

The Summer School for Young Researchers

Regulations

1. The International Summer School for Young Researchers is organized by the University of Rzeszow, the Institute of Political Science (aleja Tadeusza Rejtana 16C, 35-310 Rzeszow) in cooperation with the Leipzig University, the Institute of Political Science (Augustuspl. 10, 04109 Leipzig) and the Poland Office of the Heinrich Böll Foundation (Żurawia 45, 05-800 Warszawa).
2. The Summer School for Young Researchers will take place from 3 to 9 July 2022 in Rzeszow, Poland.
3. The Summer School seeks to contribute to bringing together various aspects of citizenship in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) by featuring both theoretical and empirical contributions that explore practices of citizenship at the micro-, meso-, or macro-level in various political landscapes. The goal of the Summer School is also to integrate young researchers from various fields and countries, while offering them an opportunity to grow professionally in a stimulating environment.

Covid-19 Restrictions and War in Ukraine

Due to the ongoing effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Summer School will take place physically if deemed safe by the Polish public health authorities and the majority of participants, including these from abroad. Please check the COVID-19 regulations concerning travel and quarantine in Poland and inform yourself on the security situation before applying to the Young Researchers Summer School 2022 (<https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus/travel>).

In the unlikely event of a spill-over of the ongoing war activities in Ukraine, travel to the Summer School location might be rendered impossible. If such a situation should occur, the organizers take it upon themselves to inform participants as soon as possible.

Eligibility Requirements

1. We invite young researchers from the field of social sciences, the EU studies as well as adjacent fields from various countries within and outside the EU.
2. It is expected that participants have a sufficient command of the English language to actively participate in the discussions and to present their own work to fellow students and faculty.

3. We recognize the importance of incorporating different experiences, perspectives and voices, therefore the organizers welcome and encourage applications from all suitably qualified candidates, irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial, ethnic or social origin, color, religion, belief, or sexual orientation. Organizers will therefore take necessary means to maintain gender parity among the participants of the Summer School.

Application Process

1. To apply, you need to submit the following materials electronically:

- description of your PhD project (max. 800 words)
- letter of motivation (max. 500 words)
- indication of the funding needed (travelling costs, insurance, ...)

Participants will be selected based on:

- *The relevance of their PhD project for the disciplinary field(s) they are working in as well as the topic of this year's Summer School*
- *Precision of the research problem, purpose and scope of the research, as well as the appropriateness of the research methodology*
- *Originality of the research approach and the authors' own contribution in terms of their research insights, inquisitiveness, research skills, critical thinking and commitment*

All materials included in the application are due by **Monday 30, May 2022. (23:59 CET)**. Please send them electronically to kzarna@ur.edu.pl.

The Selection Committee

1. A Selection Committee composed of Rzeszow University academic staff, the Leipzig University academic staff and representatives of the Poland Office of the Heinrich Böll Foundation will review the applications, based on their quality (see *application process*).

2. Successful applicants will be notified via email by 10, June 2022.

Funding and Organizational Support

1. Organizational support for the Young Researchers Summer School comes from the Rzeszow University, the Leipzig University (<https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en>) and the Poland Office of the Heinrich Böll Foundation.
2. Funding for participants is offered by the Poland Office of the Heinrich Böll Foundation, (<https://pl.boell.org/pl>). The Heinrich Böll Foundation will provide funding for 20 selected participants to cover transportation costs to and from Rzeszów to their place of residence, accommodation and meals for the duration of the Young Researchers Summer School 2022.
3. To receive the reimbursement the participants will need to provide original financial documents to the Poland Office of the Heinrich Böll Foundation (invoices, ticket's,...).

For further information, please contact: agata.gontarczyk@pl.boell.org

Further Regulations

1. By submitting their application candidates agree to the above regulations.
2. Regulations come into force on 29.04.2022