



• Visegrad Fund

“Western Balkans- Visegrad” *Fellowship*

Pilot Call for Proposals

**15 April - 15 June
2024**

Western Balkans Fund

Regional Grant –giving Organization

Established in 2015 by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Albania, Bosnia And Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia

Mission – The Fund accomplishes its mission through support to common regional projects, at “people-to-people” level, creating the conditions to share mutual experiences, values, traditions and culture, in a regional perspective.

**This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ*

opinion on Kosovo declaration of independence

International Visegrad Fund

International Donor Organisation

Established in 2000 by the governments of the Visegrad Group countries – Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia

Mission – The Fund accomplishes its mission towards regional cooperation through supporting civil society organizations to advance their relations, exchange and share ideas and promote mutual understanding with Grants, Scholarships and Artists Residencies.

Cooperation started on 2016

4 MEMORANDUMS OF COOPERATION

2016-2022: FOCUSED ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR WBF

2023 - WBF OPENS PILOT YEAR FOR MOBILITY GRANTS IN THE
WESTERN BALKANS REGION

2024 - WESTERN BALKANS JOINS VISEGRAD FUND IN A NEW PILOT
INTRA-REGIONAL MOBILITY GRANT SCHEME





Individual applicants, holders of doctoral degree or enrolled students in doctoral studies (Example: scholars, lecturers, and researchers)

To be citizens of one of the Contracting Parties of WB and V4 region

The number of applications from one applicant is not restricted.



short-term stays in V4 or WB, from 2 weeks to 10 weeks starting from September 2024 to June 2025

in two main directions:

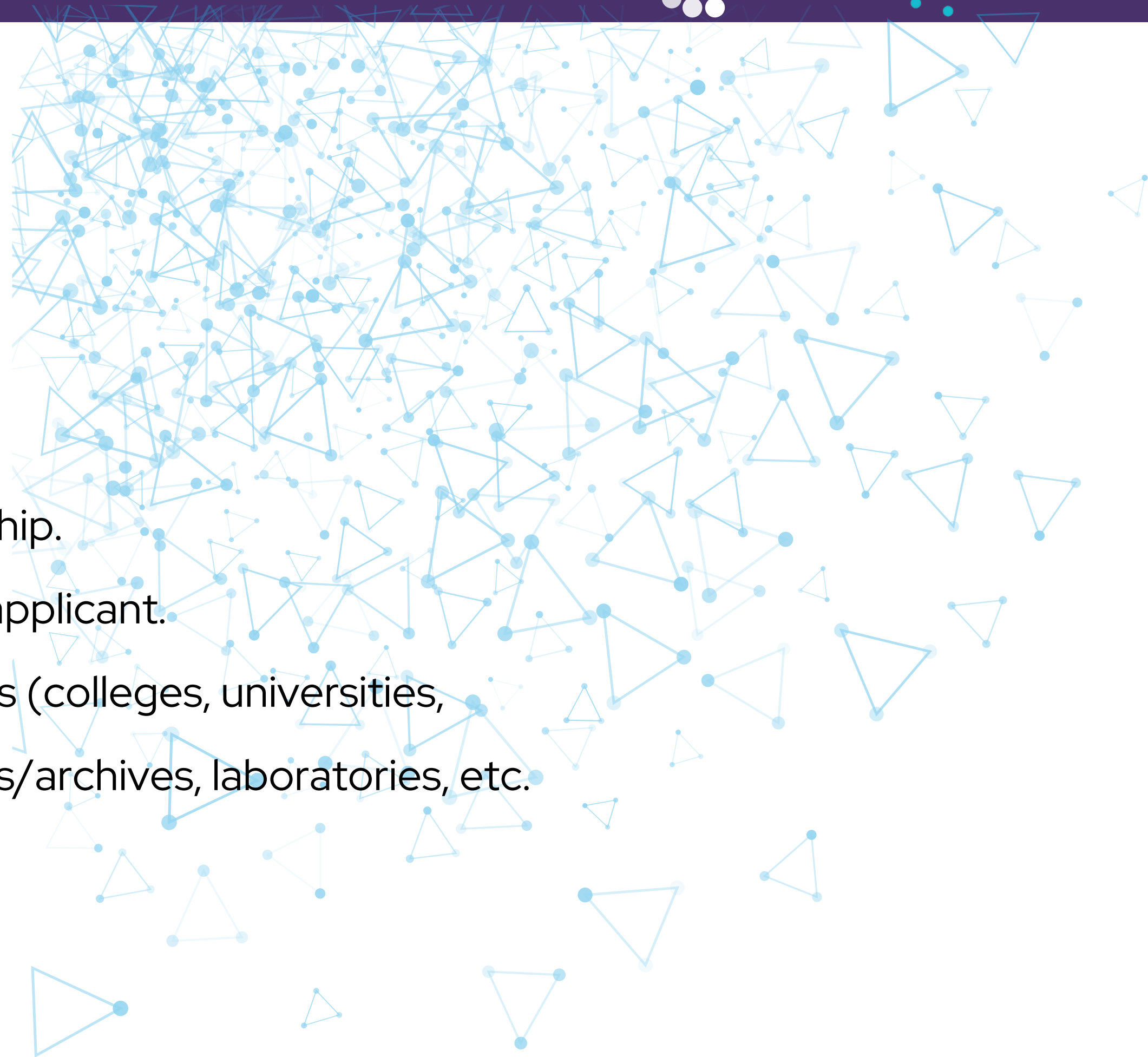
- **Citizens of Czechia, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia will be able to apply to relevant host institutions in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Kosovo, or Serbia, and,**
- **Citizens of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Kosovo, or Serbia will be able to apply to relevant host institutions in V4 countries, Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.**



Host Institutions

1 Mobility for 1 Host Institution

- Is not prescribed.
- must be relevant to the nature of the fellowship.
- should be selected upon free choice by the applicant.
- private or public higher-education institutions (colleges, universities, science academies), research bodies, libraries/archives, laboratories, etc.



Size of Grant

Grant per week for accomodation and daily costs – 500 Euro

Transport Grant – Up to 500 Euro

- The amount of the grant for transportation should be duly justified.
- There is no indication on how the weekly grant should be divided between accomodation and weekly allowance.
- The support is in the form of a lump sum scholarship amounting to €500/week paid in two instalments:
- 1st instalment (80%) is transferred upon the fellow's confirmed arrival at the host institution.
- 2nd instalment (20%) is transferred upon the receipt of a summary report.

Documents to submit for an application

- Scanned valid ID document (passport);
- Scan of the doctoral diploma including its English translation if the original document is not bilingual (note that this translation does not need to be formally certified or notarized) or a proof of enrollment in a doctoral study program;
- Letter of invitation signed/stamped by the host institution detailing the precise length of the fellowship, its exact nature, and the intended outcomes written in English;
- A letter of recommendation issued by the applicant's affiliated (home) institution or by a relevant expert (for non-affiliated applicants) written in English.