

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The dean of the Faculty of History, with the consent of the Rector of the University of Warsaw, announces a competition for the position of postdoctoral researcher (R2) in the Mordechai Anielewicz Center for Research and Teaching of Jewish History and Culture in Poland, Faculty of History, University of Warsaw in the Opus NCN research project: "Jewish self-government in the Polish lands: evolution, structures, mechanisms".

About the project:

Title of the project	"Jewish self-government in the Polish lands: evolution, structures, mechanisms"
Type of the project	Opus 21
Funding institution	National Science Centre, Poland
Duration of the project	48 months (11.01.2022-10.01.2026), extended by 12 months (until 10.01.2027)
Head of the project	Prof. Anna Michałowska-Mycielska
Description of the project	The aim of the project is to identify and analyze the structural and qualitative changes that Jewish self-government underwent in Poland. The project covers the period from the Middle Ages to 1939, when Polish lands were one of the most important centers of the Jewish diaspora, with the partitions (1772-1795) and the regaining of independence (1918) serving as clear turning points. The main objective of the project is to examine Jewish self-government from two perspectives, both Jewish and non-Jewish. Issues related to the functioning of Jewish self-government are of key importance for the history of Jews, including Polish Jews, and undoubtedly also constitute a significant problem in studies on modernization changes in societies in Central and Eastern Europe.

Position details:

Position title	postdoctoral researcher
Organisational unit	Faculty of History, Mordechai Anielewicz Center for Research and Teaching of Jewish History and Culture in Poland
Employment group	research
Position profile	R2
Academic discipline	History
Number of positions	1
Form of employment and length of working time (proportionally to full-time employment)	Employment contract, full-time employment
Expected date of commencement of work and employment period	Employment is planned from 1 March 2026. Employment period: 10 months with the possibility of extension by 2 months

Remuneration	Basic remuneration including seniority bonus: approximately PLN 7700 plus the additional (thirteenth) annual remuneration similar to the monthly salary.
Other working conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Workplace: Faculty of History – <i>Career opportunities</i>: More information: link
Basic responsibilities and obligations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research on Jewish self-government in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the early modern era, in particular a comparative analysis with similar phenomena in Europe 2. Preparation of research results in the form of a scientific article in English for publication in a recognized international scientific journal 3. Presentation of research results during a scientific seminar of the Mordechai Anielewicz Center (Faculty of History) 4. Cooperation with the Principal Investigator and other team members <p><i>More information:</i> Scope of responsibilities of the academic teacher</p>
Conditions for entering the competition ¹	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Fulfilment of the requirements set out in Article 113 of the Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1571, consolidated text)</i> 2. a Ph.D. degree in history, Jewish studies, or a related field, obtained no earlier than 2019 (this period may be extended pursuant to the Types of costs in research projects funded by the National Science Centre, Poland). 3. Experience with research in the history of Jews in the early modern period documented by relevant publications. 4. At least good knowledge of Hebrew, enabling reading of sources and secondary literature. 5. Knowledge of English sufficient to prepare a scientific publication.
In addition, we expect ²	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. knowledge of history of Jewish people in the early modern era 2. experience in researching issues related to the project topic 3. willingness to work in a team 4. <i>If hired, we expect the University of Warsaw to be the primary workplace for the successful candidate.</i>
Criteria for the assessment of candidates in a competition	<p>The candidates' competences and achievements will be assessed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research project (0-40 points) 2. Previous academic activity (publications, participation in conferences) (0-30 points) 3. Knowledge of languages necessary to conduct research, primarily Hebrew (0-20 points) 4. Other academic activities (e.g., participation in research projects, internships and research grants, scholarships, awards) (0-10 points) <p>Total: 0-100 points</p> <p>A minimum of 60% of the points is required for employment.</p>

Position not related to activities covered by the protection of minors.

Competition rules:

Announcement reference number	Whist-K-07-2025
Keywords	Early Modern Era, Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, Jews, Jewish self-government
Deadline for submitting applications	30 January 2026
Method of submitting an application	by e-mail to the following address: praca.historia@uw.edu.pl , under the title: "Call: Jewish self-government"
Required documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An administrative questionnaire ("Personal questionnaire for the person applying for employment").

¹ Required by the Act, the Law on Higher Education and Science, the Statute of the University of Warsaw, as well as necessary for the position.

² Additional conditions to be met; however, not meeting them will not lead to a negative formal assessment.

	<p>2. Description of the research project – proposal for research on a selected issue within the scope of the project topic.</p> <p>3. A copy of a scholarly article published or accepted for publication (with a certificate from the editor) in a journal or an edited volume.</p> <p>4. Ph.D. degree or a certificate of the Ph.D. defense or a statement from your supervisor that you expect to receive your Ph.D. degree no later than the end of February 2026. The Ph.D. degree must be obtained prior to the beginning of employment.</p> <p>Please ensure that your application is complete and submitted by the deadline indicated!</p>
The competition is the first stage of the recruitment process, please read the Policy of Open, Transparent and Merit-Based Recruitment at the University of Warsaw link	
Stages of competition	<p>The competition consists of the following stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Stage I – formal evaluation of documents, – Stage II – substantive evaluation based on the submitted documents, taking into account the candidates' competences, experience, and scientific achievements, – Stage III – interview with selected candidates, – Stage IV – summary of the number of points obtained by individual candidates, – Stage V – adjudication of the competition and announcement of results.
Anticipated date and method of notification of the competition outcomes	<p>Beginning of February 2026</p> <p>Candidates will be informed by e-mail.</p>
Contact for any questions relating to the competition	<p>to: praca.historia@uw.edu.pl with the announcement reference number</p> <p>Accessibility needs should be indicated on the Candidate's Questionnaire, in: <i>Other relevant information from a candidate</i></p>

Employing faculty/unit:

Research profile of faculty	https://historia.uw.edu.pl/
Teaching profile of faculty	https://historia.uw.edu.pl/
Other information	-

The University of Warsaw has implemented the procedure for whistleblowers reporting cases of law violation and for undertaking follow-up actions. For **more information** about this topic and the processing of candidates' personal data please follow the [link](#)

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