

# MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

## AT PALACKÝ UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC



### SUPERVISOR

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Associate professor of **Czech literature** and **head of**

**the Department of Czech Studies** at Palacký University in Olomouc. He specializes in 20th and 21st century Czech prose, particularly the interwar and post-1989 periods. He has published studies on interwar literature, a monograph on Karel Poláček, and collaborates with the Institute of Czech Literature of the Czech Academy of Sciences. His research also focuses on the **small-town literary setting in Central Europe** and the evolution of the historical novel since 1945.

### CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate of a PhD degree in Philology
- Expertise in literary history, narratology, literary topology, and genre studies
- Ability to collaborate and adapt in communication and teamwork
- Proposal of an original project, including methodology and objectives
- Clear vision of the project's practical application and usefulness
- Knowledge of the Czech language at least on the level of B2 CEFR

Submit a **research outline** (including research objectives, novelty, state of the art and references), **CV** with **5 most important publications** of the 5 last years to: [erik.gilk@upol.cz](mailto:erik.gilk@upol.cz) by **6.4.2025**.

Potential candidates need to have held a doctoral degree (Ph.D.) for **no longer than 8 years** and have **not resided in the Czech Republic for more than 12 months** during the **last 3 years**, at the time of the deadline.

### DEPARTMENT OF CZECH STUDIES

The **Department of Czech Studies** in Olomouc is one of the oldest and top Czech studies institutions in the country. It offers bachelor's and master's degrees in Czech philology, including textology and editorial practice, with options for pedagogical qualifications. The department collaborates with leading researchers, engages in international projects, and organizes conferences shaping current literary and linguistic research. It publishes the peer-reviewed journal *Bohemica Olomucensia* and participates in international educational programs.

### PREFERRED RESEARCH TOPICS

- The small-town literary setting in 20th-century prose
- Historical fiction and counterfactual historical narrative
- Artistic expressions of postmodernism
- The interrelation of literary history and literary criticism

### GRANT OFFICE FF UP

- MSCA PF project management **support**
- **Anna Lukešová** ([anna.lukesova@upol.cz](mailto:anna.lukesova@upol.cz))

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PROPOSAL,  
**THREE**  
CHANCES TO  
GET FUNDED!

**1**

**MSCA Funding**  
score > 93 %

**2**

**ERA Fellowship**  
score > 91 %

Funding chance for  
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Widening country  
(Czechia)

**3**

**MSCA CZ**  
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Czech structural  
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80 % applicants

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### WHAT IS MSCA PF?

The **Postdoctoral Fellowship** within the framework of **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA PF)** is a program supporting postdoctoral researchers in **developing their careers** and fostering their **excellence in research**. To achieve this goal, the program offers **talented early-career scholars** to carry out their **research abroad** while covering the costs of such mobility. MSCA postdoctoral fellows realise individual projects in close **cooperation with a supervisor** at the host institution. Interdisciplinary projects and involvement of non-academic sector (through secondments) are encouraged.

### MSCA PF CONDITIONS

- Postdocs with **no more than 8 years since PhD** termination at the time of submission deadline
- **Costs covered:** living and mobility allowance; family allowance (if applicable); research, training and networking activities; management and indirect costs related to the project
- Optional **short-term secondments** anywhere in the world within the duration of the project
- Optional additional **placement in a non-academic organisation** for max. 6 months after finishing the project

### EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP

- Project of 12-24 months realised directly at **Palacký University Olomouc** in Czechia
- For researchers of **any nationality**
- **Previous residence** in Czechia for max. 12 months in the past 3 years

### GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP

- Project of 12-24 months realised **outside of the EU + return phase** of 12 months **to Palacký University**
- For **citizens** and **long-term residents** of the **EU** and Horizon Europe **Associated Countries** only
- **Previous residence** in the chosen third country for max. 12 months in the past 3 years

### PALACKÝ UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC

- is **one of the top Czech universities** according to international rankings
- is holding the European Commission's **HR Excellence in Research Award**
- is part of **European universities networks** (AURORA) fostering international collaboration
- provides **modern infrastructure** in various disciplines of natural as well as social sciences
- offers essential **services to its employees**, including Social Security and Health insurance, childcare services or employees benefits
- **higher chances to succeed** in MSCA PF due to **WIDERA schemes** within Horizon Europe

### FACULTY OF ARTS (FF UP)

- offers **interdisciplinary expertise** due to its specialisation in a wide range of **humanities and social sciences**
- provides with **modern facilities** in the heart of the beautiful **historical city of Olomouc**

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## MSCA PF 2025 TIMELINE AT FF UP

**MARCH 5, 2025**  
Introductory Workshop



**MARCH**

### MSCA PF Boost It UP

Online Preparatory Course  
for MSCA PF Applicants  
(March-June 2025)

**APRIL 2025**

Workshop 1: Excellence (APRIL 2)  
Workshop 2: Impact (APRIL 30)



**APRIL**



### MSCA PF Coffee Meetings

Every Wednesday at 9 AM CET  
Discussing Project Proposals  
(March-June 2025)

**MAY 28, 2025**

Workshop 3: Implementation



**MAY**

**JUNE 25, 2025**

Workshop 4: Part B2



**JUNE**



### Consultations & Feedback

According to Individual Needs  
(March-September 2025)

**JULY 2025**

Feedback on Parts B1 & B2



**JULY**

**AUGUST 2025**

Proposal Finalisation



**AUGUST**

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**



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