



THE UKRAINIAN
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INTERNATIONAL
NETWORK

STAND WITH UKRAINE: SCIENCE DIPLOMACY IN TIMES OF CRISIS

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Main goals of the UKRAINE Network (est. in 2015):

- **FOSTER** academic cooperation with Ukraine
- **IMPROVE** knowledge about Ukraine abroad & *vice versa*
- **INCREASE** visibility of Ukrainian scientists
- **SUPPORT** career development of the Network members & early-career researchers in Ukraine
- **SUPPORT** reforms in Ukrainian science



“We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must – at that moment – become the center of the universe.”

– Elie Wiesel, Nobel laureate, and Holocaust survivor, from The Night Trilogy: Night, Dawn, The Accident



WHAT IS SCIENCE DIPLOMACY?

«Science diplomacy has been defined as the use and application of science cooperation to build bridges and enhance relationships among countries.»

Dr Vaughan Turekian, Director of the Center for Science Diplomacy set up in 2009 by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) & later Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State

“New frontiers in science diplomacy” (Royal Society, 2010):

- **Science in Diplomacy:** informing foreign policy objectives with scientific advice
- **Diplomacy for Science:** facilitating international science cooperation
- **Science for Diplomacy:** using science cooperation to improve international relations between countries

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Immediate response addresses the urgent humanitarian needs of Ukrainian academics who fled Ukraine:

- Typically support is offered to **individual** students and/or researchers
- For their stays/ integration **outside of Ukraine**
- For a **short term**: 3 - 6 months, sometimes up to 2 years

For example:

- [UKRAINET](#) pages
- [Science For Ukraine](#) initiative maps offers for Ukrainian students or researchers in need of jobs and accommodation abroad
- [List in Ukrainian \(LvivCenter\)](#)



WHAT ABOUT SUPPORTING UKRAINIANS IN UKRAINE?

Appeals, initiated by Ukrainian researchers [“Open remote positions for Ukrainian refugee scholars”](#) and Science4Ukraine [“Scholars who remained in Ukraine need remote collaboration opportunities”](#)

- [Polish Young Academy](#) offers research fellowships and resources to cover accommodation for displaced Ukrainian researchers & their families
- [European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities \(ALLEA\)-Breakthrough Prize Foundation Partnership to Support Scholars Impacted by the War in Ukraine](#) is establishing a **USD 1,5 million** European Fund for Displaced Scientists to support
 - academic host institutions across Europe and
 - to facilitate support to Ukrainian institutions to continue their operations, rebuild their research networks, and foster the return of scientists to Ukraine after the war



EXAMPLES OF NON-RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT SCHEMES: I

- [Special call for nominations for EIRENE: A Max Planck-Ukraine Cooperation & Mobility Grant, apply by 15 June](#): can be applied for jointly by outstanding Ukrainian early career researchers and either Directors of MPI or Research Group Leaders of MPI. **The Ukrainian researchers must be based at a research institution / university in his/her home country.**
- [Special Call for Nominations for Max Planck Partner Groups with Ukraine for Postdocs/ Young Faculty, apply by 15 June](#)
- [The “Pauli Ukraine Project”](#) of the The Wolfgang Pauli Institute, Austria supports scientists in **mathematics, physics, computer science and related (STEM) fields**, who stay in Ukraine
- [EU COST Program](#) supports researchers, **irrespective of their physical location**, affiliated to Ukrainian legal entities, for **short-term research stays, Virtual Networking Tools** and/or to join any **Action Working Group**
- [Emergency Fund for Ukrainian researchers](#) established by the European Research Network on Signal Transduction (ERNEST) offers **Virtual Mobility Grants** for researchers who reside in Ukraine, e.g. for **online lectures, workshops, webinars, podcasts or research-related activities**



EXAMPLES OF NON-RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT SCHEMES: II

- [The Center for Urban History \(Lviv\), in cooperation with the Institute for Human Sciences \(IWM, Vienna\) and Körber-Stiftung \(Hamburg\)](#): 4 fellowships for scholars in Ukraine affected by the Russian invasion and war. Topics: Documenting Russia's 2022 war against Ukraine and Diversifying and Decentralizing Eastern Europe
- [HURI \(USA\) & IWM \(Austria\) Non-Residential Fellowships to Support Ukrainian Scholars](#) in the **humanities and social sciences**, incl. **Non-Residential Documenting Ukraine Fellowships** for Ukrainian scholars, journalists, cultural figures, and public intellectuals who are documenting the war and its consequences
- [Shevchenko Emergency Fund](#) (USA) offers non-residential fellowships to **scholars, writers, and artists located in Ukraine** who need support in order to continue their work
- [e-editiones](#) and the [TEI Consortium](#) in collaboration with [Archives Online & JinnTec](#) offer grants to **Ukrainian scholars, incl. those who had to relocate within Ukrainian territory because of the war**, working on sources broadly conceived as **textual cultural heritage**
- [The Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz – Max-Planck-Institut \(KHI\)](#) supports **art historians, heritage scholars and professionals at risk**, also on a **non-residential basis**



SUPPORT THROUGH COLLABORATION

- Organizing invited talks, webinars, joint conferences: e.g.
 - The Danyliw Ukrainian Scholars in Times of War Seminar Series (University of Ottawa, Canada): Participants will be offered a US \$1000 honorarium. The Seminar is open to a broad range of themes, such as personal experiences since the beginning of the war: life during war, humanitarian aid, human rights work, media activism, territorial defense, the complexities of caring for family and loved ones, conducting research under extreme conditions, etc.
 - Open University in Exile // Відкритий університет у вигнанні: The Open University in Exile is a digital learning and knowledge-based platform aimed at Ukrainians both at home and abroad, giving a voice to Ukrainian scholars, artists, and freelance lecturers. The program of events will be held in Ukrainian. Among other nations the program will be curated by an Ukrainian team. Відкритий Університет в Екзилі це освітня та наукова онлайн-платформа, створена для українців в Україні та за кордоном. Вона надає українським науковцям, митцям та вільним лекторам можливість висловитися і поділитися своїми знаннями. Мовою заходів є українська. Відповідальні за створення програми в нашій команді також українці.



SUPPORT THROUGH COLLABORATION

- By offering guest status and access to research infrastructure, libraries, datasets, etc.
- Joining existing projects and/or developing joint grant applications ([EU Hop-On facility](#), DFG, ERC, HFSP, etc.)
- Developing joint teaching and PhD supervision: certificate/ degree programs (DAAD, ERASMUS+, [EU MSCA](#), etc.)
- Donation of the (used) lab equipment
- [UAScience.reload](#): an initiative of Ukrainian scholars from all over the world
- [Ukrainian Global University](#) (UGU): a vast network of educational institutions, that join efforts to rebuild Ukraine by supporting Ukrainian high school and university students, scholars, tutors by providing them with scholarships, fellowships and postgraduate programs



EXPAND UKRAINIAN STUDIES

USA: [the Ukrainian Research Institute \(HURI\)](#), an integral part of **Harvard University**, established in 1973, is the leading academic institution in the United States dedicated to the support of scholarship and the dissemination of knowledge about Ukraine and its neighboring countries of Eastern Europe

- [The MAPA: Digital Atlas of Ukraine program](#) brings the latest innovations of IT to studies of modern Ukrainian history and contemporary political geography

Canada: [Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies \(CIUS\) at the University of Alberta](#), established in 1976

UK: [Cambridge Ukrainian Studies](#), since 2010 a permanent academic centre at the University of Cambridge

Germany:

- [Ukrainian Free University](#) (Munich), since 1921
- [Chair for the Entangled History of Ukraine](#) led by **Prof. Dr. Andrii Portnov** (Viadrina, Frankfurt/ Oder)
- [Lehrstuhl für Ukrainische Kulturwissenschaft](#), **JProf. Dr. Roman Dubasevych** (U. Greifswald)



BE CLEAR ABOUT THE TARGET GROUP

RUSSIA STATE NEWS DEMANDS 'LIQUIDATION' OF UKRAINIANS
(SEE THIS RIA NOVOSTI ARTICLE)



How European universities provide support to Russians in the name of solidarity with Ukraine, by Olena Rybiy, VoxUkraine

Prof. Dr. Vasyl Kladko was killed on 13 March 2022 by russian invaders in Vorsel near Kyiv while rescuing his family. He was a remarkable experimental physicist and Deputy Director of the V.E. Lashkaryov Institute of Semiconductor Physics of the NAS of Ukraine. Credit: <https://www.iucr.org/news/newsletter/volume-30/number-1/vasyl-kladko-19572022>



A substation at the Ukraine Neutron Source was destroyed by russian attacks on 6 March

Credit: State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine



PhD THESIS PRESENTATION CONTEST



Aimed at:

- Ukrainian PhD students carrying out their research outside of Ukraine (incl. exchange PhD students)
- PhD students, regardless of nationality, who are involved in a collaborative (e.g. German-Ukrainian or multi-lateral, including Ukraine) research project
- PhD students, regardless of nationality, whose topic of research relates to Ukraine

2022: apply by 16 May

2021:

- 17 candidates from Germany, Hungary, the UK and Ukraine
- The winners 2021 ([press-release](#)):
 - The 1st place: **Kseniia Kravchenko**, Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife research (IZW), FU Berlin, Germany (Population Biology)
 - The 2nd place: **Nataliya Yadzhak**, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv/ Ukraine & University of Clermont Auvergne/ France (Material Sciences)
 - The 3rd place: **Pavlo Burdiak**, University of Szeged, Hungary (International Law)



Web page: <https://ukrainet.eu>

- [Information & Collaboration Platform](#) & [resources for research managers](#)
- [#SupportUkraine](#) pages, incl.
 - [Offers of support for students and researchers from Ukraine](#) (curated list)
 - [Non-residential offers](#)
 - [Supporting learning](#)
 - [Saving Heritage/ Data Rescue](#)
 - [Jobs4Ukraine](#)
 - [DUAG members' contributions](#)

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Webinar (in Ukrainian) “**Війна 2022 та підтримка українських науковців**”, 3.04.2022

by Scientia Conventibus & Dr. Kyrylo Snizhko: [the talk](#), [slides of the presentation](#) & the [discussion](#)

Newsletter: **31** issues since February 2016, distributed to 160+ subscribers, including

[#StandWithUkraine Special](#)

LinkedIn groups:

- [UKRAINET](#): 645+ members from over 30 countries
- [Ukrainian researchers in Nordic countries](#): 40+ members

