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## THE LANE KIRKLAND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Lane Kirkland Scholarship Program supports leaders and specialists from Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia by granting them scholarships for one year of complementary studies in Poland.

We offer multifaceted developmental support: individual study programs under the care of specialists, professional internships and participation in conferences, training courses, purchase of subject-relevant literature, and the possibility of implementing mini social projects.

The Program has been in continuous operation since the year 2000. It has helped over 700 people to develop their professional skills, which has allowed them to, for example, implement ISO standards in Berdyansk's city hall, revive a local museum in Zaslavl, and establish law clinics at universities in Belarus.



The  
Lane Kirkland  
Scholarship  
Program



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**BY INVESTING  
IN PEOPLE,  
WE CHANGE THE  
WORLD**

More information is available  
at the Lane Kirkland  
Scholarship Program website!  
[www.kirkland.edu.pl](http://www.kirkland.edu.pl)

Each year the Lane Kirkland Scholarship contest is announced at the beginning of December; the deadline for submitting application forms is 1 March. The following persons may apply for participation in the Program\*: academic teachers, experts, politicians, employees of state institutions and local government authorities, entrepreneurs, managers, leaders of NGOs, socio-cultural animators and organizers of civic participation, and journalists.

\*Please note that all applicants must hold a master's degree at the time of submitting their application.

Fields of study:

- economics and management (business, NGO, culture, environmental protection, health care, education)
- public administration (government and local government)
- business administration
- law
- social sciences
- political sciences and international relations
- development policy and humanitarian aid

In September 2016, a new pilot path – called the **Kirkland Research Program** – was launched under the Kirkland Program. As part of this Program, we offer short-term R&D internships for people who already hold strong academic positions. During our one-term study programs the students will pursue academic work individually, under the guidance of their academic advisors, and write a final diploma project.



**9 countries**



**from 2000**



**700**



**9,5 months**



**education  
of elites**



**scholarships:  
study  
+ interhip**

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STUDY TOURS IN POLAND - STUDENTS

## STUDY TOURS TO POLAND

**Study Tours to Poland (STP)** is a program that organizes study visits to Poland for students and professionals from various backgrounds. Our aim is to share Poland's experience of the transition that took place as a result of systemic change and European integration, and also to expand the sphere of freedom and shared responsibility among our neighbors. STP's goal is to reinforce social potential so that citizens become the architects of change in their own countries, using effective solutions presented in the program in the areas of politics, economy and social life. We connect people in order for them to get to know and understand each other and thereby break stereotypes and prejudices.

The Study Tours to Poland program is funded by the Polish-American Freedom Foundation, which was established in 2004 under the RITA Program – Region in Transition.



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OUR CREDO  
WE BRING  
TOGETHER  
GREAT SPATIAL  
AND SOCIAL  
DISTANCES**

## STUDY TOURS TO POLAND - STP FOR STUDENTS

University studies are a period of intense learning, but also for exploring the world. Travel and study visits are a great way to get to know your neighbors, connect with new acquaintances, and gain new skills; it is a time of invaluable experience, especially for those people who are socially engaged.

The STP program invites students from Belarus, Moldova, Russia (selected regions and cities) and Ukraine to participate in two-week visits to Poland. In the course of their visit, participants will meet Polish academics, civic organizations, and leaders in public life, as well as taking part in lectures, workshops, seminars and cultural events. Visits are held in spring and autumn, and interested applicants may apply for a visit through the program's open enrollment page (December and June each year). Participants are selected by experts on the basis of the candidates' motivation, and scientific and social activity. The coordinator of student visits is the Borussia Foundation of Olsztyn. In total, over 3,100 people have participated in these student visits.

More information about the Program can be found at: [www.studytours.pl](http://www.studytours.pl)

  
4 countries

  
from 2004

  
3,1 thousand

  
2 weeks

  
learning  
about Poland

  
study visits  
for students

STUDY TOURS TO POLAND - STUDENTS

STUDY TOURS TO POLAND - PROFESSIONALS

## STUDY TOURS TO POLAND - STP FOR PROFESSIONALS

The Program aims to share with our Eastern neighbors, Poland's experience of transformation, and the solutions found at that time to issues in managing the state, the building of self-government, the development of a civil society, the creation of a free-market economy, social organizations and many other fields. Poland's path to European integration and membership of the European Union is also presented. The Program shows how Poland is modernizing, which mechanisms of modernization are effective, and how to be innovative, and how to skillfully combine people's potential with the capabilities of the country.

STP invites officials from all levels of governmental and self-governmental administrations, representatives of NGOs, academics, and those from cultural circles and the media – people who believe that improvement is possible and that will-power and knowledge are prerequisites. These visits are organized for groups of ten people and last for a week.

Participants will attend presentations and lectures; take part in discussions and meetings with theorists and practitioners of the Polish transformation, who can share their experiences directly. To date, mostly representatives from Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Moldova and Georgia have participated in the STP for professionals program – that is more than 5,500 people.



13 countries



from 2005



5,5 thousand



1 week



new  
solutions



study visits  
for various  
professional groups

## THE WARSAW EURO-ATLANTIC SUMMER ACADEMY (WEASA)



The Warsaw Euro-Atlantic Summer Academy (WEASA) is a platform for experts and specialists from the Eastern Partnership countries to exchange experiences, obtain knowledge and build networks of contacts.

The WEASA program focuses on three main areas: European integration, political transformation and transatlantic relations. Every year, invitations to participate are addressed to experts, analysts and consultants working in analytical and educational centers, government institutions and the political structures of the Eastern Partnership countries.

WEASA takes place on the European College's campus in Natolin at the beginning of July each year. Participants are recruited on the basis of applications submitted at the beginning of each year. About 45 people take part in each edition of WEASA.

WEASA is founded in partnership by The Polish American Freedom Foundation, the College of Europe, Natolin Campus and the German Marshall Fund of the United States. The Study Tours to Poland program is a co-organizer of the WEASA project for the Polish-American Freedom Foundation.

More information at: [www.weasa.org](http://www.weasa.org)



6 countries



from 2013



220



2 weeks



new  
views



lectures  
workshops  
discussions

STUDY TOURS TO POLAND - PROFESSIONALS

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## LEADERS OF CHANGE FOUNDATION

The Leaders of Change Foundation (FLP) was established in February 2016 by the Polish-American Freedom Foundation.

The main activities of the Foundation include the administration of the following long-term programs: The Lane Kirkland Scholarship Program and the "Study Tours to Poland" Program, both of which are financed by the Polish-American Freedom Foundation. The Foundation also co-organizes the Warsaw Euro-Atlantic Summer Academy (WEASA) on behalf of the Polish-American Freedom Foundation.

All of these Programs were transferred to the new Foundation together with the teams who have spent years creating them. Combining programs with similar profiles and involving new people in their creation provides an opportunity for expanding and enriching our activities. We would like to broaden our range of programs for active young people from Eastern Europe, the Caucasus region and Central Asia, who are willing to benefit from the Polish experience. In collaboration with academic centers as well as institutions in the public and NGO sectors, we also hope to provide some new forms of internships and research stays in Poland.



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OF CHANGE**

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## OUR MISSION

The Leaders of Change Foundation's mission is to support people who are leaders their fields in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia – people active in civic society, who work for the development of their countries.

**The Foundation implements its mission by,**

- Sharing Poland's experience of the transition process and of Euro-Atlantic integration.
- Promoting democratic, civic, and market economy values.
- Promoting Poland as a friendly country who is interested in establishing cooperation in the region and supporting the development of social diplomacy.
- Supporting cooperation between Polish and foreign NGOs, and public and private institutions.

## POLISH-AMERICAN FREEDOM FOUNDATION

### FLP PROGRAMS FUNDER

The Foundation launched its activity in 2000. The main goal of the Foundation is to advance democracy, civil society, equal opportunities and market economy in Poland, as well as share Polish experiences in transformation with Central and Eastern European countries.

PAFF finances its activities from revenues generated by its endowment, the source of which are assets of the Polish-American Enterprise Fund. Since 2000, the Foundation has spent over \$169 million on its activities and the assets of the endowment exceed \$255 million. Thirty programs have been implemented and within their frameworks nearly 27,000 scholarships have been awarded, 12,000 local projects with the participation of hundreds of thousands of people have been financed, and training courses for 65,000 teachers as well as 21,000 leaders and nongovernmental organizations' employees have been organized. Nearly 8,000 people from Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Georgia, Moldova and other countries have taken part in the study tours to Poland.

The Foundation's programs are administered by various Polish non-governmental organizations in line with the Foundation's principles and procedures. Three Programs of the Polish-American Freedom Foundation are administrated by the Leaders of Change Foundation:

**Study Tours to Poland Program,**  
**Lane Kirkland Scholarship Program,**  
and the **Warsaw Euro-Atlantic Summer Academy.**

Additional information: [www.pafw.pl](http://www.pafw.pl)

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