

**Name of the unite:** University of Warsaw, Faculty of Sociology – Warsaw

**Post:** PhD candidate – fellow

The candidate should hold MA in sociology, ethnology, cultural anthropology, cultural studies, museum studies or a related field of social studies or humanities. The candidate should demonstrate an interest in Museum and/or Memory Studies and knowledge of sociological or ethnographic research methods. She/he is required to have a very good knowledge of Polish and English and – at least a passive – knowledge of German.

**Qualifications:**

**Required:**

- Master's degree in sociology, ethnology, cultural anthropology, cultural studies, museum studies, or related fields in the social sciences or humanities;
- familiarity with qualitative research methodologies, confirmed by credits in relevant university courses;
- knowledge of Polish and English sufficient to conduct and analyze interviews and read and write academic texts;
- knowledge of German sufficient to at least analyze interview transcripts and media content and read academic texts and press articles;
- interest in Museums Studies and/or Memory Studies;
- self-reliance and drive to improve academic skills.

**Desired:**

- experience in conducting sociological or ethnographic research (semi-structured interviews, participatory observation);
- experience in qualitative data analysis;
- knowledge of recent history, with particular focus on World War II and the Shoah;
- good knowledge of German in order to be able to conduct interviews and participant observation independently.

**Job description:**

The PhD candidate will be a member of the research team of the 3-year OPUS 2021/43/B/HS2/01596 project titled [Help Delivered to Jews during World War II and Transnational Memory in Making](https://www.ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/listy-rankingowe/2021-09-15okipi34a/streszczenia/532546-en.pdf) (<https://www.ncn.gov.pl/sites/default/files/listy-rankingowe/2021-09-15okipi34a/streszczenia/532546-en.pdf>). The project is financed by the Polish National Science Centre (Narodowe Centrum Nauki, NCN). The candidate's tasks will include researching the reception of selected Polish and German museums dedicated to those

who helped Jews during World War II. The research will include, among others, Focus Group Interviews (carried out in cooperation with a subcontracted company), interviews with museum guides and educators, participant observation of educational activities and guided tours, analysis of the press coverage of the diagnostic sites, and analysis of visitor books entries and comments on social media. It is intended that the material collected as part of the research project will be used by the PhD candidate to write a dissertation.

The tasks of the PhD candidate in cooperation with the Principal Investigator (PI) will include amongst others:

- literature review
- research cooperation and its coordination
- selection of the case study museums and formulation of detailed research questions
- analysis of visitor books entries (in Polish, German and English) and comments on social media on the case-study museums
- analysis of the press coverage of the diagnostic site
- preparing, conducting, and analyzing expert interviews in Polish, English and/or German
- preparing, conducting, and analyzing the results of the participant observation
- preparing instructions for FGIs (in collaboration with a subcontracted company)
- analysis of the transcripts of the FGIs (in Polish, English and German).
- writing articles on the research findings in Polish and English
- dissemination of research findings, including conference presentations
- practical support in organizing workshops and mini-conferences

**Type of NCN contest:** OPUS – HS

**Submission deadline:** 2022-08-31, 23:59 pm

**Recruitment procedure (evaluation of the submissions):** 2022-09-01/02

**Recruitment interview (online):** 2022-09-05

**Announcement of the ranking list:** 2022-09-07

**Form of submission:** e-mail.

Please send applications to: [woycicka@dhi.waw.pl](mailto:woycicka@dhi.waw.pl) (subject "NCN Grant - PhD recruitment").

**Conditions of employment:**

The PI will ask the Director of the Doctoral School of Social Sciences at the University of Warsaw (SDNS UW) to recognize the recruitment procedure within the project, and upon approval, the

PhD candidate will receive a fellowship within the project of min. PLN 5000 gross (minus social insurance contributions, that is, about 30%). In the fourth year of the doctoral studies at the SDNS, the candidate will receive a fellowship funded by the University of Warsaw.

Anticipated start date: 1. October 2022

Fellowship payment period: 36 months

**Required documents:**

- CV including information on the candidate's scholarships, awards, publications, and her/his participation in research projects, academic workshops, and training;
- motivation letter;
- declaration of readiness to undertake doctoral studies in course of the employment in the project;
- PDF or scan of one relevant academic publication, research report, or thesis written during the candidate's MA studies.

**Additional information:**

- The evaluation of the applications will be carried out by a Selection Committee in accordance with the Regulations regarding the awarding of academic scholarships in research projects financed by the NCN introduced by the NCN Council Resolution No. 25/2019 of 14 March 2019.
- In case the selected candidate resigns, we reserve the right to appoint another candidate from the ranking list. Should there be no suitable candidate, we reserve the right to postpone the application deadline or to re-open the competition.
- Interviews will be conducted online (zoom). They are scheduled for 5 September 2022. We would like to ask the candidates to reserve time for the interview on that day.
- As there will be little time between the announcement of the results of the competition and the beginning of the project, we would also like to ask all candidates to prepare the following documents: a scan of their MA degree, scans of documents confirming the academic and research activities listed in the CV, and a document which confirms their knowledge of English on at least B2 level or statement that they know English well enough to participate in the doctoral studies. In the case of non-native speakers, we will also need a statement concerning their knowledge of Polish.