



Hosting offer for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) 2022 at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun / Department of Science and Higher Education Research

[MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) are individual research grants offering excellent postdoctoral researchers the chance to develop their skills by means of international mobility. Through the implementation of an original and personalised research project, MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships aim to foster excellence through training and mobility and to equip researchers with new skills and competences in order to identify solutions to current and future challenges.

The Department for Science and Higher Education Research invites motivated postdoctoral researchers to jointly prepare an application for the [MSCA-PF-2022 call Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) call ([MSCA-PF-2022](#)) with them as host organisation.

Description of Hosting organisation/group

Dept. of Sociology - Sociology of Science Unit

The department explores reforms of university systems in Europe as well as state policies regarding science and higher education. We seek answers to questions concerning processes emerging from the contemporary model of higher education, methods of university management and the principles of financing and research evaluation. We also investigate inequalities in higher education, processes of internal differentiation of primary and secondary education, and the functioning of rural schools within their local environments. Our interests also encompass research on women in Polish science and state policies towards gender equality in higher education in Europe.

The department participated in research projects financed by both domestic (NCN, NAWA, IDUB) and foreign (EC) funding institutions, and supported the governments of Poland and Ukraine, the European Commission, OECD, Ernst & Young, as well as non-governmental organizations (Education Development Organization Service, CEDOS, FDPA), among others. It collaborates with many institutions and universities in Europe and beyond (most recently with academic centers in Toronto, Porto, Agder, Prague, Budapest, Oslo, Twente, Rijeka). The department also participates in international research projects (Changing Academic Profession [CAP]; Structural Higher Education Reform: Development and Evaluation [SHERDE]; Higher Education Drop-Out and Completion in Europe [HEDOCE]), and we present the results of our research at acclaimed conferences around the world.

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Topics/expertise

- *Higher education*
- *University Governance*
- *Sociology of education*
- *Public policy in the field of education*
- *Academic Leadership*

Potential supervisor is Dominik Antonowicz, associate professor and head of the Sociology of Science Unit. His research interest is global trends in higher education, policy developments and university governance. In particular he investigates the reforms of higher education, transformation models of university governance and – most recently – the mechanism research evaluation. A graduate of from University of Torun (sociology) and Birmingham University (public management), he worked as a postdoc scholar at the Center of Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS, Twente University (NL) and Centro de Investigação de Políticas do Ensino Superior (CIPES), University of Porto (PT). He is a former Chevening scholar and a beneficiary of the Foundation for Polish Science (program “Start” and “Kolumb”).

Your profile

MSCA candidates are welcome in the four major lines of studies of the research unit:

- Changes in university governance: how the university governance is being reformed under the influence of New Public Management, conducting both qualitative and quantitative analysis of new structural arrangements and their adaption
- European Universities (EUI), investigating (a) why universities form strategic partnerships and (b) how EUI were embraced in the Polish institutional environment
- Female Academic Leadership
- Non-university sector of higher education – role, system governance and functions of the non-university sector

Expected qualifications/expertise of the candidate

- You must have a completed PhD at the time of the call deadline (14 September 2022).
- Candidates must have a maximum of 8 years full-time research experience from the PhD award date until September 14, 2022. Periods of inactivity in research (e.g. unemployment, periods of employment outside research, parental or sick leave) do not count towards the time of research experience.
- For European fellowships, candidates can be of any nationality and must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Poland for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before September 14, 2022.
- Highly motivated candidate with an excellent research track record appropriate to career stage, as evidenced by academic publications and other scientific output.

What we offer

- A stimulating, interdisciplinary environment for high-level research.
- Young, dynamic International research team (we have currently top post-docs sponsored by NAWA)

How to apply?

Indicate your interest by contacting the host institution as follows:

Please contact directly: prof. Dominik Antonowicz : dominik@umk.pl