



## Call for applications 2018 – Deadline 28/11/2018

### Ghent University's Russia Platform Short-term Fellowship Program

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Ghent University's Russia Platform welcomes applications for visiting fellows. The Russia Platform is one of the six regional platforms of Ghent University. Its ambition is to coordinate, facilitate and stimulate cooperation with Russia and knowledge about Russia in the field of education, research and service to society. The Russia Platform hosts five visiting fellows every year. Awardees will spend minimum one month for a research stay at Ghent University.

#### Short-term fellowships

The Russia Platform Fellowships are geared towards scholars who have earned their doctoral degree and who are affiliated with a Russia based higher education or research institution.

The fellowships include a grant of 2000 € for a minimum stay of one month, which is meant to cover (part of the) travel costs, housing and living expenditures. The visiting scholars will be given an office space and access to facilities (such as the library) as a Ghent University visiting scholar.

The fellowships can be taken up at any time in 2019, summer months excluded and with a preference for the period March – June. Awardees are expected to be present at Ghent University, to take part in its academic activities and to contribute to its intellectual community. Visiting scholars will give at least one lecture or seminar to fellow researchers and students. For this reason, awardees are required to have an excellent command of English.

Five fellowships will be awarded in 2019:

- Minimum 1 scholarship for a research stay at one of the following faculties: Arts & Philosophy, Law & Criminology, Economics & Business Administration, Psychology & Educational Sciences, Political & Social Sciences
- Minimum 1 scholarship for a research stay at one of the following faculties: Sciences, Engineering & Architecture, Bioscience Engineering, Medicine & Health Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Three scholarships for a research stay at any of the faculties above

#### How to apply

Your application should be in English, the application form includes the following sections:

- Personal information
- A cover letter, in which you indicate the mobility period and the research group you would like to be affiliated with and in which you motivate how your current and future research would benefit from a research stay at Ghent University
- A research plan (research objectives, methods and materials, a work plan for the intended visit, possible long-term cooperation plans, bibliography, ...) of max. 2500 words
- A list of your five most important publications and a 250 words motivation for each of those publications, highlighting why you consider them your most important publications.

- Your signature and the signature of the UGent promotor. This implies that you already need to have a UGent promotor at application stage. The [online research directory](#) can help you in finding a promotor, should there not be any links yet. You can also submit a short motivation by the UGent promotor, but this is optional.
- A short CV (max 2 pages) in annex to the application form

The application should be submitted by email to [russia@ugent.be](mailto:russia@ugent.be) in one PDF file no later than 28 November 2018 (by 23:59h CET). Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. Each individual can only obtain one grant.

### **Selection criteria and procedures:**

The following criteria will be taken into account in the selection procedure:

- The candidate's profile
- The overall quality of the proposal
- The motivation and feasibility of the research plan
- Added value/sustainability

A selection committee with representatives from different faculties will review the applications.

Ghent University conducts an active policy for diversity and equal opportunities and encourages everybody to apply. The selection committee will also strive for a balance in:

- Home institutions (in Russia)
- UGent faculties involved
- Senior candidates and junior candidates
- New partnerships and existing partnerships

### **Timeline:**

- Application deadline: 28 November 2018 (23:59h CET)
- Selection results: end of December 2018
- Mobility period: February – June 2019, September – December 2019

### **Reporting**

The researcher is expected to submit a short activity report to indicate the output of the research stay at the end of the stay.

### **Practical matters**

The Russia Platform will assist awardees with practical arrangements such as insurance, visa and application for housing at the university residences.

Ghent University issues a visitor's pass to foreign visitors who spend a short stay (= no longer than 90 days) under the supervision of a UGent promotor. Each visitors' pass automatically grants access to the UGent Sports Centre and the student restaurants.

### **Website with application form:**

<https://www.ugent.be/russiaplatform/en/funding/callvisitingfellows.htm>