

Winter School Social Innovations in the Digitalised World (SIDiW)

Scholarship Programme Academic Year 2025/2026

Call for Applications

Article 1

Purpose, Amount, and Duration of the Scholarship

V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University (Karazin University) hereby announces a Call for Applications for the SIDiW Scholarship Programme, intended for Master's students and young researchers across different fields of study at Karazin University in the 2025/2026 academic year. The total budget allocated for this Call amounts to EUR 5,000.00.

The Scholarship Programme is designed to provide financial support to students participating in the online Winter School. Its objectives are to:

- Support students from war-affected and endangered regions of Ukraine who face challenges and adversity during their studies.
- Support students from underprivileged or vulnerable backgrounds by providing them with equal access to international learning opportunities.
- Promote inclusiveness, diversity, fairness, and gender balance in higher education.

The scholarship also serves as a form of social support, helping students overcome personal or socio-economic barriers that hinder participation in international education.

The scholarship is awarded as a lump sum for a one-month period.

There is no automatic entitlement or renewal.

The amount of the scholarship is **EUR 200.00** per student.

Expected duration of the Scholarship Programme: 1 month.

Scholarships will be awarded based on the evaluation scores (see Article 5 – Awarding Criteria and Evaluation Procedure). A maximum of **35 points** can be awarded per application.

Article 2

Eligibility Criteria

1. Eligible applicants include all students from war-affected or endangered regions of Ukraine who face challenges and adversity during their studies.
2. Students are also encouraged to apply if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. *Students with Certified Disabilities*

Students with certified disabilities may apply for a Winter School scholarship. According to the Article 1 of the European Disability Policy, persons with disabilities are defined as those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. Applicants must provide certified medical documentation or proof of national disability status.

2. Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

Students who have been internally displaced within Ukraine due to war or occupation are eligible to apply for funding based on their official IDP status. Applicants must provide a valid certificate of registration as an internally displaced person, issued by a competent Ukrainian authority

3. Students with Low Socio-Economic Backgrounds

Students from families with low socio-economic conditions are eligible to apply. Low socio-economic status is defined according to students' family income. Required proofs include a tax statement, income certificate, or official social benefit statement.

Article 3 Application Process and Timeline

Applications are open from December 09. The deadline to submit the applications is **February 09, 2026, at 4.00 p.m.** (Eastern European Time, EET).

Applicants are required to complete the [Application form](#) and upload the following documents, clearly labelled with the applicant's name:

- 1) Signed Application Letter (**Annex 1**);
- 2) Curriculum Vitae (Europass format preferred);
- 3) Short Motivation Letter (maximum 300 words);
- 4) English Language Certificate (B2 or higher; any free English test is acceptable);
- 5) Supporting Documents for each claimed eligibility criteria, issued by a responsible authority or accredited expert.

Applications must be submitted in English. Supporting documents may be submitted in English or Ukrainian with translations. If the provided documentation is insufficient, the Evaluation Committee may request additional information or reject the application.

Article 4 Evaluation Committee

A Joint Evaluation Committee, appointed by Karazin University, will review all applications. The Committee will include:

- Representatives of V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University (4 persons) from Educational and Scientific Institute of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence; School of Economics,

Educational and Scientific Institute “Karazin Banking Institute”, School of Sociology.

- At least one student representative of V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University;
- At least one representative from the EURIDICE consortium partners.

The Committee will be appointed after the application deadline and will finalize the evaluation within 10 days after the submission deadline.

Article 5

Awarding Criteria and Evaluation Procedure

The Joint Evaluation Committee will assess each application and assign points according to the following criteria:

1. Academic and Social Achievements

- Academic performance, language proficiency, scientific, volunteering, and social activities: 5-20 points.

2. Certified Disabilities

- Based on verified disability documentation: 5 points.

3. Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

- Based on valid IDP certificate: 5 points.

4. Low Socio-Economic Status

- Applicants whose family income falls between the first and the second quartile (Q2) - that is, between the median income and Q1 in their country of origin - will receive 5 points. The reference fiscal year is the year preceding the application.

All applications will be ranked based on the total number of points obtained across the four criteria. Each application may receive a maximum of **35 points in total**. A total of **25** scholarships will be awarded. At least 30% of the scholarships will be allocated to students with special needs and/or status, as defined in Article 2.

The decision of the Evaluation Committee is final.

The list of selected scholarship recipients will be published on the [EURIDICE website](#) and Karazin University [website](#)

Article 6

Required Documentation for Scholarship Disbursement

Selected students must provide the following documents for payment processing:

- Tax code;
- Bank details (IBAN, etc.);

- Copy of passport.

Article 7

Financial and Disbursement Procedures

Scholarships are disbursed as lump-sum payments.

The disbursement is managed by V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, which issues this Call for Applications. Payments will be transferred via bank transfer to a current account (IBAN) in the name of the recipient student.

Article 8

Renunciation

In the event of renunciation of the Winter School scholarship after acceptance, the scholarship recipient must submit a written notice by e-mail to euridice@karazin.ua to enable possible reallocation of the scholarship and adjustment of the ranking list.

The renouncing scholarship holder will be required to return any funds already received, except in duly justified cases, which will be reviewed and decided upon by the Joint Evaluation Committee.

Article 9

Final Provisions

All resources, templates, and updates will be made available on the [website](#)

The following materials will be published on the same page:

- Application and documentation guidelines

For further inquiries, please contact Karazin University: euridice@karazin.ua

Disclaimer

This call (as well as the financial support that will be provided through it) is NOT an EU action. This call is launched solely by V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University.

The financial support to the selected successful applicants will be provided directly by V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University in its own name and under its own responsibility.

V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University responsibility includes the preparation and drafting of this call as well as the selection of successful applicants that will receive the financial support.

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