

Summer Program Grants for prospective leaders in Central Europe

CENTRAL Leadership Program

for graduate students and doctoral candidates

25 August – 15 September 2024

CENTRAL Network

The CENTRAL Network is excited to announce grants for its new Leadership Program in summer 2024. Join us as we bring together top universities from Austria (University of Vienna), Poland (University of Warsaw), the Czech Republic (Charles University), Hungary (Budapest ELTE), and Germany (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin).

Leadership program highlights

The CENTRAL Leadership Program offers an immersive journey through the region. In this unique initiative, 30 students from CENTRAL's five universities as well as Ukraine's Ivan Franko University Lviv and Hungary's Andrassy Universität Budapest, will explore Warsaw, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, and Budapest. Participants gain invaluable insights into the diverse realms of economy, politics, diplomacy, society, and public service, essential for aspiring leaders in Europe. Specialized workshops refine leadership skills and provide deep insights into the region's political and cultural dynamics. Furthermore, they enjoy three-day courses in diplomacy, science, and society at each location, complemented by enriching cultural programs. Preparatory online meetings ensure participants are ready for this transformative experience.

Program funding and travel details

Participants in the program enjoy comprehensive support covering all program expenses across the five locations. This includes an Interrail Pass for train travel, accommodation, lunches, special dinners, and cultural activities. Individuals are responsible for their travel arrangements to and from the first (Warsaw) and last (Budapest) locations. While meals, other than lunches and special dinners, are also self-funded, the program ensures seamless coordination for an enriching experience.

Who Can Apply

The CENTRAL leadership program seeks advanced graduate students or doctoral candidates with a minimum B2 level of English proficiency and a basic interest in Central European politics, history, and culture. This program is designed to equip participants for leadership roles in various fields such as society, economics, politics, or public service across Europe. Participation offers individuals a pathway to more effectively plan their career trajectories.

Participant Selection Procedure

The selection of participants is conducted independently by each partner university, employing equitable selection methods. Prospective participants are required to submit their CV and a motivation

letter to central-network@univie.ac.at as part of the application process. Subsequently, their home university will arrange an interview. Key selection criteria encompass motivation for the program, affiliation with Central Europe, previous civic engagement and career objectives relating to leadership positions.

Application Deadline: 29 April 2024

Preliminary Program Schedule

July	(digital) Kick Off and Get Together
August	(digital) Workshop - Leadership and Soft Skills
26 – 28 August	Warsaw program
30 August – 2 September	Berlin program
4 – 6 September	Prague program
9 – 11 September	Vienna program
12 – 14 September	Budapest program
October	Alumni events for promotion and distribution

Please, check [here](#) for detailed and updated schedule.

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