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REPORT

MARCH 2025

At KSE Foundation, March was a month of reaffirming our strategic pillars: education, science, psychological resilience, and defense capacity. But above all, it became a milestone in intellectual diplomacy. In just one month, Kyiv School of Economics hosted three Nobel Laureates.

This was more than a headline event — it was a vote of confidence in our institution, a recognition of Ukraine’s role in the global academic landscape, and a powerful reminder that even under missile attacks, Ukrainian education remains open, resilient, and purpose-driven.

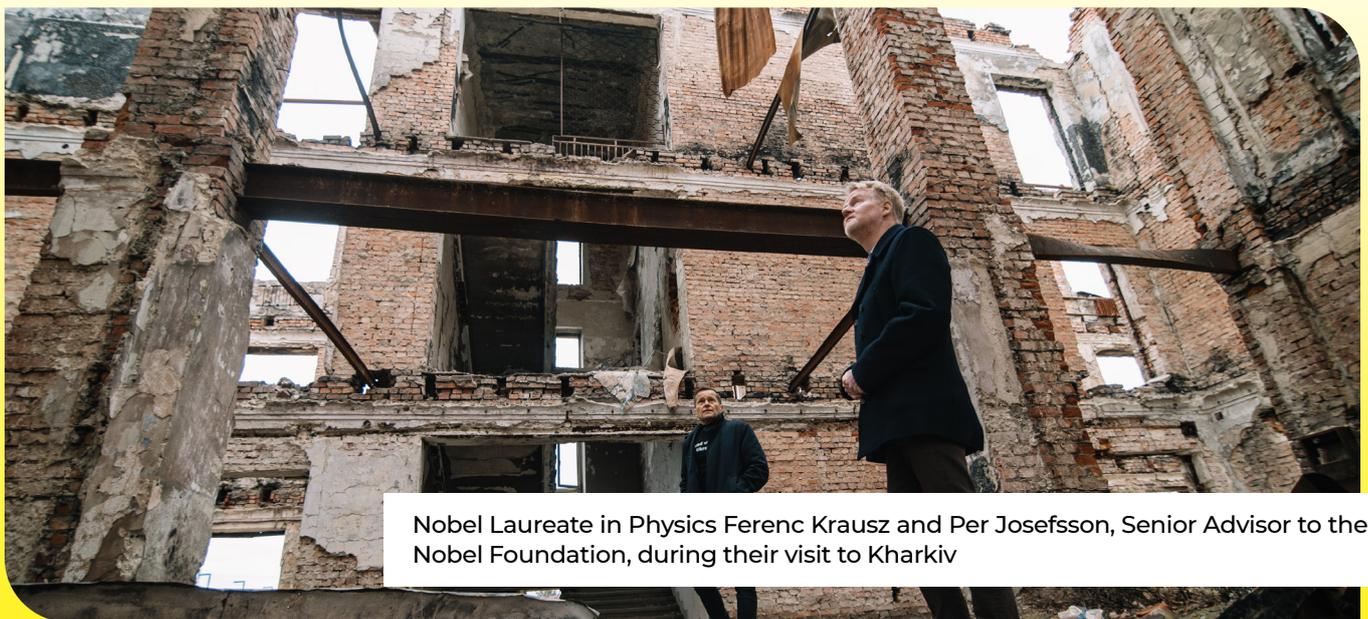
Nobel Laureates at KSE: A Gesture of Global Support and Scientific Solidarity

Kyiv School of Economics welcomed three Nobel Laureates – physicists Ferenc Krausz and Serge Haroche, and economist James Robinson. Their lectures, open discussions, and workshops on our campus were a powerful show of unity from the international scientific community. Together, we traveled to Kharkiv, visiting the war-damaged buildings of V. N. Karazin University and an underground school.

What followed were sincere, grounded conversations with professors and students who continue to teach and learn — despite the war. Their dedication met with international solidarity, is what sustains and strengthens Ukraine’s academic environment –even in wartime. It opens new doors for Ukrainian youth and reinforces KSE as a center of academic integrity and forward - thinking education.



SVITLANA DENYSENKO
Director, KSE Foundation

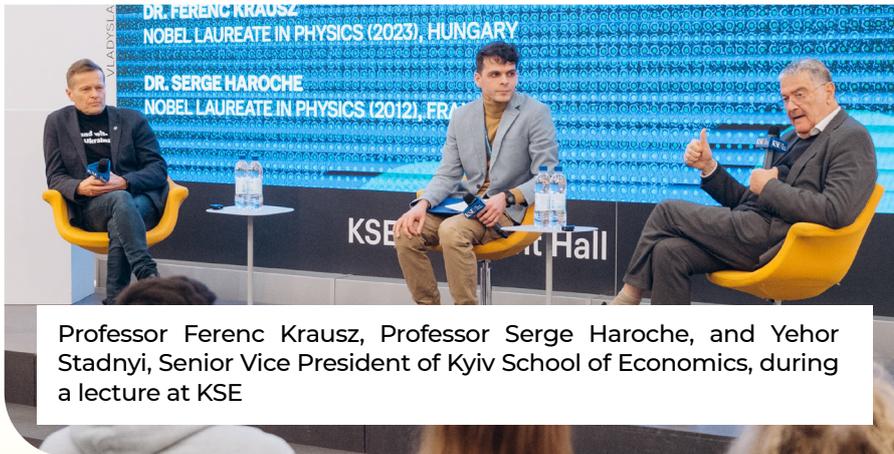


Nobel Laureate in Physics Ferenc Krausz and Per Josefsson, Senior Advisor to the Nobel Foundation, during their visit to Kharkiv

The visit of Nobel Prize-winning physicists Professor Ferenc Krausz and Professor Serge Haroche — was made possible through the joint efforts of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, with the support of the Embassy of Ukraine in the Kingdom of Sweden and in partnership with Kyiv School of Economics. We are sincerely grateful to Ukrainian Railways the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration, and the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine for their support and assistance with logistics throughout the visit.



Svitlana Denysenko, Director of KSE Foundation, Olena Bespalova, Director of Science and Education at the Kharkiv Regional Administration, and representatives of the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration during the Nobel laureates' visit



Professor Ferenc Krausz, Professor Serge Haroche, and Yehor Stadnyi, Senior Vice President of Kyiv School of Economics, during a lecture at KSE



Damage to Ukraine's civilian infrastructure caused by Russia's military aggression

[🔗](#) **The visit of Professor James Robinson 2024 Nobel Laureate in Economics** and one of the world's leading experts on institutional development — was made possible thanks to our long-standing partnership with ICU. We are deeply grateful to the ICU team's trust and commitment to fostering meaningful dialogue between Ukraine and the global intellectual community.



Nobel Laureate James Robinson and KSE President Tymofiy Mylovanov during a public lecture in Kyiv

Education During Wartime: ZAKHYSTOK as Part of a Global Effort for the Future

In March, ZAKHYSTOK — a project launched by KSE Foundation — took a major step forward by joining the implementation of a multi-year support initiative from **Education Cannot Wait (ECW)**, the United Nations global fund for education in emergencies. The shared goal: to safeguard access to education during times of war. We're not building parallel systems or working in isolation to address learning loss. Instead, we're partnering with the **Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine**, as well as international and civil society organizations, to foster resilience, coordination, and trust – together.

As part of this collaboration, we've started constructing four new shelters for students in regions most affected by the war. Nationwide, the ECW program will reach over **40,000 children and 12,000 teachers** in some of Ukraine's most socially vulnerable communities.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and partners, 99 shelters are now operational — enabling 36,500 children to return to in-person learning. Safe education is not a symbolic gesture. It's a long-term investment. It's not about waiting for peace — it's about building the future, now. And we are ready to do just that.



Students of Krolevets Lyceum, Sumy region, inside a shelter equipped with support from KSE Foundation

Psychological Resilience as an Educational Priority

One of our core priorities in March was the mental health of university students. At KSE, Ukraine's First Lady Olena Zelenska presented the findings of a major study on student well-being in higher education, conducted as part of the national "How Are You?" initiative. These results provide an essential foundation for designing new models of student support across the academic sector.



First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska at Kyiv School of Economics

Earlier, KSE Foundation launched a \$1 million grant program dedicated to mental health – with a strong focus on higher education institutions. We believe mental resilience should be treated as strategically as physical safety.

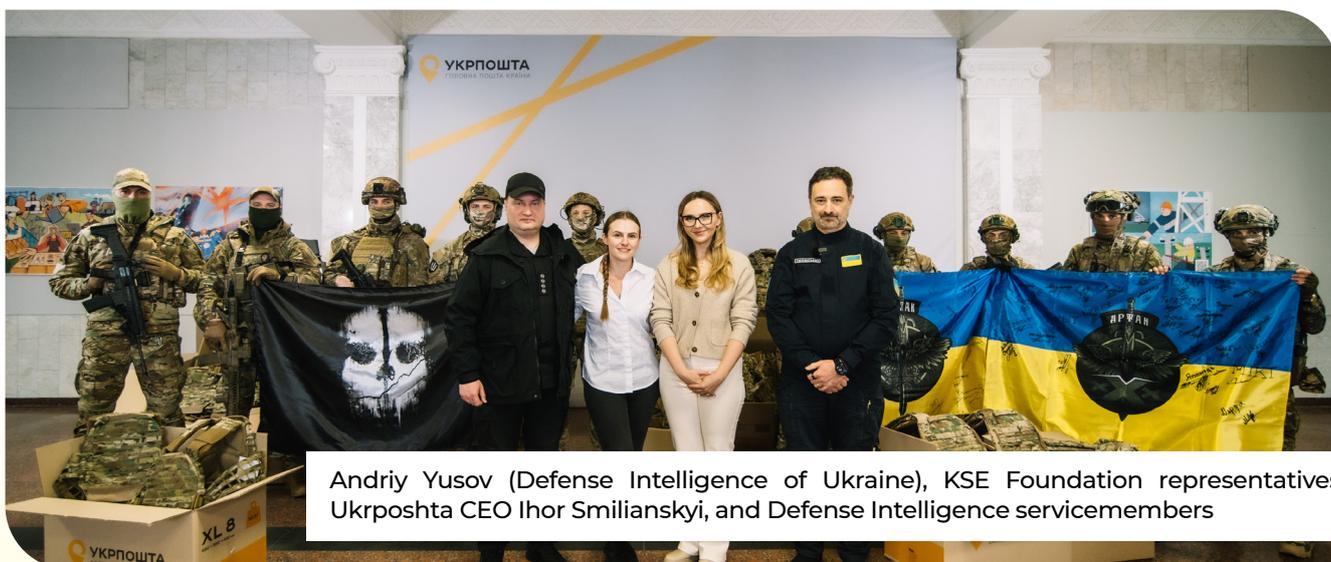
Supporting Defenders: A Strategic Partnership for Ukraine's Independence

Supporting Ukraine's armed forces is not just one of our focus areas – it's a shared responsibility for the future of the country. In March, KSE Foundation continued to stand alongside those who defend Ukraine's sovereignty and security every day – **including the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, the First Presidential Brigade of the National Guard "Burevii," and Ukrposhta.** This is more than partnership — it's collaboration between institutions that embody resilience and help shape Ukraine's strategy for victory.



Defense Intelligence service members receiving aid

Together with Ukrposhta, we delivered **1,353 units of gear** – valued at nearly **4 million UAH** — to units of the Defense Intelligence. The funding came from the sale of a special-edition charity stamp, showing how civic action can drive real impact.



Andriy Yusov (Defense Intelligence of Ukraine), KSE Foundation representatives, Ukrposhta CEO Ihor Smilianskyi, and Defense Intelligence servicemembers

We also supplied the First Presidential Brigade with a full set of tires – essential for evacuation, redeployment, and logistics along the Kharkiv front line. In addition, we equipped defenders with **reconnaissance drones, electronic warfare systems,** power solutions, optical equipment, and other critical tools to support their missions.

We are grateful to every partner who walks this path with us. These efforts build real resilience – on the battlefield and behind it.

Thank you to everyone supporting our mission — from international organizations to Ukrainian philanthropists. Together, we are meeting today's needs while laying the foundation for a stronger, more resilient, and future-oriented Ukraine.

KEY UPDATES

Talents for Ukraine: Launch of Phase Three

In March, KSE Foundation launched the third phase of Talents for Ukraine – a grant program with an annual budget of \$1,000,000. The initiative supports talented Ukrainians committed to growth, innovation, and impact across fields such as science, the arts, civic engagement, technology, and entrepreneurship. To date, the program has supported over 300 recipients – including artists, civic leaders, astrophysicists, surgeons, and engineers.



Seven More Khan Academy STEM Courses Now Available in Ukrainian

The team behind the Ukrainian adaptation of Khan Academy has translated and localized seven new interactive STEM courses — including math, chemistry, biology, and economics. These additions bring the total number of fully localized courses to twelve, all freely available at uk.khanacademy.org. The project is led by KSE Foundation in collaboration with KSE University faculty and students.

KSE Joins the ATLAS Anti-Drone Initiative

KSE has joined the ATLAS initiative – a nationwide campaign to protect Ukraine’s border by building an integrated electronic warfare system to counter enemy drones.

This “anti-drone wall” will span more than 1,300 km along the front line and is designed to neutralize UAV threats. The fundraising goal for full implementation is 5.2 billion UAH.

[You can support this effort by following \[this link\].](#)



Drone countermeasure equipment from the ATLAS project

CONTRIBUTIONS

USD 976,490

USD 303,289



From businesses and charities

USD 673,201



From individuals

USD 98,000



The largest single contribution from a business/charity



SCHULMAN FOUNDATION

USD 300,000

The largest contribution from an individual



ANONYMOUS

USD 37,911

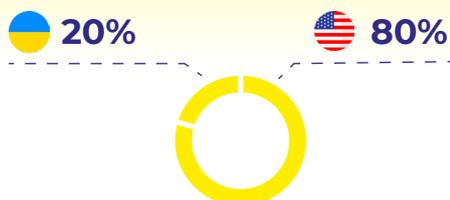


Average contribution from a business

USD 2,165



Average contribution from an individual



USD 201,437



To the Ukrainian account

USD 775,053



To the American account

RECEIPTS BY DIRECTION

Institutional



USD 769,543

Defense



USD 198,692

Humanitarian



USD 8,255

EXPENDITURES

EDUCATIONAL AND HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES

ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education



USD 79,876

Talents for Ukraine



USD 49,308

Create Ukraine



USD 13,554

Khan Academy



USD 13,457

DRONES AND COMPONENTS

Reconnaissance drones



USD 22,232

EW SYSTEMS AND COMMUNICATION

Electronic warfare (EW) systems



USD 11,787

POWER SYSTEMS



USD 2,161

EXPENDITURES

VEHICLES FOR THE DEFENDERS AND RELATED SERVICES



USD 144,747

DEFENSE EQUIPMENT AND GEAR

Personal body armor equipment



USD 27,275

Optical devices



USD 5,377

INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT



USD 1,123,967

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT



USD 4,448

Other

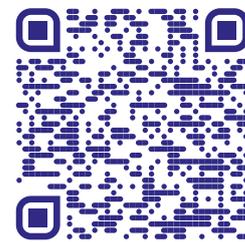


USD 77,209

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education

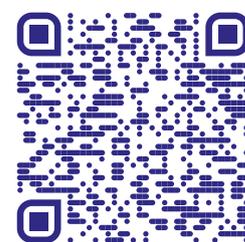
A project focused on equipping shelters in educational institutions across Ukraine. Our goal is to return as many Ukrainian children to offline lessons as



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Donate to Educate

The project aims to fund scholarships for 400 new students: youth who have lost their homes due to war, veterans, and children of fallen Defenders



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Support for Defenders

This project is dedicated to providing targeted support to Ukrainian Defenders with everything they need – from winter footwear to reconnaissance drones for units



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