Where? Kraków, Poland

When? September 7 – October 11, 2027

Application deadline - 31 March 2027

What is the fee? Free of charge

What is a scholarship?

Each participant will receive reimbursement of travel expenses (1,000 PLN-6,500 PLN, depending on the participant's country of origin; please refer to the table below for details) and a scholarship of 15,725 PLN (i.e., approximately 3,500 EUR).

Flat rate for travel expenses from and to Poland

Country group	Country	Rate in PLN
1	Belarus, Lithuania	1000
2	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine	1500
3	Albania, Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, San Marino, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, Vatican City	2000
4	Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Georgia, Iceland, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	3000
5	Afghanistan, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sao Tomé and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Yemen	4500
6	Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eswatini, Fiji, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Kiribati, Laos, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nicaragua, North Korea, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Taiwan, Tanzania, United States	6500

Who is it for?

Staff and PhD students in natural sciences from foreign universities and research institutions who are interested in learning about clay mineralogy and conducting their own research into clay mineralogy are welcome to apply

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What is the school programme?

The school will cover the most important aspects of clay mineralogy by providing 50 hours of lectures (delivered in both a traditional way as well as through interactive demonstrations using research equipment) and 100 hours of laboratory and field classes. The school aims to prepare participants to conduct their own research on clays independently at their home institutions.

Why is it worth participating?

Unlike any other summer school, the Clay Mineralogy School (organized under the project entitled: "Clay Mineralogy from the Very Beginning" by the Institute of Geological Sciences at the Faculty of Geography and Geology of Jagiellonian University, within the framework of the SPINAKER program) gives a very strong background in clay mineralogy by covering both the very basic and some more advanced aspects of clay mineralogy. The aim of the school is to prepare the participants to conduct their own clay research at their home institutions independently. No background in mineralogy is required to attend the school, and nobody is left behind during the lectures and classes.

How to apply

Submit the application form (Appendix No 1) to ClayMineralogySchool@uj.edu.pl no later than March 31, 2027. An acceptance decision will be sent by April 15, 2027

Selected candidates may be invited to take part in an interview.

The admission committee will select the 8 best candidates for each summer school based on their documents and the results of the interview.

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