and feasibility of the research proposal (scope, time, qualifications of applicant); gender equality perspectives integration.

RWI will prioritize research proposals that are framed within one of the thematic focus areas of RWI, which include themes such as Inclusive Societies, Economic Globalisation and Human Rights, People on the Move. For a short description of the thematic focus areas, please see: <http://rwi.lu.se/what-we-do/>

In the application form for the research exchange you will find all details on what information that applicants need to provide for applying. Please note that you **must** also **use the application form** in order to apply to the research exchange and to be considered an eligible candidate.

All application materials should be submitted together at the latest on the **27 September 2017 at 08:00 (GMT+2)** to the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, by e-mail to [evgeniya.mazanik@rwi.lu.se](mailto:evgeniya.mazanik@rwi.lu.se)

The research exchange should start no later than **1 November 2017**. For further information, please contact Amelie Sällfors, Director of Europe Office, +46 46 222 12 32 [amelie.sallfors@rwi.lu.se](mailto:amelie.sallfors@rwi.lu.se)