The presentation will focus on two Ukrainian scientific institutions: The Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Shevchenko Scientific Society in America founded in New York after the Second World War. It will examine the main objectives which scholars who began arriving in the United States at the end of 1940s had set before themselves during the Cold War and compare them with tasks and challenges facing Ukrainian scholarship both on this continent and in Europe after the renewal of Ukraine’s independence. Special attention will be given to efforts which led to the establishment of contacts with non-Ukrainian scholars and scientific institutions through active involvement in international conferences and through high quality academic publications.