**A temporary stay permit to conduct scientific research.**

A temporary stay permit is granted to an alien who is a scientist, when the objective of the alien's stay on the territory of the Republic of Poland is conducting scientific research or development works based on a contract of accepting them to carry out a research project entered into with a research unit approved by a minister responsible for the matters of education and science.

**Typical documents confirming the circumstances indicated in the application:**

**Note**: Including the documents listed below with the application when submitting it, may limit the amount of official correspondence and shorten the time of the application processing.

1. a contract of acceptance of the alien to carry out a research project, concluded with a research unit whose registered office is on the territory of the Republic of Poland or on the territory of the European Union, and providing for conducting scientific research or development works also on the territory of the Republic of Poland;
2. a residence permit bearing the annotation "scientist", issued by another member state of the European Union - if they have such permit;
3. a written statement of the research unit in which it undertakes to bear the costs of the scientist's stay on the territory of the Republic of Poland, and also the costs of executing the decision of the alien's commitment to return, covered with the public funds, within 6 months from the day when the contract expires, if the basis for issuing the decision of the alien's commitment to return is their illegal stay on the territory of the Republic of Poland;
4. The documents confirming having health insurance as defined by the regulations of the Act of Publically Funded Healthcare Benefits of 27th August 2004, or a confirmation that the insurer will cover the costs of healthcare on the territory of the Republic of Poland (e.g. an applicable certificate from the Social Insurance Institution, insurance policy)

Note: Should there appear a need to explain or clarify the evidence in possession of the office, related to the matter, during the proceedings, the alien may be requested to provide other documents or to make a statement confirming the circumstances described in the application.

**Financial means:**

an alien who is a scientist must have the financial means to cover the costs of living on the territory of the Republic of Poland amounting to at least 543 PLN - a single person or 437 PLN for a person staying in Poland with the members of their family who depend on them, per each person and per each month.

1) during the period of 15 months, or

2) during the whole stay, if the period of stay is shorter than the period indicated in point 1

- or the equivalent of this sum in foreign currencies.

and **a return ticket** to their country of residence or the financial means to cover the costs of returning to the country of residence in the amount equivalent to the ticket:

1) 200 PLN - if the alien arrived from a neighboring country of the Republic of Poland;

2) 500 PLN - if the alien arrived from a member state of the European Union, other than the countries indicated in point 1;

3) 2,500 PLN if the alien arrived from a country that is not a member of the European Union).

Documents that can confirm the alien's ability to obtain financial means to cover the costs of living on the territory of the Republic of Poland and their return journey to their country of origin or residence or the costs of transit to a third country that shall grant them the permission to enter, are:

1) a traveler's check;  
2) a certificate of the credit limit for the credit card, issued by the bank that issued the credit card;  
3) a certificate of having a means of payment in a bank or in a cooperative savings and credit union with their registered office on the territory of the Republic of Poland;  
4) a document confirming being awarded a national or foreign scholarship;  
5) a certificate of employment and of income.

The certificates mentioned in points 2, 3, and 5, must be issued not earlier than a month before the day of submitting the application for a temporary stay permit.