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The Mission of the Kosciuszko Foundation

Founded in 1925, the Kosciuszko Foundation is dedicated to promoting and strengthening understanding and friendship between the peoples of Poland and the United States through educational, scientific and cultural exchanges and other related programs and activities. It awards fellowships and grants to graduate student scholars, scientists, professionals and artists and helps to increase the visibility and prestige of Polish culture in America's pluralistic society by sponsoring exhibits, publications, film festivals, performing arts such as concerts and recitals, and assists other institutions with similar goals.

The Kosciuszko Foundation's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. This report covers activities and expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Since 1926 the Kosciuszko Foundation's educational programs have reinforced bonds between the United States and Poland by facilitating an intellectual and scholarly exchange of ideas. Today, the Foundation's educational programs include Exchange Fellowships and Grants; Domestic Tuition Scholarships, Graduate and Postgraduate Study and Research Programs for Americans in Poland; Year Abroad Program, Special and Travel Grants; Summer Studies in Polish Language and Culture and Teaching English in Poland. These programs constitute the basis of all the Foundation's activities and account for the major portion of its program expenditures.

EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR POLISH CITIZENS

The Kosciuszko Foundation Fellowships and Grants are awarded annually to Polish citizens for advanced study/research and teaching at universities, institutions of higher learning and scientific/ medical centers in the United States. Under the program, Fellowships are awarded to postgraduate scholars, professionals or artists with degrees. Grants are awarded to those without doctoral degrees. Fellowships and Grants are awarded for 3-10 month periods depending on the nature and scope of the research project, the recommendations of the American institution and the U.S. and Polish Academic Advisory Committees.

During fiscal year 2015, 48 Polish scholars and scientists successfully completed their scholarly and scientific projects, receiving \$611,702 in support from the Foundation.

The Fellows and Grantees had been carefully chosen for the program in a highly selective screening process that included personal interviews in Warsaw. Among them were five Teaching Fellows – a part of the Foundation's ongoing support for Polish Studies programs at various American universities (since 1992). During the 2014/15 academic year,



the Foundation sponsored Teaching Fellowships at: the Brown University in Providence, RI, the Cleveland State University in Ohio, the University of Indiana at Bloomington; the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York; and Hunter College, City University of New York (as part of a separate domestic program).

In addition to funding, the Foundation provides support to Fellows and Grantees prior to their arrival and during their stay in the United States. Every effort is made to help the participants and their families with travel, housing, medical insurance, visa, and U.S. Homeland Security procedures. Foundation staff contact Fellows and Grantees frequently throughout their stay in the United States, and whenever feasible, conduct exit interviews and receive a final written activities report from each participant.

The Foundation would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to the members of the U.S. and Polish Academic Advisory Committees, whose members review and interview all of the applicants for the Fellowships and Grants Program.

Members of the U.S. Academic Advisory Committee for the 2014-2015 Advanced Research/Study Program for Polish Citizens:

Prof. M.B. Biskupski Ph.D.	Department of History, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut.
Ronald J. Hagadus, M.D.	Associate Professor at Clinical Ophthalmology, New York Medical College; Honorary Senior Attending Surgeon, New York Eye & Ear Infirmary, Glaucoma Service, New York, NY.
Marian A. Kornilowicz, Esq.	Partner at Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman, P.C. - Philadelphia, PA.
Prof. John S. Micgiel, Ph.D	President and Executive Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation
Ewa Radwanska, M.D., Ph.D	Professor, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL.



Members of the Polish Academic Commission for the 2014-2015 Advanced Research /Study Program for Polish Citizens:

Robert Cieśla, Ph.D.,	Professor of Musical Art, Chopin University of Music, Warsaw
Bożena Garus-Hockuba	Polish film director, London. Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.
Ellina Lunarska	Professor, Institute of Physical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences. Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.
Elżbieta Mikos-Skuza Ph.D.	Professor of International Law, Former Vice-Dean of Law at the University of Warsaw, Former Vice-President of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Mission
Bogna Patelska-Wytyk	MD, Ph.D., Ophthalmologist – Poznan Medical University. Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.
Izabela Wagner	Professor of Sociology, University of Warsaw. Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation.
Piotr Wilczek Ph.D.	Professor of the History of Literature and Culture, Head, Kollegium Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw. Former Fellow of the Kosciuszko Foundation..

Notes: A special effort was made to invite former Fellows of the Kosciuszko Foundation as members of the Polish Commission. Polish Committee members were present on days that coordinated with their academic area of focus.



EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR POLISH CITIZENS

SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES

Grantee	Position	Subject of Research/Study	Amount	Fund
Andrzejewski, Lukasz Tomasz	M.A. in Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy, University of Wroclaw – 2010 Ph.D. Candidate, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Wroclaw	To conduct 5-month research on the social context of medicine's discontents commenced in initial book: "Polityka Nowotworowa" (The Politics of Cancer) and, an investigation of Polish psychiatric discourse informed by theoretical concepts of narrative medicine and clinical pragmatism at the New School for Social Research with Professor Elzbieta Matynia.	\$ 11,710	Wanda Roehr Fund
Berska (Kuta), Barbara	M.A. in History, Jagiellonian University – 1995 Ph.D. in History, Jagiellonian University – 2003 Director, The State Archive in Krakow	To conduct 1-month research in connection with the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War; a study on the contribution of Polish émigrés in America to the process of Poland's regaining its independence in 1918 at The Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America with Professor M. B. Biskupski.	\$ 2,342	Wanda Roehr Fund
Wolacewicz, Dominik	M.A in History, The John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin – 2006; Archivist, The State Archive in Krakow.	5 months to work on the archive collection and to conduct research on the comparative cartographic materials at he Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America with Prof. M.B. Biskupski.	\$11,710	Stanislas Chylinski Fund



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Biernat, Agata	M.A. in Political Science, Nicolaus Copernicus University – 2011 M.A. in Balkan Philology, Nicolaus Copernicus University – 2013; Ph.D. candidate, Faculty of Political Science and International Affairs, Nicolaus Copernicus Univ.	To conduct 3-month research examining the Albanian political activities in the Balkans at the turn of 20th and 21st centuries and influences on their method of political participation at the University of Pittsburgh with Professor Robert M. Hayden.	\$7,650	Irene Frees Fund
Bogdanowska-Jakubowska, Ewa	M.A. in English Philology (Linguistics), University of Silesia – 1987 Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Silesia – 1997 Habilitation in Linguistics, University of Silesia – 2011 Assistant Professor, University of Silesia	To conduct 3-month research on a cross-cultural analysis of linguistic rituals of ratification (a type of interaction ritual) in Polish and American cultures at the Department of Educational Theory and Practice at the University at Albany, School of Education, State University of New York, with Prof. Istvan Kecskes.	\$9,970	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund
Bogdanska, Olga	M.A. in International Relations/European Studies, University of Lodz – 2012; Ph. D. candidate, Faculty of History and Philosophy, University of Lodz	To conduct 5-month research on literary reportage in the 21st century through an investigation of how war is portrayed in the hybrid genre situated between journalism and literature at the University of South Carolina with Professor Carol J. Pardun.	\$11,710	Albert Spiezny Journalism Scholarships Fund



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Drag, Piotr	M.A. in Jewish-Christian Relations, Cambridge University – 2006 Ph.D. in History, Jagiellonian University – 2011 Assistant Professor of History, Jagiellonian University	To conduct 3-month research on the issue of the migration of Polish intellectuals, especially sociologists, and cultural anthropologists, to universities in the United States at Columbia University with Professor Alan H. Timberlake.	\$9,970	The Dr. Stanislaw A. and Anita M.K. Milewski Fund
Fijalkowska, Alicja	M.A. in Iberian and Latin-American Studies, Univ. of Warsaw – 2010 Ph.D. in Political Science, Univ. of Warsaw – 2012 Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Journalism, University of Gdansk	To conduct 3-month research on: “The Social Media Are American. Social networks in American political communication - a lesson for Poland and Latin America” at the University of California, Los Angeles with Professor Tim Groeling	\$9,970	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund
Gadowski, Robert	M.A. in English Philology, Philological School of Higher Education, Wroclaw – 2010 Ph.D. candidate, Philological School of Higher Education, Wroclaw	To conduct 3-month research on cultural cogency of the freedom meme prevalent in the selected dystopian novels at the University of Florida with Professor Kenneth B. Kidd.	\$7,650	Feliks and Harriet Basista Scholarship Fund (\$5,000), and Irene Frees Fund (\$2,650)



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Halambiec, Kamil	Master of Theology, Christian Academy of Theology, Warsaw – 2008 Master of Theology, University of Wales, Bangor – 2011; Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Wroclaw –2011 Ph.D. candidate in Theology, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw	To conduct 5-month research on a body of literature toward the answer to a research question regarding Jonathan Edwards' writing on Religious experience and the Fundamentalist-Modernist controversy in USA at Yale Divinity School with Kenneth P. Minkema.	\$11,710	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund
Kalan, Dariusz	M.A. in Polish Literature and Language, University of Warsaw – 2009 Post-graduate studies at the Polish Institute of International Affairs – 2013 Specialist-analyst, Polish Institute of International Affairs	To conduct 3-month research on the problem of a decreasing role of Central Europe in the U.S. foreign policy under Barack Obama at Georgetown University with Benjamin H. Loring.	\$7,650	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund
Karolewski, Ireneusz	M.A. in Political Science, University of Potsdam – 1995 Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Potsdam – 1999 Associate Professor, Department of German and European Studies, University of Wroclaw	To conduct 3-month research on the contrast of the politics of nationalism in the EU and U.S. nationalism. Against the backdrop of the economic crisis, the project will explore the nationalist reactions in the EU and the U.S. at Harvard University with Professor Grzegorz Ekiert.	\$9,970	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund



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Kasia, Katarzyna	M.A. in Philosophy, University of Warsaw – 2002 Ph.D. in Philosophy, Univ. of Warsaw – 2006; Adjunct Professor, Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw	To conduct 5-month research on the connection between the development of new media and the boredom phenomenon at Princeton University with Professor Jeff Dolven.	\$14,100	Walter Jarzembki Fund
Kubica-Heller, Grazyna	M.A. in Sociology, Jagiellonian University – 1979; Ph. D. in Sociology, Jagiellonian University – 2007; Adjunct Professor, Jagiellonian University	To conduct 3-month research on the literary works of anthropologists (travel books, novels, memoirs, autobiographies, diaries and letters) with a special focus on Polish authors (Bronislaw Malinowski, Maria Czaplicka, Alicja Iwanska, Feliks Gross, Jan Czekanowski) at Columbia University with Professor Alan H. Timberlake.	\$9,970	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund
Kulska, Joanna	M.A. in International Relations, University of Warsaw – 1999; Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Warsaw – 2005; Adjunct Professor, University of Opole	To conduct 3-month research on the phenomenon of faith-based diplomacy in the wider context of the role of religion in international peacemaking and conflict resolution at the University of Chicago with Professor William Schweiker.	\$9,970	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
Lapinski, Krzysztof	Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Warsaw – 2006 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Warsaw – 2013 Adjunct Professor, University of Warsaw	To conduct 5-month research on the development of Ancient Greek philosophy in relation to Greek rational medicine at Creighton University with Professor William O. Stephens.	\$14,100	Alfred Tarski Memorial Scholarship Fund



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Matloka, Magdalena	M.A. in History, Jagiellonian University – 2012 Ph.D. candidate, Institute of American Studies and Polish Diaspora, University of Warsaw	To conduct 5-month research on the microhistorical perspective research on landsmanshaftn of Jews from Polish lands in New York between 1880s and 1939 at New York University with Professor Hasia R. Diner.	\$11,710	The Dr. Stanislaw A. and Anita M.K. Milewski Fund
Mroz, Tomasz	M.A. in Philosophy, University of Silesia – 1999 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Silesia – 2004 Habilitation in Philosophy, University of Silesia – 2014 Adjunct Professor, University of Zielona Gora	To conduct 5-month research on reconstructing the first Polish-American direct philosophical polemic (between Paul Shorey and Wincenty Lutoslawski), to examine its background and the reasons for the rejection of both scholars by German academics at the University of Iowa with Professor John Finamore.	\$14,100	The Dr. Stanislaw A. and Anita M.K. Milewski Fund
Napierala, Paulina	M.A. in Culture Studies: Migration and Ethnicity, Jagiellonian University – 2006; Ph.D. in Political Science, Jagiellonian University – 2011 Assistant in the faculty of Sociology and Ethnic Relations, Jagiellonian University	To conduct 5-month research on the topic of relations between religion and politics in the US and in Poland, and to publish a book which would include such a comparative perspective at Boston College with Professor Alan Wolfe.	\$14,100	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
Przegalinska-Skierkowska, Aleksandra	Ph.D. in Philosophy, Wroclaw University – 2013 M.A. in Philosophy and Communication Studies, Wroclaw University – 2007 Assistant Teacher, Kozminski University, Warsaw	To conduct 4-month research on the question if the delegation of various social functions leads to enhancement or loss in terms of people's skills and abilities that contribute to building work environment at Brown University with Professor Elzbieta Matynia.	\$11,360	Feliks and Harriet Basista Scholarship Fund



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Ruda, Marta	M.A. in English Studies (Linguistics), Jagiellonian University – 2010 Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics, Jagiellonian University	To conduct 5-month research on developing the understanding of the implications of current investigation of the syntax of missing/null objects of transitive verbs for the theory of the natural language and the human cognitive capacities at the University of Maryland with Professor Howard Lasnik.	\$11,710	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund
Siekierski, Konrad	M.A. in Ethnology/Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw – 2007 Ph.D. candidate in International Relations, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan	To conduct 3-month research on the transmission of cultural memory and the processes of identity construction and negotiation among Armenia Catholics living in post-Soviet Armenia and Georgia at the University of Texas with Professor Mary Neuberger.	\$7,650	Irene Frees Fund
Stelowska, Diana	M.A. in Art History, University of Warsaw – 2013 Ph. D. candidate in Journalism and Political Science, University of Warsaw	To conduct 5-month research on American cultural soft power efficiency in the world and in Poland, does it still have impact on America's image worldwide? at the University of Southern California with Professor Nicholas J. Cull.	\$11,710	The William & Mildred Zelosky Scholarship Fund
Szarota, Magdalena	M.A. in Intercultural Relations, University of Warsaw – 2011 M.A. in American Studies, University of Warsaw – 2014 Ph.D. candidate in the Graduate School for Social Research, at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences	To conduct 4-month research on the processes of identity politics vs. leadership/activist strategies of American women with disabilities, and their attempts of coalition building with the feminist movement and larger disability movement while addressing problems stemming from double discrimination (intersection of gender and disability) at Yale University with Professor Karen Nakamura.	\$10,200	Stanislas Chylinski Fund



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Wisniewski, Robert	M.A. in History, University of Warsaw – 1994 Ph.D. in History, University of Warsaw – 2002 Habilitation in History, University of Warsaw – 2013 Associate Professor, Institute of History, University of Warsaw	To conduct 2-month research on the shift in the attitude of late antique Christians toward dead saints' bodies, and particularly the rise of the habit of touching relics at Princeton University with Professor Anne Marie Luijendijk.	\$5,680	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund
Zajac, Justyna	M.A. in International Studies, University of Catania – 2001 Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Warsaw – 2004 Habilitation in Political Science, University of Warsaw – 2010 Adjunct Professor (Habilitated), University of Warsaw	To conduct 5-month research on redefining the formula of cooperation between NATO and the European Union, in the field of security and defense in the context of dynamic changes in the global order, taking into account also Russia's role in the Euro-Atlantic security system at Indiana University with Professor Padraic Kenney.	\$14,100	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
Zysiak, Agata	M.A. in Sociology, University of Lodz – 2009 Ph.D. candidate in Sociology of Culture, University of Lodz	To conduct 5-month research on the trajectories of the rise and fall of two important industrial centers (Lodz and Detroit) in different political and economical contexts, but not on the level of "objective" data, but by considering the subjective perception of change, self-identity building strategies, and language describing the trajectories of the two cities in biographical narrations at Wayne State University with Mike Smith.	\$11,710	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund

Total Amount: \$284,182



SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE SCIENCES

Grantee	Position	Subject of Research/Study	Amount	Fund
Bartkowiak, Tomasz	M.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Poznan University of Technology – 2012; Assistant Teacher at the Poznan University of Technology	To conduct 5-month research on functional correlations between surface textures and behavior, and between processing and surface texture at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute with Professor Christopher A. Brown	\$11,710	Thaddeus F. Bryzinski Fund
Czyz, Marcin	M.D. in Medicine, Wroclaw Medical University – 2006 Ph.D. in Neurosurgery, Wroclaw Medical University – 2010; Research Associate, Department of Neurosurgery, Wroclaw Medical University	To conduct 3-month research on the usefulness of the fractal analysis in determining the level of malignancy and the level of the response to therapy in patients suffering from a brain tumor of this type at North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine with Dr. Michael Scholder.	\$9,970	The Tadeusz Sendzimir Fund
Jaeschke, Aleksandra	A.A. Diploma in Architecture, Architectural Association, London, UK – 2005; B.F.A. in Visual Communication, American InterContinental University in London – 1999; Ph.D. candidate in Design, Harvard University Graduate School of Design	Supplementary grant toward Ph.D. to develop strategies which can help to integrate social, economic and environmental requirements leading to new forms of all-inclusive sustainability and triggering novel spatial conditions at Harvard University.	\$10,000	The Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund



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Krajewska, Katarzyna	M.Sc. in Physics, University of Warsaw – 1999 ; Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics, University of Warsaw – 2004; Assistant Professor, Institute of Theoretical Physics, University of Warsaw	To conduct 5-month research on theoretical investigations in the area of relativistic quantum electrodynamics to be compared with experimental results from the Diocles Extreme Light Laboratory at UNL. Concurrently, investigations of bremsstrahlung process foreseeing a new generation of compact gamma-ray sources at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln with Professor Daniel R. Claes	\$14,100	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
Majka, Marcin	M.S. in Experimental Biology, University of Adam Mickiewicz, Poznan – 1997 P.h.D. in Experimental Hematology Pomeranian School of Medicine, Szczecin – 2000; D.Sci. in Immunology, Jagiellonian University Collegium Medicum – 2005; Associate Professor in Medicine, Jagiellonian University	To conduct 5-month research regarding new details about the involvement of adhesion molecules like CEACAM1 as potential regulators of tumor and microenvironment interactions and therapeutic targets in breast carcinoma metastases at the Beckman Research Institute at City of Hope with Professor John E. Shively.	\$14,100	The Tadeusz Sendzimir Fund (\$8,000), Antoni S. Repeczko Scholarship Fund (\$6,100)
Malicki, Maciej	M.S. in Mathematics, University of Warsaw – 2000; Ph.D. in Mathematics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – 2007; Adjunct Professor, Warsaw School of Economics	To conduct 5-month research on the Borel reducibility theory and dynamics of nonlocally compact groups, at the California Institute of Technology with Professor Alexander Kechris.	\$14,100	Stanislas Chylinski Fund



Grantee	Position	Subject of Research/Study	Amount	Fund
Mateuszuk, Lukasz	M.S. in Biology, Jagiellonian University – 2004 Ph.D. in Pharmacology and Medical Biology, Jagiellonian University Medical College – 2012 Research Assistant, Jagiellonian University	to conduct 3-month research to investigate the role of thrombospondin 1 (TSP1) in vascular inflammation, endothelial dysfunction and thrombosis, using new mouse model of atherosclerosis (ApoE/CD47-/-) at the Vascular Medicine Institute, University of Pittsburgh with Professor Patrick Pagano.	\$9,970	Thaddeus F. Bryzinski Fund (\$6,000), and the Sendzimir Fund (\$3,970)
Podbielska, Maria	M.S. in Biotechnology, Wroclaw University of Technology – 1997 Ph.D. in Biological Science, Hirsfeld Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy, Polish Academy of Sciences, Wroclaw – 2003 Adjunct Professor in Microbiology, Hirsfeld Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy, Polish Academy of Sciences	to conduct 10-month research on whether alterations in calpain (intracellular neutral protease) activity during relapse and remission in multiple sclerosis (MS) patients are involved in T helper (Th1/Th2) cells dysregulation at the Medical University of South Carolina with Professor Naren L. Banik.	\$28,200	Thaddeus F. Bryzinski Fund
Rembeza, Magdalena	Master of Architecture, Gdansk University of Technology – 2000 Ph.D. Civil Engineering and Architecture, Gdansk Univ. of Technology – 2009 Assistant Lecturer, Gdansk Univ. of Technology	To conduct 3-month research and participate in the Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS), strictly connected with future scientific development and collecting material for a professor's book about re-directing the city landscape at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with Professor Bish Sanyal.	\$9,970	The Jan Paul Zaleski Memorial Scholarship Fund



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Skalska, Kinga	Masters in Environmental Engineering, Lodz University of Technology – 2005; Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering, Lodz University of Technology – 2011; Assistant Professor of Environmental Systems Engineering, Lodz University of Technology	To conduct 10-month research on the purification of drinking water from private wells by means of photocatalytic oxidation on immobilized titanium dioxide at the University of California, Berkeley with Professor Slawomir W. Hermanowicz	\$28,200	Thaddeus F. Bryzinski Fund
Wierzchowska, Agata	M.S. in Biotechnology, West Pomeranian University of Technology in Szczecin – 2010 Ph.D. candidate in Biotechnology, Poznan University of Life Sciences	To conduct 4-month research to elucidate the in situ diet-microbe interactions in the digestive tract of the bovine in response to dietary modifications. To Identify alterations in muscle protein and lipid metabolism in cancer and sepsis in humans and pigs that lead to poor disease prognosis at Texas A&M University with Professor Nicolas Deutz.	\$10,200	The Tadeusz Sendzimir Fund
Witkowski, Bartłomiej	M.S. in Chemistry, University of Warsaw – 2009; Ph.D. in Atmospheric Chemistry, University of Warsaw – 2013; Ph.D. Candidate in Chemistry, University of Warsaw	To conduct 5-month research on the glyoxal and methylglyoxal liquid-phase processing in the atmosphere at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with Professor A.R. Ravishanka.	\$14,100	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
Wloch-Salamon, Dominika	M.S. in Biology, Jagiellonian University – 1998; Ph.D. in Biology, Jagiellonian University – 2003; Assistant	To conduct 5-month research on the complete transcriptome of yeast quiescent cells, which serve as a model for human quiescent cells, thus allowing researchers to	\$14,100	Thaddeus F. Bryzinski Fund



	Professor at the Institute of Environmental Sciences, Jagiellonian University	identify genes that may be influencing the stress survival not only of yeast, but possibly also human quiescent cells at Stanford University with Professor Gavin Sherlock.		
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Total Amount: \$188,720

SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE ARTS

Grantee	Position	Subject of Research/Study	Amount	Fund
Borowski, Daniel	M.A. in Vocal Studies, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London – 2013 M.A. in Vocal Studies, Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst, Mannheim – 2014 Artist Diploma candidate in Opera Studies, Juilliard	Supplementary grant toward cost-of-living expenses during candidacy for an Artist Diploma at Juilliard with Ms. Edith Wiens.	\$10,000	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund (\$6,000), and Irena Spalluto-Bonczak Scholarship (\$4,000)

SCHOLARSHIPS IN LAW & ECONOMICS

Grantee	Position	Subject of Research/Study	Amount	Fund
Sobaczewska-Mlynarska, Anna Maria	Master in Laws, University of Lodz – 1995 Doctor of Laws, University of Lodz – 1999 Habilitation in Law,	To conduct 5-month research on the category of constitutional rights operating in social practice and in individual apprehension in different social and cultural circumstances, in (post) authoritarian and democratic states at	\$14,100	Stanislas Chylinski Fund



	University of Lodz – 2011 Associate Professor of Law, Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences	the Chicago-Kent College of Law with Professor Bartram Brown.		
Swierczek, Artur Krzysztof	M.S. in Management/Business Logistics, University of Economics in Katowice – 2001; Ph.D. in Supply Chain Management, University of Economics in Katowice – 2006; Habilitation in Management, Warsaw School of Economics – 2006	To conduct 5-month research on the distinctive properties of resilient supply chains coupled with the factors of their relational (inter-organizational) competitive advantage at Arizona State University with Professor Thomas Choi.	\$14,100	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
Zarowna, Agnieszka Anna	Master in Laws, University of Warsaw– 2011 Doctoral candidate of Laws, University of Warsaw	Supplementary grant towards an LL.M. program on the scope of the protection afforded to foreign investors in host states as an evolving concept: the application of the Most Favoured Nation clause to the procedural standards of protection as decisive for the future development or decrease of the law of international investment at Harvard Law School.	\$10,000	The Dr. Francis and Lidia Kopernik Fund

Total Amount: \$38,200



POLISH STUDIES SCHOLARS

Grantee	Position	Subject of Research/Study	Amount	Fund
Harrison, Magdalena	M.A. in Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Toronto – 2005 Ph.D. in Slavic Linguistics; Second Language Acquisition, The Ohio State University – 2010	Extension to conduct 10-month program teaching Polish Language and Literature in the Polish Studies Program at Brown University, Providence, RI.	\$25,500	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
Markiewka, Tomasz	M.A. in Polish Philology, Catholic University of Lublin – 1995; Ph.D. in Polish Philology, The Silesian University – 2002 Adjunct Professor, Department of Literature and Polish Culture, University of Bielsko Biala	To conduct 5-month program with a series of lectures and classes on Polish culture, history, literature, and art as a part of the Polish Studies Initiative at Cleveland State University.	\$14,100	Henry and Ludmille Wojtkowski Scholarship Fund
Szafraniec, Kamil	M.A. in Slavic Studies, University of Lodz – 2010 Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics, University of Lodz	To conduct 10-month program teaching Polish Language and Literature in the Polish Studies Program at Indiana University, Bloomington with Prof. Justyna Beinek.	\$25,500	Adolph and Stephanie Bauer Educational Fund
Derengowski, Piotr	Adjunct Professor in American Studies, University of Gdansk	Teaching Fellowship to conduct 10-month program teaching Polish Language and Literature in the Polish Studies Program at SUNY Buffalo with Prof. Janina Brutt-Griffler.	\$25,500	Stanislas Chylinski Fund

Total Amount: \$90,600



Special and Travel Grants 2014/2015

Amount	Purpose	Fund
\$19,453.00	To Anna Kijanowska to cover a portion of her salary as a visiting American Professor at the University for Warsaw in 2015.	The Sendzimir Fund
\$17,803.80	To Prof. Czeslaw Karkowski for Polish Studies Program at Hunter College, CUNY for the 2014-2015 academic year	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
\$7,000	To Toccata Press for publication of book on Szymanowski's opera, <i>King Roger</i> .	Anne Felicya Cierpiak Fund
\$6,000	To Magdalena Stern-Baczewska to record a CD album of piano performances of Chopin and Szymanowski at the Szymanowski Music Academy in Krakow, Poland.	Anne Felicya Cierpiak Fund
\$5,000	Funds to the American Polish American Advisory Council for a Conference on Poland's international role, featuring Polish keynote speaker Boguslaw Winid.	\$5,000 from: the Irena and Wacław Szyszkowski Fund (\$3,000) and Stanislas Chylinski Fund (\$2,000)
\$5,000	To the KJ Benevolent Fund, for Sofie Somoroff in support of her interdisciplinary university film project to interview Paulina Plostkaj, a Catholic Polish woman who saved 18 Jews during the Second World War.	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
\$5,000	To Professor Andrew Michta in support of the <i>Strengthening NATO's Northeastern Flank</i> project.	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
\$5,000	A Presidential Grant to the Laurel Fund for the Performing Arts to bring the Polish National Ballet to Washington, DC and New York, NY in June 2015.	Dr. James Hagadus Memorial Cultural Fund
\$4,000	To Dianela Urdaneta de Ratha in support of, <i>Scouts Forever: Friends from WWII to the Present</i> , a documentary about a scout group that fought in the Warsaw uprising.	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
\$4,000	To Seledyn Agata Pienkowska as a translation grant for the publication of a book by Sławomir Łukasiewicz	The Marcinkowski Fund



Amount	Purpose	Fund
\$4,000	To cover travel expenses for Klaudia Olborska for her performance with the Warsaw Piano Trio at Carnegie Hall in December.	The Thaddeus Brys Cultural Fund
\$4,000	To the Warsaw Piano Trio - Klaudia Olborska - violin, Małgorzata Latoszek - cello, Klaudia Kudełko – piano. They were chosen as the First Place Winner of the American Protégé International Music Talent Competition Fall 2014 and will perform their Winner's Recital at Carnegie Hall on December 21, 2014.	The Thaddeus Brys Cultural Fund
\$3,000	To Ms. Edith Widiyani for receiving first place (a tie) in the 65 th Annual Chopin Piano Competition.	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$3,000	To Ms. Alison Chiang for receiving first place (a tie) in the 65 th Annual Chopin Piano Competition.	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$2,550	To reimburse Dr. Ronald Hagadus for travel costs associated with U. S. Academic Advisory Committee participation in Warsaw.	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
\$2,000	To Sebastian Cichocki of the Modern Museum of Warsaw in support of the <i>Mirage</i> project, an analysis of 1960s and 70s U.S. art as reflected in current day Poland.	Dr. John A. Cetnarowski-Cetner Fund
\$2,000	To Ms. Huan Li for receiving second place (a tie) in the 65 th Annual Chopin Piano Competition .	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$2,000	To Ms. Fantee Jones for receiving second place (a tie) in the 65 th Annual Chopin Piano Competition.	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$2,000	To NEUMA Records and Publications on behalf of Polish composer Dariusz Mazurowski to cover the cost of production for his latest electro-acoustic album.	Dr. John A. Cetnarowski-Cetner Fund
\$1,999.00	To cover Professor Jozef Szudy's subscription to the Optical Society of America.	Mrozowski Scholarly Journal Fund



Amount	Purpose	Fund
\$1,660.77	To the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America in fulfillment of a 2002 agreement which gives PIASA 1/3 of the annual net income of the Sendzimir Fund.	The Sendzimir Fund
\$1,500	To Dr. Malgorzata Pospiech, to cover translation costs associated with the book <i>Miasteczko</i> , an account of the author's father's life in post-WWII Poland.	The Marcinkowski Fund
\$1,500	To New York Women in Film and Television for a partnership project consisting of fall screenings of films for students at Columbia University and Tribeca Film Center in October 2014.	Dr. James Hagadus Memorial Cultural Fund
\$1,500	A travel grant to Christian Tomaszewski to attend the 56 th Venice Biennale as the curator of a film and art exhibit on the Polish Pavillion.	Dr. James Hagadus Memorial Cultural Fund
\$1,500	A travel grant to Joanna Malinowska to attend the 56 th Venice Biennale as the curator of a film and art exhibit on the Polish Pavillion.	Dr. James Hagadus Memorial Cultural Fund
\$1,500	A travel grant to cover expenses related to attending the Conference of the Dictionary Society of America in Vancouver in June 2015 and giving a lecture on the KF Dictionary update.	The Marcinkowski Fund
\$1,223.97	For covering the hotel accommodation of Zuzanna Skalska, Keynote Speaker at the Polish Women in Design Film Screening and Q&A, organized in partnerships with the Adam Mickiewicz Institute and Polish Filmmakers NYC.	Dr. James Hagadus Memorial Cultural Fund
\$1215	To reimburse Dr. Ewa Radwanska for travel costs associated with U.S. Academic Advisory Committee participation in Warsaw.	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
\$1,000	To Zuzanna Skalska for her role as the Keynote Speaker at the Polish Women in Design Film Screening and Q&A, organized in partnerships with the Adam Mickiewicz Institute and Polish Filmmakers NYC.	Dr. James Hagadus Memorial Cultural Fund
\$1,000	To Mr. Roy Eaton for work as on the jury for the 65 th Annual Chopin Piano Competition (October 24-25, 2014).	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund



Amount	Purpose	Fund
\$1,000	To Mr. Daniel Epstein for work as on the jury for the 65 th Annual Chopin Piano Competition (October 24-25, 2014).	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$1,000	To Mr. Roman Markowicz for work as on the jury for the 65 th Annual Chopin Piano Competition (October 24-25, 2014).	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$1,000	To New York Times critically acclaimed pianist Carolyn Enger for her performance at the KF which included works by Karol Szymanowski.	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$991.67	Fund to Eric Bednarski to present his film "Neon" at the Architecture and Design Film Festivals in New York City.	Dr. James Hagadus Memorial Cultural Fund
\$750	To Sean Gasper Bye for translation services related to sections of Zofia Posmysz's novel, <i>The Passenger</i> for the 2014 Lincoln Center Festival.	The Marcinkowski Fund
\$600	To Polish-American Soprano Malgorzata Kellis for her vocal performance at the KF which included works by Karol Szymanowski.	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$500	To Ms. Magdalena Stern-Baczewska for her work as an artistic advisor to the 65 th Annual Chopin Piano Competition (October 24-25, 2014)	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$500	To Middle School 51 Drama Department to build a dragon for their play "The Puppet Children," based on the Polish Legend Wawelski Dragon.	Dr. James Hagadus Memorial Cultural Fund
\$450	Per diem to Dr. Ewa Radwanska for U.S. Academic Advisory Committee in Warsaw.	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
\$450	Per diem to Ronald Hagadus for U.S. Academic Advisory Committee in Warsaw.	Stanislas Chylinski Fund
\$417.21	To cover the travel expenses and honorarium for Henryk Stawicki, moderator of the Polish Women in Design Film Screening and Q&A.	Dr. James Hagadus Memorial Cultural Fund



Amount	Purpose	Fund
\$400	To pianist Daniel Smith for his accompaniment of Polish-American Soprano Malgorzata Kellis's performance at the KF which included works by K. Szymanowski	Anne Felicya Cierpik Fund
\$300	To Henryk Stawicki for his role as Moderator at the Polish Women in Design Film Screening and Q&A, organized in partnerships with the Adam Mickiewicz Institute and Polish Filmmakers NYC.	Dr. James Hagadus Memorial Cultural Fund
\$250	To Maria Lyapkova for the event "Musical Life of Galicia."	Dr. James Hagadus Memorial Cultural Fund
\$250	To Tatiana Chylochnikova for the event "Musical Life of Galicia."	Dr. James Hagadus Memorial Cultural Fund

Total Amount: \$127,264.42

KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION DOMESTIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

The Kosciuszko Foundation's scholarships and grants for Americans and Polish Americans are known informally as the Foundation's "domestic scholarships". Four distinct scholarship programs fall under this category. They include:

- Tuition Scholarships
- Year Abroad Scholarships
- Graduate / Postgraduate Studies and Research in Poland
- Summer Study Abroad Program

Kosciuszko Foundation Tuition Scholarships are available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents of Polish descent primarily for graduate studies in any field at colleges and universities in the United States. Tuition Scholarships are also



awarded to Americans of non-Polish descent whose studies at American universities are primarily focused on Polish subjects. Scholarships may be awarded to Americans of Polish descent for studies at English Schools of Medicine in Poland and for Central European studies at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow.

A number of undergraduate scholarships are also awarded under the Tuition Scholarship program. All tuition scholarship awards are competitive and are based on academic excellence with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and involvement in the Polish American community.

In 2014-2015 academic year, \$365,540 was awarded to 124 scholars under the Domestic Programs which include: Tuition Scholarships, Year Abroad, Studies and Research in Poland, and Summer Study Abroad.

Domestic Tuition Scholarships

The Kosciuszko Foundation awards Domestic Tuition Scholarships to Polish Americans, Americans studying Polish subjects, and Poles who are permanent residents of the United States to pursue graduate studies in United States.

The Tuition scholarships are granted on competitive basis to full time students at accredited American Universities who have an excellent academic record and who are able to demonstrate a strong sense of identification with the Polish American community and with Polish culture in general.

Though the majority of scholarships are designated for graduate study, a limited number are available for undergraduate study. In order to achieve a fair and reasonable diversity among grantees, in determining awards, consideration is given to number of factors, including the age, scholarly affiliation, geographic region and gender of the applicants.

For the 2014-2015 Academic Year, 92 undergraduate and graduate students received \$310,640 in Tuition Scholarships.



Domestic Tuition Scholarships 2014-2015

Name	Purpose	Fund	Amount
Mihalyfy, David of Chicago, IL	For ninth year of doctoral studies in the History of Christianity, University of Chicago, Chicago IL.	KAZIMIERA ADRIAN ADRIANOWSKA SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000
Brysch, Emily of Hobson, TX	For fourth year of graduate studies in Pharmacy, University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,500
Heyman, Helen of San Antonio, TX	For second year of studies in Medicine, University of Texas, San Antonio, TX.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,500
Koczwarra, Konrad of Chicago, IL	For second year of doctoral studies in Physical Therapy, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,500
Kozanko, Andrew of Fall River, MA	For first year of doctoral studies towards a Physician Assistant degree, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Worcester, MA	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Kufta, Samantha of West Chicago, IL	For fourth year of studies in Dentistry. Midwestern University, Downers Groove, IL	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$6,000
Lem, Pola of Bayville, NY	For first year of graduate studies in Journalism, Columbia University, New York, NY.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$6,000
Mikulski, Laura of Chicago, IL	For second year of graduate studies in Art, Entertainment and Media Management, Columbia College, Chicago, IL	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,500
Szymaszek, Jennifer of New York, NY	For second year of graduate studies in Social Work, New York University, New York, NY.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000



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Vickowski, Graham of Flagstaff, AZ	For first year of graduate studies in Political Psychology, The George Washington University, Washington, DC	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Wallin, Natalya of Hyde Park, IL	For second year of graduate studies in Public Policy, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Wandrei, Kevin of Adams, MA	For second year of graduate studies in Public Administration, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$6,000
Wenderski, Robert of Livonia, MI	For first year of doctoral studies in Systematic Theology, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Wilczek, Margaret of Elmwood Park, IL	For third year of studies in Optometry, Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, IL.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,500
Zablocki, Timothy of Buffalo NY	For fourth year of doctoral studies in Pharmacy, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.	THE LEON A. AND PAT BABULA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,500
Maska, Bartosz of Almont, MI	For third year of graduate studies in Dentistry, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	DR. RAYMOND DZIEJMA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Janczura, Katarzyna of Monroe, NY	For first year of studies in Finance and Management, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.	SOPHIA GRODZICKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$7,000
Komar, Joanna of Rockledge, FL	For fourth year of graduate studies in Optometry, Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL.	SOPHIA GRODZICKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Kantorowska, Agata of	For second year of studies in Medicine, University of	SOPHIA GRODZICKA	\$4,500



Glendale, NY	Rochester, Rochester, NY.	SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
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Wrobel, Katarzyna of Ridgewood, NY	For first year of graduate studies in International Affairs, The New School, New York, NY.	SOPHIA GRODZICKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,500
Kwoka, Philip of West Palm Beach, FL	For second year of graduate studies in Piano Performance, Mannes College The New School for Music, New York, NY.	EDWIN L. HARASIMOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND	\$5,000
Antoniak-Kij, Elizabeth of Cherry Hill, NJ	For second year of graduate studies in Central Eastern European Studies, Lasalle University, Philadelphia, PA.	DR. CASIMIR V. KIERZKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,000
Kozik, Bryan of Maynard, MA	For third year of graduate studies in Medieval/Early Modern European History, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.	JOHN C. KIERZKOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Kapalczynski, Anna of San Antonio, TX	For second year of graduate studies in Finance, University of Texas, San Antonio, TX.	VICTORIA KOKERNAK SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000
Marszalek, Marcin of Chicopee, MA	For second year of graduate studies in Archives Management/History, Simmons College, Boston, MA.	VICTORIA KOKERNAK SCHOLARSHIP	\$2,000
Michalik, Daniel of Orland Park, IL	For first year of studies in Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI.	VICTORIA KOKERNAK SCHOLARSHIP	\$5,000
Pawelek, Konrad of Chicago, IL	For first year of graduate studies in Music Pedagogy, Northeastern Illinois Univ., Chicago, IL.	VICTORIA KOKERNAK SCHOLARSHIP	\$2,000



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Badon, Sylvia of Seattle, WA	For second year of graduate studies in Epidemiology, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA	STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Bochenek, Matthew of Chicago, IL	For fifth year of doctoral studies in Bio-engineering, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL.	STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,500
Iwanicki, Martin of Phoenixville, PA	For first year of studies in Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Univ. of Pennsylvania, PA.	STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Oktawiec, Julia of Berkeley, CA	For second year of graduate studies in Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley, CA.	STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000
Alicka, Rima of Melbourne, FL	For first year of graduate studies Law, Florida A&M University, Orlando, FL	FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Grazi, Rebecca of Brooklyn, NY	For third year of graduate studies in Theater Design and Technical Production, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY	FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,000
Kapusta, John of Brooklyn, NY	For fifth year of doctoral studies in Music, University of California, Berkeley, CA.	FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Mehlenbacher, Kurt of Corvallis, OR	For third year of graduate studies in Music Composition, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO	FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,000
Mikulski, Anna of Addison, IL	For second year of graduate studies in International Law, Northwestern Univ., Chicago, IL	FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$7,000



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Nowakowski, Alexandra of Palatine IL	For first year of graduate studies in Vocal Performance, The Academy of Vocal Arts, Philadelphia, PA.	FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,500
Wojdak, Christopher of Rochester, NY	For second year of graduate studies in Music Therapy, Nazareth College, Rochester, NY.	FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/JOHN AND HELEN GENZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,500
Gola, Izabela of Brooklyn, NY	For second year of graduate studies in Fine Arts/Combined Media, Hunter College, CUNY, New York, NY.	REV. PAUL J. MISKOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,000
Budz, Alexandra of Lockport, IL	For first year of studies in Library/Information Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL	STEFAN P. MIZWA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,000
Dichter, Thomas of Philadelphia, PA	For sixth year of doctoral studies in English, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.	STEFAN P. MIZWA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,000
Fallon, Ashley of Canton, MI	For second year of graduate studies in Historic Preservation, Eastern Michigan Univ., Ypsilanti, MI.	STEFAN P. MIZWA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,000
Brazinski, Paul of Basking Ridge, NJ	For third year of graduate studies in Church History, The Catholic Univ. of America, Washington, DC.	JEANNETTE NIECIECKA SCHOLARSHIP	\$5,000
Ciecierski, Annette of Edison, NJ	For third year of graduate studies in Human Resources and Immigration Law, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.	JEANNETTE NIECIECKA SCHOLARSHIP	\$3,000
Janowski, Pawel of Somerset, NJ	For fourth year of doctoral studies in Chemistry and Chemical Biology/Computational Biology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.	JEANNETTE NIECIECKA SCHOLARSHIP	\$2,000



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Nicewicz, Karolina of Bayonne, NJ	For first year of graduate studies in School Psychology, St. John's University, Queens, NY.	JEANNETTE NIECIECKA SCHOLARSHIP	\$4,000
Niebylska, Irmina of Hamilton, NJ	For first year of doctoral studies in Physical Therapy, Arcadia University, Glenside, PA.	JEANNETTE NIECIECKA SCHOLARSHIP	\$4,000
Ostrzycki, Wesley of Edison, NJ	For first year of doctoral studies in Physical Therapy, University of Miami, Miami, FL.	JEANNETTE NIECIECKA SCHOLARSHIP	\$5,000
Raj, Erik of Manalapan, NJ	For fourth year of graduate studies in Communication Sciences and Disorders, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.	JEANNETTE NIECIECKA SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000
Szypulski, Stephen of Burlington, NJ	For first year of graduate studies Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, Columbia Univ. NY	JEANNETTE NIECIECKA SCHOLARSHIP	\$5,000
Trochimiuk, Natalie of Mahwah, NJ	For first year of graduate studies in Engineering Management, The George Washington University, Washington, DC.	JEANNETTE NIECIECKA SCHOLARSHIP	\$5,000
Urbaniak, Malgorzata of Elmwood Park, NJ	For second year of graduate studies in Labor Studies and Employment Relations, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.	JEANNETTE NIECIECKA SCHOLARSHIP	\$2,000
Martin J. Kozon of Milwaukee, WI	For second year of graduate studies in East European History, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI.	THE JOSEPH NOWAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,500
Wietecha, Mateusz of Chicago, IL	For seventh year of dual doctoral degree studies, Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) and Ph.D. in Oral Sciences, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL.	THE DR. EDWARD AND MARIA NOWICKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$7,000



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Zborek, Anna of Chicago, IL	For second year of doctoral studies in Dentistry, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL.	THE DR. EDWARD AND MARIA NOWICKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Hennessey, Catherine of Coatsville, PA	For second year of graduate studies in Creative Non-Fiction, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA.	THE JOHN AND MOLLIE PIEKARSKI SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,500
Mienko, Julita of Ridgewood, NY	For first year of studies in Medicine, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.	E.J. SCOTT FUND	\$5,500
Kozlowski, Jessica of Chicago, IL	For first year of studies towards a Physician Assistant degree, Rosalind Franklin University, North Chicago, IL.	EDWARD C. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Marshall, James of Mamaroneck, NY	For second year of graduate studies in Security Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.	EDWARD C. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,000
Maye, Monica of Stamford, CT	For third year of graduate studies in Health Policy Management and Research, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY	RICHARD SOBIERAJ SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$1,500
Kuruszko, Nicole of Brooklyn, NY	For second year of graduate studies in International Affairs, The New School, New York, NY.	RICHARD SOBIERAJ SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,000
Kinzel, Adam of Wauwatosa, WI	For second year of studies in Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI.	RICHARD SOBIERAJ SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000



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Karlin, Samantha of New Fairfield, CT	For first year of studies in International Affairs, Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, MA	POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY FUND OF CONNECTICUT	\$4,000
McCafferty, Elaine of Sandy Hook, CT	For second year of studies in Law, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA.	POLISH HERITAGE SOCIETY FUND OF CONNECTICUT	\$6,000
Miskowicz, Abigail of Charleston, WV	For second year of graduate studies in Theatre Education, Emerson College, Boston, MA.	DR. IRENE S. PYSZKOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$2,500
Feldman, Margaret of Lyndonville, NY	For second year of graduate studies in Business Administration, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY	THE ARTHUR AND HALINA RODZINSKI ORCHESTRAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000
Robak, Tomasz of Chicago, IL	For second year of graduate studies in Piano Performance, Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, MD.	MONICA AND FRANK STANITSKI MUSIC FUND	\$4,000
Orwat, Gregory of Chicopee, MA	For second year of graduate studies in Architecture, Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.	WALTER J. WAJCA SCHOLARSHIP	\$6,000
Czacki, Catherine of San Diego, CA	For third year of graduate studies in Art History, Theory and Criticism, University of California, San Diego, CA.	IRENA AND DAMIAN WANDYCZ SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,500
Eibuszyc-Lederman, Isabel of Calabasa, CA	For second year of graduate studies in Book Art /Printmaking, Univ. of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA.	THE JOSEPH WALL AND IGNATIUS WALL FUND	\$3,500
Kielb, Stephanie of Landisville, PA	For third year of graduate studies in Clinical Psychology, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.	WASIL SCHOLARSHIP	\$2,000



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Ciuchta, Jennifer of Bellefonte, PA	For first year of studies in Osteopathic Medicine, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Blacksburg, VA.	WASIL SCHOLARSHIP	\$4,000
Rosano, Kristen of Rockville, MD	For first year of studies in Medicine, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.	WASIL SCHOLARSHIP	\$5,500
Dym, Warren of Silver Spring, MD	For second year of graduate studies in Security Studies, The Georgetown Univ., Washington, DC.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000
Przybylowicz, Ryle of Webster, NY	For fourth year of studies in Medicine, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$7,000
Witkowska, Anna of Brooklyn, NY	For first year of graduate studies in Global Affairs, New York University, New York, NY.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$4,000
Antoniak, Perla of Silver Spring, MD	For second year of graduate studies in Interior Architecture and Design, The George Washington University, Washington, MD.	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000
Tyski, Anna of Hatboro, PA	For third year of graduate studies in Business Administration, Villanova University, Villanova, PA	THE ZIELINSKI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$7,000
Kęsy, Błażej of Alexandria, VA	For second year of graduate studies in Architecture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA	THE JAN PAUL ZALESKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,500
Dymerska, Malgorzata of New Britain, CT	For second year of studies in Medicine, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.	THE MICHALINA AND HERMAN ZIMBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000



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McAuliffe, Agnes of Manchester, CT	For third year of studies in Osteopathic Medicine, University of New England, Biddeford, ME.	THE MICHALINA AND HERMAN ZIMBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000
Olenderek, Marta of Winter Springs, FL	For third year of studies in Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.	DR. MARIE E. ZAKRZEWSKA MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP	\$3,500
Bazel, Nicolette of Wallington, NJ	For undergraduate sophomore majoring in General Public Health, George Washington University, Washington, DC	POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND	\$800
Cieslar, Oliva of Westwood, NJ	For sophomore year of Pre-Med studies, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.	POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND	\$900
Filochowski, Piotr of Upper Saddle River, NJ	For undergraduate junior majoring in Violin Performance, Curtis Institute of Music, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.	POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND	\$1,000
Marczak, Gabrielle of Colonia, NJ	For sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Liberal Arts, New York University, New York, NY	POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND	\$200
McCormack, Joanna of Westfield, NJ	For sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Liberal Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.	POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND	\$1,200
Ruszala, Dominique of Fairfield, NJ	For sophomore year of undergraduate studies in Animal Behavior, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA.	POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF NORTH JERSEY FUND	\$1,500
Wiszniewska, Izabela of Brooklyn, NY	For junior year of undergraduate studies in Philosophy/Pre-Med, Hunter College, CUNY, New York, NY	POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BROOKLYN, USA, INC. FUND	\$2,000



Name	Purpose	Fund	Amount
Markiewicz, Pawel of Revere, MA	For living expenses during research on Polish-Ukrainian Relations, Institute of History, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland.	TED AND WALTER WYSOCKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND (SPECIAL GRANT)	\$6,300
Wojnar, Karina of Ringwood, NJ	Undergraduate freshman majoring in Economics at Siena College, Loudonville, NY.	CONSTANCE K. GRAY FUND	\$1,620
Van Doren, Alexandra of Champaign, IL	Graduate student majoring in Comparative Literature, Polish Language and Literature at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Champaign, IL.	CONSTANCE K. GRAY FUND	\$1,620

THE YEAR ABROAD IN POLAND PROGRAM

The Year Abroad Program offers American students the opportunity to study Polish language, history, literature, and culture in Poland for college credit at the Undergraduate level at the Jagiellonian University's Center for Polish Language and Culture in the World. The program is sponsored by the Kosciuszko Foundation in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education. Grants are awarded for an academic year or semester. Students received tuition, housing and a monthly stipend towards living expenses from Polish government. The Kosciuszko Foundation awards additional grants as subsidies for living expenses. **Funding is provided by the Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund.**

For the 2014-2015 Academic Year, five American students received \$7,200 in the Year Abroad in Poland Program.



Recipient	Purpose	Amount
Munn, Corinna of New York, NY	Undergraduate senior majoring in History at Columbia University, New York, NY.	\$1,800 <i>full academic year</i>
Podowski, Aleksandra of Chicago, IL	Undergraduate junior majoring in Biology, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL.	\$900 <i>one semester - second semester</i>
Sklodowska-Johnson, Joshua of Chicago, IL	Undergraduate senior majoring in Political Science, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.	\$1,800 <i>full academic year</i>
Watson, Michael of Fairfax, VA	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Economics, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.	\$900 <i>one semester – 2nd semester</i>
Wieczorek, Mark of Philadelphia, PA	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in English, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.	\$1,800 <i>full academic year</i>

GRADUATE/POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN POLAND 2014/2015

In cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education, the Foundation selects and recommends American students and scholars to study and undertake independent research projects in Poland towards Master, Ph.D. or post-doctoral degrees. The program is also open to University faculty who wish to spend a sabbatical conducting research in Poland. Participants receive housing and a stipend for living expenses from the Polish Ministry. Grantees also receive funding from the foundation to subsidize the modest overall grants from the Polish Ministry. **Funding is provided by the Ted and Walter Wysocki Scholarship Fund.**



For the 2014-2015 Academic Year, seven American students and scholars received \$15,300 in Post/Graduate Studies and Research in Poland.

Grantee	Purpose	Amount
Butler, Michael of Worcester MA	Associate Professor of Political Science, Clark University, Worcester, MA. A continuation of a recently initiated book project on humanitarian military intervention titled, "Shunning Strangers: Responsibility to Protect and humanitarian Intervention in Crisis". Research will be conducted at the University of Wroclaw, Institute of International Studies with Dr. Jaroslaw Jarzabek and Dr. Marek Wroblewski.	\$1,200 - 5 months
Daza La Cruz, Yeinny of Forest Hills, NY	First year graduate student majoring in Architecture and Urban Planning, Wroclaw University of Technology. To conduct a series of design studies, surveys and interviews to develop an array of solutions that addresses the urbanization of Wroclaw's present and future footbridges. Research will be conducted at Wroclaw University, Wroclaw with Prof. Alina Drapella-Hermansdorfer.	\$2,700 - 9 months
Fahey, John of Lafayette, IN	Fourth year graduate student majoring in Modern European History at Purdue University, Lafayette, IN. To conduct a study of the interaction between civil and military authorities in the fortified city of Przemysl, Galicia during the late Habsburg Empire and Polish Second Republic. Research will be conducted at the Jagiellonian University Institute of History with Dr. Hab. Piotr Wrobel.	\$2,700 - 9 months
Figus, Elizabeth of Juneau, AK	Third year doctoral student majoring in Fisheries at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK - To study the social and biological perspectives of the Atlantic cod fishery in Poland. The project seeks to determine how the catch share system for cod in Poland addresses biological shifts in the ecosystem. Research will be conducted at the West Pomeranian University of Technology in Szczecin with Prof. Dr. Hab. Inz. Warzyniec Wawrzyniak.	\$600 - 2 months



Mazur, Lucas of Worcester, MA	Fourth year of doctoral studies in Social Psychology, Clark University, Worcester, MA - To research How Perceptions of Difference in Polish and Ukrainian Victimization under the Soviet Union Impact Current Polish Ukrainian Relations. Research will be conducted at the Dept of Psychology, University of Warsaw, with Michal Bilewicz, Ph.D.	\$2,700 - 9 months
Moore Ponszek, Cordelia of Springfield, IL	For first year of graduate studies in International Economics, University of Warsaw, Warsaw. To study the relationship between study exchange programs like Erasmus Mundus and the implementation of normative EU goals in an integration program. Research to be conducted at Warsaw University, Department of Economics with Prof. Adam Szymanski.	\$2,700 - 9 months
Polczynski, Michael of Elm Grove, WI	Fourth year of doctoral studies in History, Georgetown University, Washington, DC. To explore the processes of conflict, mediation, reconciliation, and disparate notions of sovereignty and legitimacy of rule in the forma mixta republican/dynastic imperial milieu of Europe's longest early modern frontier with the Islamic world between 1593-1622. Research will be conducted at the Institute of History, Warsaw University with Prof. Dr. Hab. Dariusz Kolodziejczyk and Prof. Kamil Zajackowski of the Center for European Studies, Warsaw University.	\$2,700 - 9 months

Total Amount: \$15,300

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM 2014

TOMASZKIEWICZ-FLORIO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER STUDIES AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, CRACOW

The Kosciuszko Foundation's Tomasziewicz-Florio Scholarships have been in existence since 1995. It offers a number of scholarships to students to attend programs dedicated to study of Polish language, history and culture at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. Each program consists of morning language classes from Monday through Friday, afternoon lectures, and sightseeing trips on weekends. A Jagiellonian University Polish Language Certificate is awarded to all students who pass their final language exams



and meet attendance requirements. Students who have intermediate or advanced language skills may take the State Certification Exam of Polish as a Foreign Language. The exam is recognized as the test of Polish language proficiency worldwide. *The Scholarship covers the program fees such as: tuition, course materials, a shared room, three meals per day and sightseeing.*

During Summer 2014, 20 students received Tomasziewicz-Florio scholarships for the total amount of \$32,400

Name	Status	Scholarship
Barnak, Kamila of Chicago, IL	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Health Sciences, DePaul University, Chicago, IL.	\$1,620
Blaszkiewicz, Anna of Alexandria, VA	High school senior at West Potomac High School, Alexandria, VA.	\$1,620
Borowski, Kyle of Fanwood, NJ	High school senior at Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains, NJ.	\$1,620
Buszka, Collin of Lancaster, NY	Undergraduate junior majoring in History at Daemen College, Amherst, NY.	\$1,620
Cepak, Paul of Morris Plains, NJ	Undergraduate freshman majoring in Finance at University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.	\$1,620
Chmielewski, Paulina of Chicopee, MA	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Nursing at Elms College, Chicopee, MA	\$1,620
Feeney, Caroline of Norway, ME	Senior at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris, ME.	\$1,620
Glotzer, Magdalena of Chicago, IL	Undergraduate freshman majoring in Liberal Arts at Carleton College, Northfield, MN.	\$1,620
Jagielski, Zachary of Centerville, OH	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Philosophy and Political Science at University of San Diego, San Diego, CA.	\$1,620



Kowalczyk, Ewa of Elizabeth, NJ	Undergraduate freshman majoring in Biochemistry at Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.	\$1,620
Koziol, Klaudia of Maspeth, NY	Undergraduate junior majoring in Biology at New York University, New York, NY.	\$1,620
Kruszewski, Emily of Bala Cynwyd, PA	Undergraduate junior majoring in Nursing at the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.	\$1,620
McCormack, Joanna of Westfield, NJ	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Pharmacy at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University, Boston, MA.	\$1,620
Mieleszko, Joanna of Arverne, NY	Undergraduate junior majoring in Eastern and Central European Studies at Hunter College, New York, NY.	\$1,620
Polubiec, April of Croton on Hudson, NY	Undergraduate junior majoring in Nutrition and Food Science at Hunter College, New York, NY.	\$1,620
Poslinski, Dominique of Elma, NY	Undergraduate junior majoring in Business Administration at University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.	\$1,620
Simon, Agnieszka of Elkins Park, PA	Senior at Cheltenham High School, Wyncote, PA.	\$1,620
Tyminski, Camila of Boston, MA	Undergraduate senior majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Boston University, Boston, MA.	\$1,620
Wac, Katarzyna of Toms River, NJ	Undergraduate freshman majoring in Global Studies at Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ.	\$1,620
Zakrzewski, Victoria of Wood Dale, IL	Undergraduate sophomore majoring in Art & Design and Biology at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.	\$1,620



GRANT FUNDING FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF POLAND FOR 2014

Special Tuition Scholarships for Undergraduate Students Awarded

The Kosciuszko Foundation secured \$52,000 in grant funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland to expand its scholarship program in 2014. A Special Tuition Scholarships for Undergraduate Students Program was offered and was co-sponsored by the Kosciuszko Foundation. A \$2,000 scholarships were offered to 30 undergraduate students studying in the USA and pursuing degrees at the intersection of media, communication, political science, social studies, law and administration. Students seeking career in media, government, and public affairs were particularly encouraged to apply. The Program was opened for full-time undergraduate students, U.S. citizens or permanent residents with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Scholarships were merit-based and awarded for academic achievement, leadership qualities, motivation, interest in Polish subjects, and involvement in the Polish American community. Out of 79 applicants, 30 candidates were approved by the KF Scholarship Committee to receive an award. They are as follows:

1. Veronica Benduski, Senior majoring in English Literature and International Studies, Northwestern University, IL
2. Robert Borowik, Junior majoring in Secondary Education, History, Economics, Marquette University, WI
3. Paul Cepak, Freshman majoring in Political Science, University of Notre Dame, IN
4. Natalie Dobek, Junior majoring in Economics, Florida State University, FL
5. Patrick Dykiert, Freshman, Undecided, (focus on Political Science), Carnegie Mellon University, PA
6. Veronika Gajer, Senior majoring in Communications, American University, Washington, D.C.
7. Kimberly Grinberg, Senior majoring in American Studies, Penn State University, Berks Campus, PA



8. Maya Grodzka, Freshman majoring in International Studies, Boston College, MA
9. Emily Helenbrook, Junior majoring in Political science and Vocal Performance, University of Rochester, NY
10. Keresa A. Howard, Freshman, Undecided (focus on Communications, Business, Polish Language), Barnard College of Columbia University, NY
11. Alex Jastrzab, Sophomore majoring in Financial Economics with concentration in Mathematics and Political Science, Columbia University, NY
12. Klaudia Jazwinska, Freshman majoring in Journalism and Global Studies, Lehigh University, PA
13. Alexandra Kalinowski, Freshman majoring in Biology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
14. Anna Konopka, Senior majoring in Allied Health Communications/Pharmacy at University of Connecticut, CT
15. Diana Kosianka, Junior majoring in Media Studies: Journalism, History, Hunter College, NY
16. Katherine Kucharski, Senior majoring in International Affairs, George Washington University in Washington, DC
17. Gabriela Kulpa, Junior majoring in Accounting, Hunter College, NY
18. Aleksandra Kurzydowski, Sophomore majoring in Economics (Political Economy Track) and East European Regional Studies with a concentration in Polish, Barnard College of Columbia University, NY
19. Andrzej Madry, Freshman majoring in Finance, Loyola University Chicago, IL
20. Urszula Nielsen, Junior majoring in Politics, University of Virginia, VA
21. Camilla Ostrzycki, Senior majoring in Art, Pace University, NY
22. Clarissa V. Pawlica, Junior majoring in History and Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia, VA
23. Katherine Rivard, Senior majoring in Culture and Politics, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.



24. Natalie Szczepaniak, Junior majoring in Slavic Languages and Literature and International Studies, Northwestern University, IL
25. Mariusz Szczepaniak, Junior majoring in Social Studies Education, Wayne State University, MI
26. Aleksandra Szczesna, Sophomore majoring in Political Science, University of Mary Washington, VA
27. Natasha Todd, Senior majoring in Music Industry, University of Southern California, CA
28. Weronika Wasilewski, Junior majoring in Learning and Organizational Change, Psychology, Northwestern University, IL
29. Marta Wojcik, Sophomore majoring in Commercial Photography, LaGuardia Community College, NY
30. Patryk Wyrzykowski, Sophomore majoring in Political Science/ Economics, The Pennsylvania State University, PA

Out of 30 scholarships, 26 were sponsored by the grant from the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and 4 scholarships were funded by the Kosciuszko Foundation from the following funds:

- \$2,000 from Pyszkowski Fund to Mariusz Szczepaniak
- \$2,000 from Pyszkowski Fund to Robert Borowik
- \$2,000 from Wall Fund to Urszula Nielsen
- \$2,000 form Piekarski Fund to Klaudia Jazwinska

Teaching English in Poland Program

By Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D.

Making connections between the United States and Poland and fostering mutual understanding and appreciation is at the heart of the Kosciuszko Foundation's mission. The Teaching English in Poland (TEIP) program effectively fosters these types of meaningful ties through its educational and cultural camps. For twenty-four years, the TEIP program has brought together American volunteers and Polish young people for a truly unique intercultural experience. This year, 64 American teachers and teaching assistants from 25 states volunteered for the program, which served over 300 students from throughout Poland. The Teaching



English in Poland program was supported by the NIDA Foundation (Nidzicka Fundacja Rozwoju) with the honorary patronage of UNESCO and the financial assistance of local governments in Poland. For example, the camp at Nadwarciański Gród in Załęcze Wielkie received direct support from the marshal of Łódź.

From its inception, the Teaching English in Poland program has been conceptualized as a mutually educative experience for participants from both the United States in Poland. The Polish students benefit greatly from the instruction in conversational English and interaction with American culture provided by their American teachers and assistants. Similarly, the American volunteers learn a great deal about Poland from the students at their camps and from field trips and tours while in Poland. New this year, the American volunteers visited the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw and received educational materials from the Jan Karski Educational Foundation, which donated several copies of Karski's memoir, *Story of a Secret State*, to each camp. Both American and Polish participants learned about the history and work of the Kosciuszko Foundation through the traveling KF exhibit which was on display at the TEIP camps in Załęcze and Mińsk Mazowiecki.

Spreading the word about the Teaching English in Poland program is a key objective as the program prepares to celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2015. Program Director Mary Kay Pieski, Ph.D., and Assistant Director, Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D. presented a history and overview of the TEIP program at the World Congress of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America (PIASA) conference which took place in Warsaw on June 20-23, 2014. Ms. Antonina Geras, a former student participant at one of the TEIP camps, served as a guest speaker during the presentation. She shared how her interactions at the camp had strengthened her confidence in using the English language. Ms. Geras is currently a doctoral student in engineering in Warsaw.

This summer's program prospered with the assistance of numerous individuals who volunteered their time and talent. Five individuals with broad leadership experience and expertise in the field of education and teacher preparation led the camps as American Staff leaders:

- Dr. Anita Levine, Assistant Professor of Education at SUNY Oneonta (Otwock camp)
- Dr. Joseph Polizzi, Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Education Department at Marywood University (Mińsk Mazowiecki camp)
- Thomas Rusnak, retired drama teacher from Chicago, Illinois (Załęcze- Nadwarciański Gród)
- Dawn Woyak, veteran teacher in Albuquerque, New Mexico (Załęcze- Nadwarciański Gród)
- Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education at Villanova University (Pińczów camp)

This year, Marywood University provided extensive support for the Teaching English in Poland program through the efforts of Dr. Joe Polizzi, who recruited ten students to serve as teachers and teaching assistants. Dr. Polizzi's ten-year-old daughter, Lily,



accompanied him to Poland and served as a peer tutor at the camp in Minsk Mazowiecki. Dr. Mary Kay Pieski, TEIP Program Director, traveled to each of the camps as a representative of the Kosciuszko Foundation to oversee implementation and support new participants. Mrs. Bonnie Snively of Homeworth, Ohio, and Mr. Kacper Madej of Warsaw, Poland accompanied Dr. Pieski, assisting her with administrative duties and camp photography as volunteers. Mr. Madej produced an informative and engaging 12-minute video on the 2014 TEIP program which will be available on the Kosciuszko Foundation website. During the staff recruitment and selection process, Amy Lennon, Betsy Pratt, and Monica Sincel from Ohio provided invaluable help with organizational tasks and paperwork. In Poland, Kosciuszko Foundation President Professor John Micgiel and Warsaw representative Dr. Piotr Wilczek extended warm Polish hospitality as they greeted the American volunteers at the airport and met with them in Otwock and Warsaw, respectively.

As planning begins for next year's program, its directors draw inspiration from the positive feedback shared by participants. One of the Polish student participants in the camp in Pińczów shared: "This camp is simply the best holiday activity ever. All the activities and classes were unforgettable. I will remember the whole camp for years." Mr. Tom Rusnak, who served as the American staff leader of the Arts Enriched English Language Camp in Załęczce Wielkie, shared the following reflection:

"The camp exceeded all expectations. We brought an American staff of 22 to a camp of almost 120 students for a three week foray into the use of the English language to describe and analyze work they produced artistically. The language was as much a tool as the pencil, musical instrument or paint brush. Students used both language and artistic skill in an enthusiastic and productive manner. We had a 20% increase in enrollment from 2013. In fact, there was a waiting list. We're doing something right. We had some very skilled teachers and motivated teaching assistants at the camp. Our staff included working professional musicians and Thespians who brought their life experience and training to the program. All were happy to share their talents to a group of students eager to learn new things. No success can be claimed without the inclusion of our devoted Polish host, Pani Krystyna Mikita and her dedicated Polish staff."

Annual Dinner and Ball

On April 25th, 2015, The Kosciuszko Foundation celebrated the 90th anniversary of its establishment, the 80th Annual Dinner and Ball, the 70th anniversary of the Kosciuszko House and the 45th anniversary of the Summer Sessions in Poland, and 25 years of the Teaching English in Poland Program.

First Lady of Poland, Mrs. Anna Komorowska was that year's Ball Honorary Chairwoman, while Mrs. Christine Kuskowski and Dr.



Mary Kay Pieski were the Chairwomen of the Ball.

The Kosciuszko Foundation Medal of Recognition was awarded to one of Poland's best-known film directors, and a former KF fellowship recipient – Juliusz Machulski. During the Ball, also honored were: Mrs. Wanda Senko for her lifetime contributions to the enrichment of the KF (KF Pioneer Award Recipient), Dr. Zbigniew Darzynkiewicz, the founder and chief organizer of the KF's Collegium of Eminent Scientists (Spirit of the KF Award), and Mr. Sigmund Rolat, Holocaust survivor for his contributions on behalf of the KF to International Peace and Understanding (Spirit of the KF Award).

Under the patronage of Juliana Fazio, Honorary Chairwoman of the Debutante Council and Dawn Polewac, Chairwoman of the Debutante Council who served as 2015 Debutante Patroness four young ladies: Christina Lee Baker, Alexandra Marian Baker, Barbara Ann Baker and Natalia Claire Kolasa were presented as debutantes at the ball.

The Annual Dinner and Ball functions as an opportunity for friends and supporters of the Kosciuszko Foundation to gather and honor those who have made significant contributions to the arts, sciences, history, and literature, as well as to honor young women, bright, talented and ambitious, who seek to walk in the footsteps of those honored.

Guests in attendance this year watched as the masters of ceremonies guided the Ball through a host of traditions, such as the chorus of trumpeters from the Fanfare Squadron of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and the singing of Polish and the United States National Anthems by Dr. Ewa Plonka, Mezzo-soprano. The Polish American Folk Dance Company led the guests in the traditional Polonaise.

Affiliate Groups

Affiliate Groups play an important role in furthering the Kosciuszko Foundation's goals. They comprise of individuals who are focused on certain special interests within the broader activities of the Kosciuszko Foundation, and often feature their own membership rosters and officers, addressing many of the Foundation's specific needs.

The National Advisory Council

The National Advisory Council is composed of several individual members of the Kosciuszko Foundation, as well as presidents of



the Kosciuszko Foundation's nine Chapters. The Council is designed to benefit from broad representation throughout the United States providing the Board of Trustees with valuable advice on how to expand membership and donations, by highlighting and discussing current trends amongst the Foundation's target groups, and developing ideas on how to attract new membership and donations given these trends. Its members are longtime Foundation members who have their finger on the pulse of the Foundation, its philosophy, and its future.

Chapters of the Kosciuszko Foundation

The Kosciuszko Foundation chapters play a vital role in maintaining the Foundation's reputation as a nationwide organization. Run strictly by local volunteers who commit considerable time and effort to the task of soliciting members in their geographic areas, organizing local concerts, awards banquets, and other key fundraising events, representatives of the Kosciuszko Foundation's nine chapters act as local ambassadors, promoting the Foundation's mission in local regions.

Through the participation of local chapter presidents on the National Advisory Council, chapters also help keep the Board of Trustees, officers, and staff informed of local trends in local communities.

The Pro Arte League

For all those visitors to the Foundation House who find it an aesthetic and hospitable place to visit, they can thank the Pro Arte League.

Founded by women members of the Kosciuszko Foundation in 1970 with a mission to raise funds for the preservation and beautification of the public rooms for the Kosciuszko Foundation house, the Pro Arte League has played an indispensable role in keeping the Foundation House in its current pristine condition. Beginning with fashion show fundraisers in the early part of its history, the League now uses its annual fundraising luncheon as a showcase for young Polish-American musicians and other fine Polish and Polish American performing artists.

The Polish American Teachers Association

Polish American Teachers Association (PATA) was founded in 1973 in order to help accurately inform the American public about Poland and the role and contributions of Polish Americans in American society. PATA's relationship with the Kosciuszko Foundation



began shortly after formation.

PATA sponsors a rich schedule of events and activities, including essay and visual arts competitions. One of its more popular programs include a storytelling competition, during which students of Polish heritage who attend Polish supplementary schools gather at the Kosciuszko Foundation in March to tell stories from Polish folklore.

PATA also holds the popular Annual *Mikolajki*/St. Nicholas Day celebration, which teaches children about traditional Polish Christmas celebrations. PATA has also been a reliable supporter of the Foundation's Teaching English in Poland Program, through regular cash contributions as well as Program volunteers.

The Debutante Council

The presentation of young ladies to the community and into society at the Kosciuszko Foundation's Annual Dinner and Ball in April of each year has been the highlight of the Foundation's calendar of events since it was introduced in 1941. The Debutante Council prepares those young ladies for presentation at the Ball.

The Council is comprised of women of Polish descent who also have longstanding relationships with the Kosciuszko Foundation. The Council invites young women between the ages of 16 and 25 who have shown scholastic achievement and a record of community service to participate as debutantes. The Council members prepare them for their appearance through meetings and a special luncheon. The Debutante presentation is a highlight of the Annual Dinner and Ball, instilling young women with a sense of traditional values, education and conduct in a sophisticated social setting. It is an exciting and elegant experience, creating memories that last a lifetime.