**Roman Jakobson PhD fellowship in cultural sociology**

This PhD fellowship is intended for outstanding international students enrolled in the [sociology PhD programme](https://soc.fss.muni.cz/studies/phd_studies) at [Masaryk University](https://www.muni.cz/en) who conduct research in the area of cultural sociology, broadly construed. We particularly welcome proposals showing a commitment to meaning-centered analysis and a non-reductionist account of culture (e.g. working with the Strong Program in cultural sociology). The fellowship is named after Roman Jakobson, a Russian linguist who came in 1920 to the former Czechoslovakia for his PhD and taught from 1933 to 1939 as professor at the Slavic Studies Department of Masaryk University in Brno. After the war, he became professor at Harvard University as well as a founder and major figure of the structuralist intellectual movement, which had a profound impact on human sciences, and cultural sociology in particular.

Financial arrangements: Monthly stipend of 12000 CZK (approx. 465 Euro at present exchange rate, netto) for a period of up to 48 months conditioned upon positive evaluation of the student’s annual progress report. The fellowship includes full tuition waiver for up to 4 years under the same condition. The department offers – on a competitive basis – a [number of additional fellowships](https://soc.fss.muni.cz/studies/phd_studies), research and teaching assistantships to support students’ intellectual development, research and dissertation writing.

Application procedure: students apply for admission into the Sociology programme following procedures outlined [here](https://www.fss.muni.cz/media/3121823/call_en_spring_2019.pdf) and indicate in their dissertation proposal that they want to be considered for this fellowship. Decisions on the fellowship applications are made within one week of the admission interview.

NOTE: It is recommended that non-EU students take a Czech language course during their first year of study in order to help ensure smoother visa processing. For example, at least two semesters of option C3 in the following offer from Masaryk University are recommended: <https://www.phil.muni.cz/kabcest/en/czech-language-courses.php>. Financial aid may be available on a case-by-case basis to help cover the cost of the course.