REGULATIONS OF THE YOUNG MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION SCHOLARS MENTORING PROGRAM

Target group: MA and PhD students whose interests and research experience oscillate around broadly understood media and social communication. The project planned under the Program must fall within the discipline of social communication and media studies.

Organizer: Polish Communication Association, Forum of Young Media Scholars and Communicologists

Number of mentees in a given edition: maximum 20 mentees.

Duration of cooperation: 12 months; calendar year 2027.

Purposes of the program:

- recognition of potential, support and guidance of young researchers by experienced scientists (mentors);
- analysis and evaluation of the results of the work of young researchers;
- building master-student partnerships;
- creating an atmosphere for scientific dialogue;
- shaping good practice in science.

General rules of the program:

- the chairman of the PCA research section, a person nominated by the chairman from a specific section, and any independent researcher who is a member of the PCA may become a mentor. Based on the recruitment results, a list of Mentors available within a given edition is created. Information about the mentor will be disseminated by FMMiK;
- during the application process, the Participant may indicate a desire to cooperate with a Mentor proposed on the list or indicate another Mentor (PTKS

member) who is not on the list of Mentors available in a given edition. In such a case, the application must be accompanied by written consent from the selected Mentor;

- mentors supervise, support and evaluate the work of program participants on solving a scientific problem;
- mentors determine the form and the frequency of communication with program participants;
- cooperation within the program may not conflict with the cooperation of the program participant with the supervisor of the master's / doctoral dissertation and may not be the cause of other conflicts of interest;
- selection of participants for the program is based on the evaluation of the completed application form by the mentor, coordinator and the head of FMMiK (the decision to qualify for the program is final and no appeals are expected);
- participation in the program is free of charge;
- successful participation in the program is confirmed by a certificate;
- it is assumed to organize an inaugural meeting to present the program assumptions and a meeting summarizing cooperation between mentors and program participants, which includes the presentation of the results obtained through participation in the program;
- the conditions for successful completion of the program are: participation in the inaugural and summary meeting, timely submission of the "Work Plan", timely submission of the "Report", achievement of the set goals (scientific article / paper at the scientific conference);
- the "Final Report" must be signed by the mentor, who confirms that the participant has achieved the set goals and recommends the award of a certificate;
- a participant who resigns from participation during the mentoring cooperation or fails to implement the plan cannot apply to the program again;
- the Participant may take part in a maximum of two editions of the program;
- the Participant may withdraw from the Program based on written information provided along with the justification of the decision to mentoring.fmmik@gmail.com.
- the Organizers reserve the right to exclude Participants from the Program during its duration in the event of a breach of the Rules or actions contrary to the Program's objectives.

- the program is supervised by coordinators appointed by the FMMiK PTKS manager. Any disputes related to this Program will be resolved by the Organizer. The Organizers' decision is final and cannot be appealed.

Selection

The decision to qualify participant to the program will be made by a mentor from a specific PCA research section in consultation with the head of FMMiK and the program coordinator. The decision is made on the basis of the submitted application form, based on mutually agreed criteria: (1). compliance with formal requirements; 2). coherence of the proposed scope of the mentoring program and the mentor's competences; 3). substantive quality of the proposed research work within the mentoring program; 4). planned effects of participation in the mentoring program; 5). overall added value of mentoring cooperation for the participant, the mentor and FMMiK PTKS). Mentors can also interview applicants. A videoconference is recommended.

The Mentor and the Participant may not be affiliated with the same academic or professional institution (e.g., the same university, faculty, or institute). This restriction stems from the program's underlying principle of fostering networking and the exchange of experience between different academic environments.

Applications that do not meet this condition will not be considered by the Organizer. The Participant will be asked to indicate a different Mentor, from outside their own institution.

The Organizer reserves the right to verify the affiliation of the Mentor and the Participant at the stage of reviewing applications.

Program Regulations

The Regulations are available at www.ptks.pl. The Organizer reserves the right to change the Regulations. Any questions related to the Program should be sent by email to mentoring.fmmik@gmail.com. The Program Organizer is not responsible for the cancellation of the Program or changes to the schedule resulting from reasons beyond its control.

Application form:

- first name; last name; type of studies; field and year of study; school; research interests related to the thesis / doctoral thesis / research project; defining the purpose of participation in the program; justification for the selection of the mentor; expected effect (publication / conference speech);
- the form is accompanied by an obligation to participate in the meeting inaugurating and summarizing the mentoring program, the obligation to send

the "Work Plan" within 30 days of qualifying for the program and the obligation to submit a " Report" up to 30 days from the end of cooperation.

Promotion of the program:

- promotion and recruitment by December 15, 2026;
- sending information about the program by e-mail to universities with a request to disseminate it among MA / PhD students and through academic media;
- close cooperation with the partner magazine Com.Press;
- placing information on the FMMiK fanpage;
- the article / paper presented at the scientific conference should contain the following information: the article / paper created as a part of the "Young Media and Communication Scholars Mentoring Program of the Polish Communication Association" (one of the program promotion types).

Program effects:

Publication of the results of cooperation in the form of a scientific article in journals or monographs with a media science and communication profile; substantive consultations and/or preparation for a speech at a scientific conference.