

Competition for the Post of Professor or Professor of the Institute in the Humanities, department of “Acceptance, rejection, helping those in need. Western societies facing totalitarianism and authoritarianism (the example of Germany, Switzerland, and the USA)” at the Witold Pilecki Institute of Solidarity and Valor

Offer ref. no. OBNT/003/1/2025

INSTITUTION: Witold Pilecki Institute of Solidarity and Valor

CITY: Warsaw

POST: Professor or Professor of the Institute in the Humanities, department of “Acceptance, rejection, helping those in need. Western societies facing totalitarianism and authoritarianism (the example of Germany, Switzerland, and the USA)”

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE: History

DATE OF OFFER ANNOUNCEMENT: 4 June 2025

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFERS: 30 July 2025

WEBSITE LINK: www.instytutpileckiego.pl

KEYWORDS: history of the 20th century; Central Europe; authoritarian and totalitarian regimes; historical anthropology; microhistory; regional history; culture and counterculture; everyday life

EMPLOYMENT TYPE: Employment contract

WORKING HOURS: Full-time

Core requirements:

1. Academic degree of Doctor Habilitatus or Professor of the Humanities in the field of History.
2. Achievements in academic activities related to the history of the 20th century, in particular the history of relations between the societies and authorities of Western Europe and North America and the communities and authorities of Central Europe in the broader context of supporting communities under authoritarian and totalitarian

rule, including the defense of human rights, aid for movements contesting authority, official and unofficial cultural and academic cooperation, economic support, barriers and facilitators in migration decision-making.

3. International publications.
4. Managing research projects financed by grant agencies and ministries (e.g., NCN, NAWA, MNiSW, MKiDN, or relevant foreign agencies) and participating in the implementation of research projects financed by grant agencies.
5. Knowledge of two modern foreign languages, including active knowledge of both spoken and written English that enable the candidate to deliver academic presentations and prepare academic texts in that language.
6. Experience of work in archives both in Poland and other countries.
7. Experience of speaking and appearing in public.
8. An expression of willingness in the form of a statement to be employed at the Pilecki Institute as the primary place of employment on a full-time basis; readiness to submit statements in accordance with the Law on Higher Education and Science, authorizing the Institute to count the candidate among employees conducting scientific activities (number N) and to demonstrate the scientific achievements of the candidate for the purpose of the evaluation of scientific activities.

Additional criteria:

1. Experience of international academic co-operation.
2. Completed internships, fellowships or other forms of scientific activity in scientific units in Poland and abroad.
3. Education obtained outside Poland, higher education in disciplines other than history or completed specialized professional courses.
4. Experience in the field of popularizing history.
5. Experience in academic supervision of young researchers.

Documents required from candidates:

1. Cover letter of no more than 3,500 characters with spaces, including the reference number of the relevant offer, as well as information on research interests and research plans for the next 4 years in the context of the Institute's mission, a description of the 5 most important scientific achievements to date;

2. Curriculum vitae including breaks in work and academic work;
3. Documents confirming education and academic titles or degrees held;
4. List of the 5 most important scientific achievements in the last 6 years (for women, each birth of a child extends this period by one year);
5. List of all of the candidate's publications;
6. List of all research projects in which the candidate has participated, with a detailed description of the role;
7. Signed declaration as to acceptance of the terms and conditions of the competition organized by the Pilecki Institute;
8. Signed declaration as to provision of consent to the processing of personal data by the Pilecki Institute, in the following wording as appears in the annex to this offer;
9. Signed declaration to the effect that, in the event of being selected in the competition, the candidate shall recognize the Pilecki Institute as his/her essential (primary) place of employment, as well as a statement of readiness to make the declarations referred to in point 8 of the core requirements of the competition;
10. Application for employment at the Institute, including mailing address and contact information (e-mail address and telephone number).

If the candidate voluntarily provides data other than the essential items for participation in the recruitment process, the following consent to its processing is required:

– for ordinary data: *“I consent to the processing of my personal data contained in my (e.g., CV, cover letter, or other attached documents) by the Witold Pilecki Institute of Solidarity and Valor in the recruitment process for the position of...”*

– in the case of special categories of data: *“I consent to the processing of special categories of my personal data referred to in Article 9(1) of the GDPR, contained in my (e.g. CV, cover letter or other attached documents) by the Witold Pilecki Institute of Solidarity and Valor in the recruitment process for the position of...”*.

Applications:

The competition application and documents confirming the qualifications of candidates shall be elaborated in Polish, while any original foreign-language documents shall have to be translated into Polish.

Persons interested in the competition are requested to send in the abovementioned documents:

- in electronic format to the e-mail address: rekrutacja.obnt@instytutpileckiego.pl including the offer reference number, position and department/working group name in the subject field.

by 24:00, 30 July 2025.

Contact regarding the announcement: by e-mail or 600 902 938 or 880 789 494.

The competition shall comprise the following stages:

1. Evaluation by the Committee of applications and accompanying documents regarding formalities, and a substantive evaluation of the fulfillment of the conditions of education and qualifications of the candidate.
2. After evaluating the submitted documents, the Committee may conduct interviews with candidates who meet the formal requirements specified in the competition announcement. Only selected candidates shall be invited to the interview. Candidates will be informed of the date of the interview by phone or e-mail.
3. The Academic Council of the Institute shall give its opinion on the qualifications of the successful candidate for a scientific position.
4. Employment of the candidate selected in the competition shall be by order of the Director of the Institute.

If the Competition Committee finds that none of the candidates meets the requirements, the competition shall remain unresolved.

Interviews with selected candidates will be conducted in either Polish or English.

Informational materials concerning the functioning and the activities of the Witold Pilecki Institute of Solidarity and Valor are available on the website: www.instytutpileckiego.pl

Please be advised that the Witold Pilecki Institute of Solidarity and Valor enables the reporting of violations of the law in accordance with the "Procedure for reporting violations

of the law and taking follow-up action,” pursuant to the Act of June 14, 2024, on the protection of whistleblowers.

The full text of the procedure is available on the website of the Witold Pilecki Institute of Solidarity and Valor:

<https://instytutpileckiego.pl/pl/procedura-dokonywania-zgloszen>

Declaration on the provision of consent to the processing of personal data, together with an informational clause

I, the undersigned, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6, Subparagraph 1, Letter a) of the GDPR, hereby consent to the processing by the Witold Pilecki Institute of Solidarity and Valor of my personal data included in the application documents for purposes related to the recruitment process for the position of

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 13, Subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), I have been informed that:

- 1) The controller of the personal data of persons applying for employment is the Witold Pilecki Institute of Solidarity and Valor with its seat at 17 Foksal Street, 00-372 Warsaw;
- 2) The Data Protection Officer of the Institute may be contacted at the following address: iodo@instytutpileckiego.pl, and also at the address of the personal data controller;
- 3) My personal data are processed pursuant to the provisions of Article 6, Subparagraph 1, Letter a) of the GDPR, that is, on the basis of my consent, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 6, Subparagraph 1, Letter c) and Article 9, Subparagraph 2, Letter b) of the GDPR in connection with the implementation of the provisions of the Labor Code;
- 4) I am entitled to withdraw my consent to the processing of personal data at any time, however this shall be without effect for the legality of processing performed on the basis of said consent prior to withdrawal thereof;
- 5) My personal data may be made available to entities duly authorized or entrusted by the controller with the processing of data (among the legal department, entities handling servers, electronic mail and postal services), and entities duly authorized by law;
- 6) My personal data will not be transferred to third countries or international organizations in the meaning of the provisions of Article 4, Point 26 of the GDPR;
- 7) My personal data will be stored for a period of 3 months from the final date of the recruitment process, and in the case of the conclusion of an employment contract – for the period of employment, while after its completion – for the period required by law for employee records;
- 8) I have the following rights related to the processing of my personal data:
 - a) The right to access and correct the content of personal data;
 - b) The right to request deletion or the limitation of processing of personal data;
 - c) The right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority: the President of the (Polish) Personal Data Protection Office;
- 9) My personal data shall not be used in automated decision-making systems, or for the purposes of profiling;

The provision of my personal data is voluntary, however it is required for the purposes of the recruitment process. The non-provision of personal data will make it impossible to participate in the recruitment process.

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(Date and signature)