

2026-27 Scholarship Competition for Polish Language Study at Ohio State



Polish Studies
Initiative

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

Applications are now being accepted for Polish Studies Initiative (PSI) scholarships supporting **second- and third-year Polish language study** during the 2026–27 academic year. Scholarships are available to both undergraduate and graduate students, with awards of up to \$1,000.

Students who have completed or are currently enrolled in **first- or second-year Polish language courses** at Ohio State are encouraged to apply in recognition of their dedication to language study and cultural engagement. These awards support continued learning and enrichment in Polish language and heritage. Applicants should show active involvement and a clear interest in Polish culture, history, or community. Awardees will be required to participate at least twice a month in the Polish Conversation Table and attend a minimum of 3 PSI/CSEEEES or Polish Club related events. They will also be asked to complete an end-of-year article for the CSEEEES website.

Eligibility

1. Applicants **must** be enrolled full-time at Ohio State at the time of application, as well as throughout the period of the award
2. **Undergraduate students** must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and no less than a B in any Polish language coursework
3. **Graduate students** must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.7 or higher, must be pre-candidacy, have no outstanding incompletes, and no less than a B+ in any Polish language coursework
4. A student may not receive financial aid and other resources **in excess of the annual cost of attendance at the university in accordance with federal guidelines**. If they receive additional financial resources and/or assistance, it may impact their eligibility for the PSI scholarship

Application Procedures

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1. The completed Online Application Form
2. A one-page, single-spaced Statement of Intent describing your interest in Polish language and area studies and how a Polish Studies Initiative Scholarship will help you achieve your academic and career goals
3. An Advising Report or Unofficial Transcript report of their final grade for Polish 1102 or 2104 at the end of Spring 2026

Have questions about the scholarship competition? Visit our webpage at go.osu.edu/psi or email PSI's program coordinator Alicia Baca at baca.31@osu.edu.



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Summer 2026 Scholarship Competition for Polish Language and Study Abroad Programs

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026



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The Polish Studies Initiative (PSI) supports the study of Polish language and culture through summer intensive language, study abroad, and internship programs. Scholarships are available for both undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in pursuing more advanced training during summer semester 2026. **Scholarships will be awarded in amounts up to \$1,000.** Preference will be given to students pursuing Polish language studies. Scholarship recipients will be asked to write an article for inclusion on the CSEES website and other promotional items.

Eligibility

1. Applicants **must** be enrolled as Ohio State students at the time of application, as well as throughout the period of the award
2. **Undergraduate students** must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and no less than a B+ in any Polish language coursework if pursuing a language program
3. **Graduate students** must be **pre-candidacy** and have no outstanding incompletes, and no less than an A- in any Polish language coursework if pursuing a language program

Eligible Programs

Students may submit scholarship applications for internship or study abroad programs that will occur between **April 30-August 5, 2026**. **Students wishing to study abroad in Poland are strongly encouraged to have a back-up plan for a domestic program in place if the ongoing war in Ukraine prevents study abroad programs in Poland from taking place.** For a list of eligible programs, both in the U.S. and abroad, please see the Resources section on PSI's main webpage: go.osu.edu/psi_info.

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2. A one-page, single-spaced Statement of Intent describing your interest in Polish language and area studies and how a Polish Studies Initiative Scholarship will help you achieve your academic and career goals
3. An Advising Report or Unofficial Transcript
4. A list of any additional travel funds that they have applied for/received
5. Completed Budget Estimate sections within the Online Application Form

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Summer 2026 Research Grant Competition for Polish Studies

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Eligibility

1. Applicants must be enrolled as Ohio State students or employed as Ohio State faculty or post-docs at the time of application, as well as throughout the period of the award
2. Graduate students must be **post-candidacy** at the time of their project

Application Procedures

A complete application includes the following:

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2. Project abstract of no more than 500-words
3. A separate project budget, including a full itemization of travel, lodging, and other anticipated expenses
4. A list of any additional travel funds that you have applied for/received
5. A four- to five-page, double-spaced project statement describing the purpose, method, anticipated products, and significance of the project
6. A curriculum vitae
7. **For graduate applicants**, a letter from your PhD advisor detailing how this research grant will aid your dissertation research (graduate students only). This letter (on official letterhead and sent from a university email address) should be emailed directly from your advisor to PSI's program coordinator Alicia Baca (baca.31@osu.edu) by **Friday, February 13, 2026**.


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A CENTER FOR SLAVIC, EAST EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES EVENT

Bulgarian Folk Dance Workshop

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 5:00-6:15 PM

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AUDITORIUM, HALE HALL

CSEEEES invites you to join us for a special workshop celebrating the traditions of Bulgarian dance! This session invites participants of all levels to explore the dynamic movements and communal spirit of dances passed down through generations. Guided by Devon Rancourt (Ohio State U.) and Leslie Scott (Columbus Folk Dancers), you'll learn the Pravo horo, Shirto, and Elenino horo. Come ready to move, connect and celebrate the joy of dance.

Instructors

Devon Rancourt (Ohio State U.) and Leslie Scott (Columbus Folk Dancers)

Devon and Leslie share deep ties to Bulgarian language and dance. Devon, an Ohio State master's student, researches Bulgarian textbooks and previously taught English in Bulgaria. Leslie, a longtime folk dancer and musician, teaches Columbus Folk Dancers and performs Balkan dance and music through workshops and community events locally.

This event is free and open to the public, scan the QR code to register!

If you have any questions about this workshop, please email CSEEEES Outreach Coordinator, Alicia Baca at baca.31@osu.edu.

What to Bring/Wear:

- Comfortable, flat, closed-toe shoes
- Loose fitting clothing
- Water will be available, but you are welcome to bring your own



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A POLISH STUDIES INITIATIVE EVENT

Polish Folk Dance Workshop

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 4:30-5:45 PM

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AUDITORIUM, HALE HALL

The Polish Club at Ohio State, the Polish American Club of Columbus (PAC) and the Polish Studies Initiative (PSI) invite you to join us for a special workshop celebrating the traditions of Polish dance! All are welcome to try a simple folk dance and sing a Polish song. Four regional folk costumes will be on display, each sharing a unique story. Join us for this joyful, hands-on celebration of Polish heritage.

Instructors

Zuzanna (Zuzia) Hammond and Maciej Pietrzak

Zuzia and Maciej, passionate members of PAC, will lead us in a vibrant celebration of Polish folklore. Zuzia, a former dancer from the Śląsk region, and Maciej, a newcomer with infectious enthusiasm, will teach traditional Polish dances while wearing folk costumes from LAJKONIK, the Polish American ensemble founded at Ohio State.

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Polish Studies Initiative





A POLISH STUDIES INITIATIVE EVENT

Migration, Heritage, and Community: Insights from the Polish Diaspora

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM EST, ZOOM

Join the Polish Studies Initiative (PSI) and Dr. Diana Sacilowski (Department for Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures) for a special roundtable exploring the lives and experiences of members of the Polish diaspora in the U.S. and abroad. This roundtable brings together various individuals of the Polish diaspora--known as Polonia. Join us as Dr. George Gasyna (U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Dr. Katarzyna Granat (Embassy of the Republic of Poland in the United States), and Caroline Verduin (Municipal Councilor, The Hague) discuss the various processes and reasons for migration (political, economic, and personal), offer insight into the experience of having a hyphenated identity, whether Polish-American, Polish-Dutch, Polish-Canadian, or otherwise, as well as provide a glimpse into Polonia communities around the world and their work and influence.



DR. DIANA SACILOWSKI
(OHIO STATE U.)



DR. GEORGE GASYNA
(U. OF ILLINOIS, URBANA-
CHAMPAIGN)



DR. KATARZYNA GRANAT
(U.S. EMBASSY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF POLAND)



CAROLINE VERDUIN
(MUNICIPAL COUNCILOR,
THE HAGUE)

This event is free and open to the public. Scan the QR code to learn more and register!

If you have any questions about accessibility or wish to request accommodations, please contact CSEEEES at cseees@osu.edu. This event is co-sponsored by the Department for Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures.



A POLISH STUDIES INITIATIVE EVENT

Bingo Night with the Polish Studies Initiative

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 5:30-7:00 PM

160 ENARSON CLASSROOM BUILDING

Join Ohio State's Polish Studies Initiative (PSI) for a night of bingo! Each round will spotlight PSI's programs and alumni, with the chance to win fun surprises. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. All proceeds from the night will support PSI's annual grant and scholarship competition.

How to Join Bingo Night

You can purchase bingo cards by donating to our PSI Buckeye Funder. Please leave a note mentioning that you will be attending the bingo night in the "Comments" section of the donation page. Cash and check donations will also be accepted on site.

Bingo Card Pricing

- **"Playing for Polish Studies": \$15**
 - For nonstudent faculty, staff, and community members. Includes 1 card per game.
- **"In It to Win It": \$20**
 - For the serious players! Includes 3 cards per game.
- **Students: \$5**
 - For undergraduate and graduate students. Includes 1 card per game.
- **Extra Card: \$5 each**

This event is free and open to the public, scan the QR code to donate and get your bingo cards!

If you have any questions about this event, please email PSI Program Coordinator, Alicia Baca at baca.31@osu.edu.



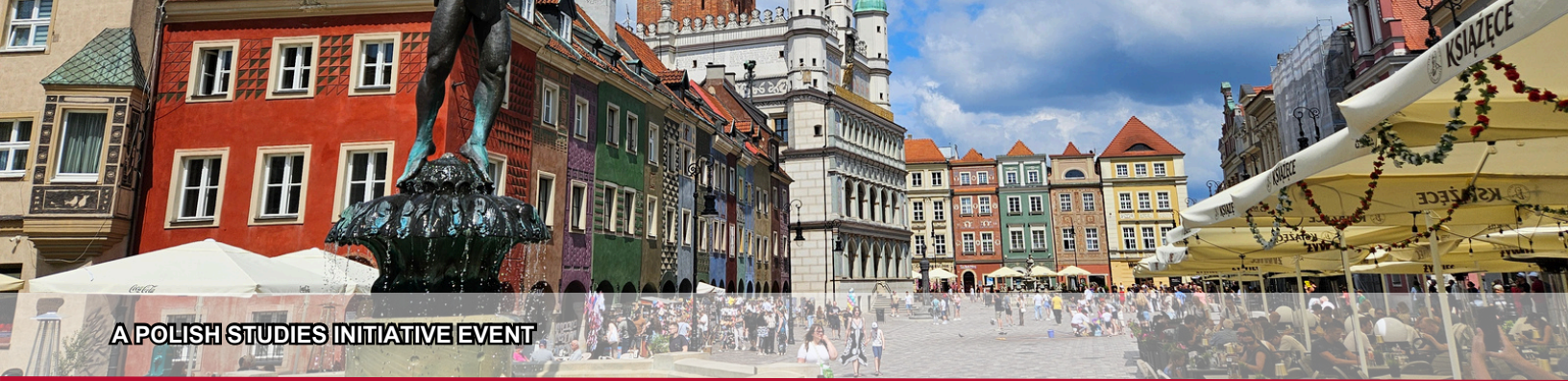
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A POLISH STUDIES INITIATIVE EVENT

PSI Lecture: "Giecz and the Birth of Poland: Tracing Power, Religion and Health in the Early Piast Dynasty" with Lauren Hayden

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1:00-2:30 PM
160 ENARSON CLASSROOM BUILDING

The Polish Studies Initiative (PSI) invites you to join us for a guest lecture featuring 2024 and 2025 PSI scholarship recipient Lauren Hayden (Department of Anthropology).

A thousand years ago, a stronghold in Giecz was one of a series of important centers during the birth of the Polish state and the spread of Christianity. Despite its historical importance, few primary historical sources are available for this study, making it critical to survey archaeological records to better understand how people lived during this time and how political and religious transformations at the beginning of Poland shaped early medieval life. This talk will discuss bioarchaeological evidence from the 11-12th century cemetery of Giecz and present how the study of its skeletal remains can inform about the lives of the individuals who were interred there. Blending history and bioarchaeology, this presentation will demonstrate the importance of Giecz to understand how state formation, political change and religion shaped society and affected the lived experience of this early medieval Polish population.



LAUREN HAYDEN
(OHIO STATE U.)

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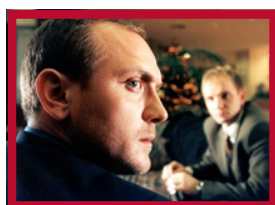
Polish Studies Film Series

360 JOURNALISM BUILDING (SEE BELOW FOR DATES/TIMES)

Join the Polish Studies Initiative (PSI) and POLISH 5194 for a special film series showcasing both classics and new works of Polish cinema. All screenings will take place in **360 Journalism Building**. Please send questions to PSI program coordinator, Alicia Baca (baca.31@osu.edu).

UWAGA! *Due to restrictions by the U.S. distributor Kino Lorber, Green Border/Zielona Granica is an exclusive screening that is open ONLY to members of The Ohio State University community (students, staff, faculty) with a cap of 25 attendees.*

Screening Schedule



***The Debt/Dług* (1999, dir. Krzysztof Krauze)**

Wednesday, January 31, 5:30-8:30 PM

After looking for financial backing to start a business importing Italian scooters, friends Adam and Stefan meet businessman Gerard. While initially helpful, Gerard soon begins to blackmail the pair.



***Man of Iron/Człowiek z żelaza* (1981, dir. Andrzej Wajda)**

Wednesday, February 14, 5:30-8:30 PM

A few years after the events of *Man of Marble* (1977), a journalist investigates Mateusz Birkut's son and activist, Maciek Tomczyk. Gradually the story of Tomczyk and his father emerges alongside the rising Solidarity movement.



***EO* (2022, dir. Jerzy Skolimowski)**

Wednesday, February 28, 5:30-8:30 PM

When the circus he performs for closes down, the donkey EO finds himself drifting across the land. Along the way he encounters good and bad people, experiences joy and pain, exploring a vision of Europe through his eyes.



***The Hater/Hejter* (2020, dir. Mateusz Pacewicz)**

Wednesday, March 20, 5:30-8:30 PM

A duplicitous young man finds success in the dark world of social media smear tactics — but his virtual vitriol soon has violent real-life consequences.



***Green Border/Zielona Granica* (2023, dir. Agnieszka Holland)**

Wednesday, April 10, 5:30-8:30 PM

Green Border follows a Syrian refugee family, an English teacher from Afghanistan, and a border guard whose paths cross on the Polish-Belarusian border during the most recent humanitarian crisis in Belarus.



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2024 Scholarship Competition for Polish Language and Study Abroad Programs



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Eligibility

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2. Undergraduate students must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.2 or higher and no less than a B+ in any Polish language coursework; and
3. Graduate students must be **pre-candidacy** and have no outstanding incompletes.

Eligible Programs

Students may submit scholarship applications for internship or study abroad programs that will occur between **April 30 - August 4, 2024**. Programs should be at least four weeks in length. **Students wishing to study abroad in Poland are strongly encouraged to have a back-up plan for a domestic program in place if the ongoing war in Ukraine prevents study abroad programs in Poland from taking place.** For a list of eligible programs, both in the U.S. and abroad, please see the Resources section on PSI's main webpage: go.osu.edu/psi_info.

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