

Skalny Teaching Grant at the University of Rochester 2025

Pursuant to an Agreement between the Jagiellonian University and the University of Rochester, the Dean of the College at the University of Rochester and the Director of the Skalny Center for Polish and Central European Studies are pleased to announce **one-semester teaching fellowship at the University of Rochester, which is available for Spring 2025 and Fall 2025.**

Applications will be considered *in all fields of the humanities and social sciences.*

The University of Rochester is a private research university in a mid-size industrial city, with a generous endowment left by George Eastman, the founder of Eastman Kodak. In 1994, the University of Rochester established a Center for Polish and Central European Studies with a gift from the Skalny Foundation. Since 1995, numerous Jagiellonian University professors have taught and resided at the University of Rochester for at least one semester.

The Skalny Center for Polish Studies and the Dean of the College at the University of Rochester are requesting applications from Jagiellonian University faculty **who hold the Ph.D. degree for semester-long teaching visits.** One position is available in the spring and one in the fall semester in the 2025 calendar year. The spring semester runs from mid-January through mid-May, and the fall semester runs from late August through late December.

Conditions of Appointment

Residence

A visiting professor is expected to arrive 2-5 days prior to the beginning of the semester. Prior to departing from campus the visiting professor will submit all students' grades to the University Registrar. Grades are due a few days following the final examination. Appointments for the spring semester end after Commencement, which is held on the third or fourth Sunday in May. We can generally accommodate candidates who prefer to arrive earlier and/or stay longer.

Teaching

The recipient of the grant will teach one course (4 credits) in the Skalny Center for Polish and Central European Studies which will be listed with one of the departments in the social sciences or the humanities in the College. The Center is open to proposals to offer courses in any of those fields, but we would prefer that one of the visitors be able to offer a course in Polish history.

Public Lectures and Advising

In addition to teaching one four-credit course, the Visiting Professor supported by the Skalny grant will be expected to give a public lecture to the University community and the local Polish-American community. He or she could also be asked to advise students wishing to study in Poland and interested in pursuing degrees in the field of Polish studies. He or she may also occasionally be asked to participate in a special program.

Application

The candidates must have excellent English skills. Prior experience teaching in the United States is beneficial, but not required. The application should include:

1. A letter outlining academic interests and reasons for applying. Please indicate whether you are available for Spring 2025, Fall 2025, or either semester.
2. Curriculum vitae of the applicant with list of publications.
3. Two or three proposed course titles and short descriptions followed by lecture or discussion topics for 14 weeks of classes.
4. Two or three titles of a proposed public lecture.
5. Two letters of recommendation from colleagues in the same academic field from Poland or abroad. The letters may be in English, Polish, German or Russian.
6. Nomination letter issued by the exchange coordinator in the International Relations Office of Jagiellonian University.

University of Rochester courses are taught for 14 weeks at 3 hours per week: either 3 times per week, 50 min each meeting, or twice for 75 min. each class (standard for a semester-length course). The standard format is a combination of lecture and discussion.

Conditions of appointment

Stipend: The visiting professor will receive a stipend of \$20,000 for the semester.

The grant compensation represents compensation for teaching one 4-credit course and giving public lectures at the Skalny Lecture and Artist Series. The grant will ordinarily be prorated if the residence period in Rochester is shortened, but exceptions are possible in special circumstances.

Visa and Health Insurance

The Dean will appoint the successful applicant as a Visiting Professor at the University of Rochester. This appointment will allow the Immigration Office to issue a visa to the candidate for the duration of appointment. The candidate will have to provide evidence of health insurance coverage.

Housing

The University provides, subject to availability, a two-bedroom furnished apartment on campus. Visiting professors may be accompanied by their families. The visiting professor has the option of finding alternative accommodations off campus, but in that case the Center will not be able to provide additional funds for housing.

The deadline for the applications: June 10, 2024

Selection of Candidates

The candidates will be interviewed by Professor Randall Stone in June 2024. The selection and appointment of the Jagiellonian Visiting Professors will be made by July 15, 2024.

Please contact the Skalny Center Administrative Assistant, Dr. Bozena Sobolewska, (bsobolew@ur.rochester.edu), with any questions pertaining to this announcement.

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