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PROGRAMME ON MODERN POLAND

Notes for applicants

The Programme on Modern Poland Funding 2017

Aim of the Scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to grant financial support to outstanding projects working to produce original research and outreach activities on topics related to contemporary Poland. The Programme on Modern Poland (POMP) intends to support British academic institutions in the production and dissemination of original knowledge of the post 1980 developments in Poland. The UK-wide funding scheme aims at stimulating interest in Poland at British universities.

Level of award

Up to £50,000 is available for a single project to cover travel and approved research and teaching expenditure incurred in the United Kingdom or Poland. Applicants can apply for more than one project. Local co-financing would be seen as an advantage. Budgets should reflect real costs for the activities envisaged.

Types of projects

The Programme on Modern Poland (POMP) does not have preconceived ideas about the type of projects that may be proposed in response to this Call for Applications, in terms of scope, form, or length of time required for completion, or organization. Projects can assume a variety of forms, such as:

- network building
- summer schools for young leaders
- primary research and publications
- organizing conferences
- setting up new programmes and courses
- generating on-line information
- developing new media platforms, etc.

The Programme on Modern Poland will particularly welcome proposals for the development of Polish studies in Great Britain.

Eligibility

- **Only UK based academic institutions are eligible to apply**
- Proposed projects must be in the field of the humanities and social sciences
- Applications for collaborative or individual projects are equally welcome
- Involvement of Polish scholars and practitioners from Poland based institutions in proposed projects is encouraged, but it is not indispensable
- Principal Investigators or Project Directors must be of postdoctoral or equivalent status and employed in or affiliated with a UK based academic institution

- UK organisations based overseas may apply if they can demonstrate that they are parts of organisations registered in the UK and they demonstrate an independent capability to undertake projects in the field or discipline in which they wish to be funded
- Awards will not be made retrospectively for research and/or other activities that have already started; applications must be made in time for them to be considered and approved by the Noble Foundation before the research and/or other activities are due to begin
- No application will be considered without the approval of the Applicant's Department, College or Research Division.

Number of Awards

The Programme expects to be able to support several new projects, but there is no specific number of awards available. POMP reserves the right not to adopt any of the projects proposed.

Closing date

1 May 2017, noon (UK time)

Duration of projects

Duration of eligible projects is between **three months** and **two years**. Projects may start between October 2017 and December 2018. Some database projects may need maintenance beyond this date. Please keep in mind that there is no expectation on the POMP's part that projects should be of short-term duration. All projects, including longer-term longitudinal studies, however, should be able to forecast when their work would reach a suitable state when active work might cease.

Project Description

Please state clearly whether the project is a relatively new initiative or a project of long standing. Summarise main objectives of the proposed project. Provide details of what the project involves, the working methods to be employed, the extent of the material, and, if appropriate, achievements to date.

Explain briefly the project's intended audience (e.g. academic audience, policymakers or general audiences) and explain its potential impact on the subject. Explain what the project is aiming to achieve in terms of publications and/or further database work or development of a project website.

Abstract / Project Summary

Please state the main aims of the project in no more than 100 words in the first paragraph. The abstract should include the type of activity for which funding is being sought (conference, primary research, summer school etc.), project objectives, methods, targeted audience, proposed outcomes and impact, as well as project partners.

Eligible costs

Applicants should prepare accurate costings for the proposed research expenses, and should be particularly careful not to overestimate the resources required. Costs should be clearly itemised and justified in terms of the research programme.

Funding is available to facilitate initial project planning and development and to enable the advancement of research through workshops or conferences. Applicants may seek support for any combination of eligible activities. Available funding may cover:

- Project planning and development costs (cost of travel for discussion in the UK and Poland; initial workshops with potential partners)
- Direct costs of primary research (accessing archives, cost of digital material etc.)
- Remuneration for Principal Investigators or Project Directors
- College/departmental fees/ overheads
- Research assistance (based in UK or abroad)
- Administrative assistance (based in UK or abroad)

- Research related travel and maintenance for UK-based project participants
- Research related travel and maintenance for overseas scholars engaged in collaborative research activity with UK-based project partner(s)
- Travel to disseminate research results at conferences held either in the UK or Poland
- Dissemination of findings other than attending conferences (e.g. creation of websites or multimedia platforms, attending conferences)
- Consumables
- Costs of translation and editing
- Cost of illustrations, photography, acquisition of images, cartography or other illustrative material, providing they are central to the proposed research
- Cost of reproduction rights for text or images, providing they are central to the proposed research

It is a condition of the funding scheme that digital resources created as a result of research funded by the Programme on Modern Poland be publicly available.

Grants are not intended to support interchange between UK and overseas scholars where there is no planned programme of activity to meet a clearly specified objective of the project. Additionally, funding is NOT available for:

- Computer hardware (laptops, electronic notebooks, digital cameras etc.)
- Travel and maintenance costs for write up of research results
- Attendance at conferences organised by a third party as the sole purpose of the proposed project

Applicants should make sure that real costs for envisaged activities and the total grant requested is clearly stated on the application.

Co-Applications

All applications should have one named Principal Investigator or Project Director, although applicants may wish to name other co-investigators, either in the UK or elsewhere, who share in the leading and direction of the project. If there is more than one applicant, please provide the co-applicant's institutional details and co-investigator's career summary in the project description.

In case of team/co-applications, the proposal should clearly designate the person responsible for guiding or advising the project.

Budget justification

Applicants must clearly state the reasons why funds are needed. If support is sought for visits between UK and overseas scholars and institutions, applicants should clearly explain the purpose of the meeting(s), institutions to be visited, and materials to be accessed. The length of the visit must be clearly justified and adequate details must be provided of sources to be consulted.

Where the bulk of funding sought is to finance a workshop(s) or conference(s), applicants should provide a justification of the contribution of the event(s) to the achievement of the overall research objective(s), and give an account of the onward research planned.

In exceptional circumstances, funding may be provided for travel to another country other than Poland. Where such travel is to be undertaken, please list the country(s) and provide the relevant justifications.

If an assistant is to be employed, applicants should briefly describe the nature of the work to be undertaken by the assistant and justify the period of employment (or number of hours) for which funding is sought. Please bear in mind that if PhD candidates are to be employed, POMP will not fund work by PhD candidates that is directly related to their PhD thesis and already otherwise funded.

Applications to Other Funding Bodies

Please provide details of other support given or applied for in connection with the current proposal for POMP Research Grant. Please indicate whether any other grant applications relating to this project have been submitted.

It is possible for POMP to fund Poland-related projects that seek synergies with other on-going or future projects funded from other sources, e.g. in which Poland will be added as a case study to an existing/future research undertaken in other countries. Therefore, all applications must clearly state whether projects submitted to POMP seek to obtain funding from other sources.

It is necessary to state all sources of income, potential or already awarded, supporting the work of the project. Please distinguish clearly between funds already awarded and funds being sought. Give clear indications of the source of the funding, the period over which it has been or might be granted and the amount awarded/sought.

Plans for publication and dissemination

POMP has been mandated to stimulate academic studies on Poland in various fields of the humanities and social sciences and by the same token produce and disseminate original knowledge of the post 1980 developments in Poland.

Please describe the proposed output from the project and outline plans for future publications or other dissemination of the results.

Ethical issues

It is expected that most ethical issues will be covered by standard codes of practice. It is only necessary to indicate in the application in detail any non-standard issues. Approval to undertake the project must be granted by Applicants' institutions before any work requiring approval begins.

Application Submission

All applications and accompanying documents (project proposal, CVs of academics involved, proposed budget, institutional approval) must be sent as a single PDF file in the attachment. Applications must be sent by email to: Patrick.Kimunguyi@noblefoundation.pl

No paper submissions will be accepted. Applications without a complete set of documents will not be eligible for consideration. The application will be treated as confidential at all times.

Equal opportunity

The Programme on Modern Poland is committed to British policy on Equal Opportunity in the provision of its grants and awards. Female applicants and applicants of minority backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application assessment procedures
Applications will be assessed by the Board of the Programme consisting of leading academics employed at British universities and the Noble Foundation representatives.
There will be a one stage selection process. It is expected that a number of projects will be awarded funding by early June 2017.

The Board will evaluate proposals on the basis of their academic merit, feasibility, expected outcomes, and how they fit with the stated aims of the Programme on Modern Poland. The Programme reserves the right not to adopt any proposals at the end of the assessment process.

Outcome of application

Applicants will be notified via email about the outcomes of their applications in early June 2017. Make sure that the name, address, institutional affiliation and email of the Principal Investigator or of the Project Director are clearly stated in the application.