

Rules for Award of the Leszek Kołakowski Honorary Fellowship

Preamble

The Leszek Kołakowski Honorary Fellowship is an individual research fellowship financed by the Foundation for Polish Science (“**FNP**”) from its own funds, out of the segregated Leszek Kołakowski Fund, with the purpose of recognizing scholars with distinguished research accomplishments in the field of the history of ideas and the history of medieval and modern philosophy through 1939.

§ 1 Fund and amount of Fellowship

1. The Leszek Kołakowski Fund (the “**Fund**”) is made up of monies from a gift in the amount of PLN 1,034,707.34. The Fund maintains detailed records in a segregated bank account and segregated bookkeeping accounts.
2. The monies transferred in the gift shall be devoted exclusively to creation of the Fund and investments intended to augment the capital of the Fund.
3. The monies for financing the Fellowship shall derive proportionally (half and half) from the profits of the Leszek Kołakowski Fund and other monies of the Foundation for Polish Science.
4. The amount of the Fellowship shall not exceed the equivalent of PLN 100,000.

§ 2 Leszek Kołakowski Honorary Fellowship Award Committee

1. The Foundation shall invite distinguished scholars who are international authorities in the field of the history of ideas and the history of medieval and modern philosophy through 1939 to participate in the Award Committee.
2. The Award Committee shall be composed of five to seven members. In addition, a representative of FNP may serve as a non-voting member of the Award Committee.
3. The Award Committee shall be appointed by the FNP Board in consultation with the Donor.
 - A. The members of the Award Committee shall serve on an honorary basis and without compensation.
 - B. The Award Committee shall meet at least once every two years. The activity of the Award Committee may be conducted by means of telecommunications (e.g. videoconference or Skype).

- C. The work of the Award Committee shall be organized by a coordinator designated by FNP (online contact shall be sufficient for communications with the Award Committee).

§ 3 Candidate profile and course of competition

1. The Leszek Kołakowski Honorary Fellowship shall be awarded to scholars without regard to their country of origin or residence.
2. Formal award of a doctorate as well as accomplishment in the field described in the Preamble are a condition for nomination.
3. The Fellowship is awarded through the procedure of a closed competition.
4. Candidates for the Fellowship shall be submitted through nominations. Candidates shall be nominated by scholars personally invited for this purpose by the Award Committee. A nominator may nominate no more than two candidates for the Fellowship.
5. Self-nominations will not be considered.
6. FNP will request the nominated candidates to submit:
 - a. A description of their research achievements and information concerning their accomplishments in the field of medieval and modern philosophy through 1939;
 - b. The nature of their research plans for the upcoming years.
7. The documentation presented by candidates for the Fellowship shall be forwarded to the Award Committee.
8. Selection of the winner of the Fellowship shall be made by the Award Committee, which may appoint reviewers for the purpose of obtaining additional opinions of candidates. Reviews of candidates received by FNP shall be forwarded to the members of the Award Committee.
9. The Award Committee shall select the winner of the Fellowship by a vote. The candidate who receives the greatest number of votes shall be the winner of the competition.
10. Award of the Fellowship shall require a resolution of the FNP Board ratifying the decision of the Award Committee and determining the amount of the Fellowship pursuant to §1(3).

§ 4 Criteria for award and realization of the Fellowship

1. The criteria for award of the Fellowship shall be the scholarly accomplishment and achievements of the candidate.

2. The Award Committee shall also take into consideration the research plans for the upcoming year submitted by the candidate. A condition for award of the Fellowship is the intention to continue work in the field of the history of philosophy.
3. The Fellowship is awarded once every two years. The Award Committee is entitled not to award the Fellowship in a given competition.
4. If the Fellowship is not awarded, the monies earned by the Fund shall augment the value of the Fund.
5. The Fellowship shall be paid out in a one-time payment.
6. The Foundation expects that if the recipient of the Fellowship is a foreign scholar, after receiving the Fellowship he or she will come to Poland for some time to establish contacts with the Polish research community. For this purpose the Foundation will assist in organizing lectures, seminars, readings and the like.

§ 5 Duties of the Foundation for Polish Science

1. FNP shall bear the costs connected with administration of the competition, including in particular the process of selection of the winner of the Fellowship, promotion, organization of the award ceremony, and the related financial settlements. The administrative costs shall be financed with monies not deriving from the Fund.
2. FNP undertakes to announce publicly the sources of financing of the Leszek Kołakowski Honorary Fellowship.

§ 6 Concluding provisions

Any amendments to these Rules shall be made in the form in which the Rules were adopted.