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## Special programme for Master's graduates from Ukraine: further education/research stay in Germany

In addition to its fellowship programme for university graduates and doctoral students from Central and Eastern European countries, the German Federal Foundation for the Environment (DBU) will now award up to **30 additional fellowships to master's graduates living in Ukraine or refugees.**

The DBU has been awarding fellowships to highly qualified Master's graduates in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe since 1996. The aim of the programme is to provide further professional qualification to solve tasks in the field of environmental protection and nature conservation in the respective home country. The fellowship is intended for 6 to 12 months and enables the Master's graduates to spend a research period or further training at German institutions (universities, research institutes, environmental and nature conservation authorities, companies, NGOs, etc.). In addition to professional development, the DBU Fellowship Programme also aims to break down barriers and establish contacts in the form of a transnational network of experts in which experience and information can be exchanged.

### Group of people

Master's graduates and doctoral students who live in Ukraine or who have fled the country are eligible to apply. Ukrainian citizenship is a central requirement. The studies must have been completed with a good or very good degree (Master's, Magister, Diplom) and should not have taken place more than five years ago. The fellowship is not intended for persons who wish to pursue a doctoral thesis (duration 24 to 36 months) or studies at a German university. The DBU welcomes applications from all disciplines, provided they wish to work on a topic related to environmental protection or nature conservation.

### Application

A good knowledge of English and/or German is required for the application. The application is submitted via an online application procedure in either English or German. Further information can be found on the DBU website at:

[www.dbu.de/3044.html](http://www.dbu.de/3044.html)

The following documents are required for the online procedure:

- Curriculum vitae,
- Short description (1 to 2 pages) of the topic to be worked on,
- Scan of the diploma (Master's or Magister certificate). If there are any problems with this proof, please contact us,
- If available: Indication of a host institution in Germany.



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### Application deadline/Dates

- Application start: as of now,
- Application deadline: Applications are open until further notice,
- Selection interviews: online, after personal consultation with the applicants,
- Scholarship start date: individual, after personal consultation with the applicants and possible hosting institutions.

### Information and contact

Enquiries should be sent by e-mail or telephone to:

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The latest information on the Fellowship for Ukraine and the contact details of the other contact persons can be found on the DBU website:

[www.dbu.de/3044.html](http://www.dbu.de/3044.html)

### Award of the Fellowships

All applications are reviewed by the DBU office. After an internal pre-selection, applicants with a positive assessment will be invited to an online interview. An appointment for an interview will be made after personal consultation.

### Services

The amount of the fellowship is € 1.250 per month. The fellowship is tax- and social security-free. In addition, the DBU covers the costs of health, accident and liability insurance as well as travel costs to Germany. The DBU also supports German courses in Germany and invites to seminars, workshops and events.

The framework conditions of the fellowship can be found in the programme's funding guidelines at:

[www.dbu.de/2600.html](http://www.dbu.de/2600.html)