

Grotowski Institute, Wrocław, Poland

Partnership Proposal: Research Projects

Despite efforts of a multi-generational community of international researchers, many questions regarding Jerzy Grotowski, his work, searches and Grotowski-related research, due to their breath and complexity, remain unanswered and there are still many blank spots on the Grotowski map. In order to remedy this, at least in part, the Grotowski Institute, from 2010 onwards, will invite young researchers from across many disciplines and fields to undertake research projects addressing both the needs and challenges that have already been identified as well as those that pose new problems and questions. Successful applicants will receive research consulting as well as financial and organizational support. We hope that this will not only create a new impetus for research into Grotowski's work and into issues related to the subjects of his research but also help the emergence of an academic milieu providing natural support for the Institute's diverse activities.

Invitations to partnership and calls for applications will be announced annually in the spring. Applications will be reviewed by the Institute's directors. Successful applicants will be invited for further interviews that will conclude in signing an agreement designed to meet individual circumstances and needs, setting out the rules of the partnership, the size and form of the Institute's support and the expected results.

Detailed requirements for applicants and procedures for selecting successful projects are set out below.

1.

Project applications may be submitted once a year by 30 June. The first stage, i.e. the selection of applicants for further interviews, will be completed by 15 July. The second stage, i.e. interviews with selected applicants, will be completed by 15 September. Successful projects will be launched at the start of a new academic year, in October.

2.

Applicants may be domestic or international. They must be below 35 years of age and must demonstrate a body of academic work, publications (including criticism) and, if the case may be, artistic work.

3.

Projects may address the work or biography of Jerzy Grotowski or that of his direct collaborators, the relationships between his work and the work of other artists (inspirations, polemics, mutual influences), the traditions he explored or drew from, or any context of his work. The duration of a project may not exceed 36 months.

4.

Each application must include:

- a) a detailed project description, project rationale, goals, outline of work schedule, cost estimate of the project elements for which the applicant wants to receive the Institute's financial support
- b) CV with particular reference to the applicant's academic and education background, achievements, skills (including languages) and list of publications
- c) academic supervisor's opinion

5.

Applications, in Polish or English, should be submitted via e-mail or traditional mail to the Institute's address.

6.

The number of applications selected by the Institute's director and programming director will be predicated on the quality of the submitted applications, the Institute's organizational and financial resources and its research priorities.

7.

Each applicant will receive a detailed assessment of their proposed project along with the rationale behind the decision reached by the Institute's directors.

8.

Successful applicants shall receive:

- comprehensive help in conducting research, including access to the Institute's resources, professional assistance in archival searches, help to establish contacts in Poland and internationally and the chance to consult Polish and international experts collaborating with the Institute

- financial support for those project elements that are beyond the applicant's financial capacity, especially international travel associated with preliminary research, field research and meetings with event participants and witnesses, the purchase of the necessary books and publications, translation of source materials and extracts, attendance at international sessions

- assistance in disseminating research findings by supporting their presentation at research centres and academic sessions, and by publishing them in electronic format, in periodicals and - in particularly justified cases - in book form.

9.

Applicants shall submit: annual progress reports (within 3 months of the end of each 12-month period of a project) and project findings (within the designated timeframe but no later than 42 months from a project launch).

10.

The detailed terms and conditions of the partnership between the Institute and an applicant shall be laid down in a separate agreement designed to meet the Institute's individual needs and resources.

The first instalment of the "Partnership Proposal: Research Projects" begins in April 2010 upon publication of this invitation. The deadline for applications is 30 June. Applications should be submitted by traditional mail to the following address: Grotowski Institute, 27 Rynek-Ratusz, 50-101 Wrocław, or via e-mail to: kosinski@grotowski-institute.art.pl.