**Detailed information on admission to the doctoral programme within the Flagship Project “European Heritage in the Jagiellonian Library: Digital Authoring of the Berlin Collections” (under the Strategic Programme Excellence Initiative at Jagiellonian University)**

**Institution:** Doctoral School in the Humanities

**Number of scholarships:** One scholarship funded by the flagship project “European Heritage in the Jagiellonian Library: Digital Authoring of the Berlin Collections”.

**Task Description:** The PhD student will participate in the interdisciplinary research project “European Heritage in the Jagiellonian Library: Digital Authoring of the Berlin Collections”, which is situated on the borderline of philological research, editing, and digital humanities.

**The tasks of the PhD student will include:**

* preparation of a doctoral thesis on the basis of the materials developed in the flagship project DiHeLib;
* working with German-language manuscripts, cooperation in compiling the catalogue;
* cooperation in the preparation and dissemination of research results, as well as publication and participation in academic life;
* organisational tasks (e.g. cooperation in the organisation of conferences, workshops, meetings, exhibitions).

**Funding:** The monthly scholarship is 4,500 PLN (brutto) until the mid-term evaluation. Within the framework of the flagship project, there is also the opportunity to secure financing for specialist training, brief academic trips and participation in national and international conferences.

**Start date:** October 1, 2023

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**A brief description of the flagship project “European Heritage in the Jagiellonian Library: Digital Authoring of the Berlin Collections” (DiHeLib)**

The manuscript collections from the former Prussian State Library in Berlin, housed in the Jagiellonian Library in Kraków, represent a unique global library resource worldwide, one whose cultural, scholarly, and social value transcends the scope of an individual institution and a single country.

In order to consolidate the numerous scholarly and scientific studies dealing with the Berlin collections, as well as to deepen the knowledge about these collections and to make them globally accessible online, the Jagiellonian University has decided to launch a flagship project under the Excellence Initiative Programme (ID.UJ). In particular, this project will focus on the cataloguing, digitisation, and research using artificial intelligence of one of the most extensive collections of the “Berlinka” - the Autograph Collection.

The Autograph Collection (Sammlung Autographa) contains unique materials from the 15th to the 20th century which are of fundamental importance for European culture, especially German-language culture, and the humanities. It consists of the manuscripts of eminent individuals who played a key role in European culture, literature, and science. Thousands of manuscripts are housed here, many of which have not yet been thoroughly studied or even identified. These are mainly letters, but also original literary and scientific works.

Objectives of the DiHeLib project:

* cataloguing and research on the Autograph Collection: identification of texts, authors, dating of manuscripts, determination of place of origin; preparation of a pilot catalogue in print form (and Open Access);
* securing the collection through digitisation and making it accessible to all interested parties;
* developing and using artificial intelligence tools to support manuscript research;
* creating a research ecosystem that integrates existing and new research on the Berlin collections at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow - especially in inter-institutional and international cooperation.

The results of the project will serve as a starting point for further specialised research on the most culturally significant parts of the Autograph Collection. The infrastructure and research methods developed in the project can be transferred to research on any other manuscript collection.