



Together for the international academic community of Lodz
- helping researchers feel at home.

Welcome to the first Lodzkie4Researchers newsletter

We are delighted to present the inaugural edition of the Lodzkie4Researchers newsletter – an initiative designed to strengthen the internationalization of the academic community of Lodz. The project is a joint initiative of three Lodz-based universities: the University of Lodz, the Lodz University of Technology and the Medical University of Lodz, and it is fully funded by the National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA). The aim of the project is to raise the standards of support for international researchers and PhD students who choose Lodz as the destination for their academic careers.

The project includes the development of the 'Essential Guide for International Researchers', matchmaking meetings connecting international researchers with the Lodz academic community, training sessions, and study visits aimed at strengthening the competencies of administrative staff.

A key element of the project is the support provided by **Krystyna Zasepa, the Researcher Support Assistant**.

Her role includes, amongst other things, assistance with residence permits and support in dealing with government offices and other formalities.

For more information go to ['The Researcher Support Assistant' section](#).

Lodzkie4Researchers kick-off meeting

The official launch of the project took place on the 27 March 2026 at the University of Lodz, which hosted representatives from all three partner universities.

The participants were welcomed by: **Prof. Rafał Matera**, Rector of the University of Lodz; **Prof. Agnieszka Piastowska-Ciesielska**, Vice Rector for Science at the Medical University of Lodz; and **Prof. Łukasz Albrecht**, Vice-Rector for Science at the Lodz University of Technology.



The event was also attended by international researchers and PhD students, international researcher support staff, as well as representatives of the Lodz Voivodeship Office.

The second part of the meeting took the form of a workshop and brought together specialists in academic mobility, who shared their knowledge and experience.

Your feedback is important

Please answer 3 short questions that will help us shape future project activities and support services:

1. What is the most useful information you wish you knew before coming to Poland?
2. What was the biggest surprise after moving to Poland?
3. What aspects of life in Poland are still difficult to navigate?

Click the link below to share your answers:



[3 questions to help us create the best guide for International Researchers arriving in Lodz](#)

The researcher support assistant

The researcher support assistant's role is to help the researchers, PhD students and their families with residence procedures and other formalities upon arrival in Lodz. Please contact your University Welcome Point to request consultations if you require assistance with any of the following:



Krystyna Zasepa

1. Obtaining a PESEL number and registering a temporary address.
2. Opening a bank account and acquiring a trusted profile.
3. Applying for a residence permit and navigating the process after submitting the application.

Contact information

The assistant is available for consultations at your University Welcome Point on the following days:

University of Lodz • Tuesday

Address:

Welcome Point for Employees, University of Lodz Rectorate, Narutowicza 68, room 13

☉ To schedule a consultation, please contact ihub@uni.lodz.pl

Lodz University of Technology • Wednesday

Address:

Welcome Point, International Cooperation Centre, Żwirki 36

☉ To schedule a consultation, please contact welcomepoint@info.p.lodz.pl

Medical University of Lodz • Thursday

Address:

Welcome Centre, Information and Library Center, Muszyńskiego 2, 2nd floor

☉ For contact information, please go to

<https://welcomecentre.umed.pl/list-of-friendly-points/>

To ensure availability, please contact your Welcome Point to arrange your visit in advance.

Cultural calendar for the summer

Looking for ways to explore Lodz and connect with the local community?

This summer's cultural calendar offers plenty of opportunities to experience the city in a variety of ways.



For board game geeks:

Off-grid games festival "Łódź you play?"

• 18-19.07.2026

[„Łódź You Play” III Edycja Festiwal gier bez prądu](#)



For music lovers:

Łódź Summer Festival

• 24-26.07.2026

<https://www.lodzsummerfestival.pl/en/lodz-summer-festival/>



For multicultural heritage and contemporary art buffs:

the Łódź of Many Cultures Festival

• 17-20.09.2026

<https://lodzwielukultur.pl/en/>



For special effects and light art fans:

Light Move Festival

• 26-28.09.2026

<https://lmf.com.pl/en/>



For comic books, gaming and pop culture enthusiasts:

the International Festival of Comics and Games

• 27-28.09.2026

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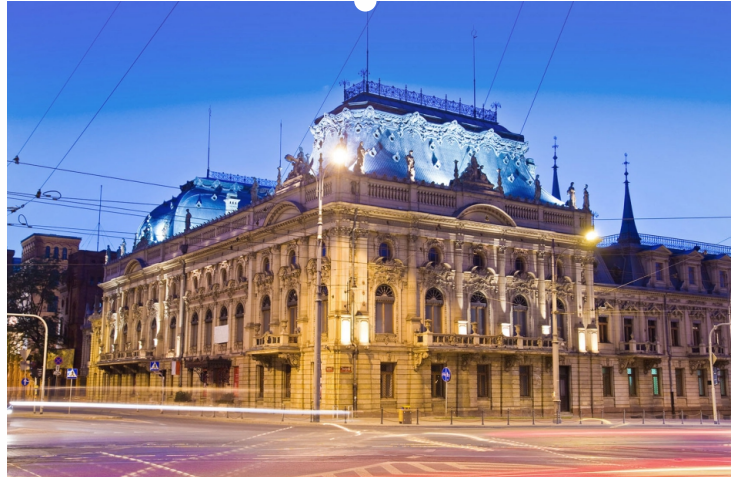
Thank you for being with us

– stay tuned for the next edition of our newsletter!

Museum of the City of Lodz – The Palace of the Poznański Family



Piotrkowska Street



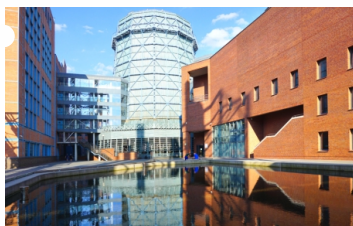
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- City of Culture



Museum of Art in Lodz



Manufaktura – Shopping Center



Lodz is a public art gallery
with over 100 murals



Light Move Festival