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ANNOUNCEMENT

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE/POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES IN GREECE OFFERED TO NATIONALS OF BALKAN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (NON-MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION), ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA

(Programme 2010-2011)

The State Scholarships Foundation (I.K.Y.) announces that it will offer up to ninety (90) scholarships to nationals (foreigners or of Greek origin) of Balkan and Eastern European countries (non-member states of the European Union), Asia, Africa and Latin America for studies in Greece beginning in the academic year 2010-2011.

In particular, the scholarships will be offered for:

- a) Postgraduate studies as follows:
 - i) Second Master for one (1) year up to three (3) years.
 - ii) Doctorate (Ph.D.) for one (1) year up to four (4) years.
- b) Postdoctoral research studies for six (6) months up to one (1) year.
- c) Further education in the following subject areas: Greek Language, Literature, Philosophy, History and Art aimed for professors of Greek at foreign Universities, for six (6) months up to one (1) year.
- d) Attendance of seminars for specialization in the Fine Arts, for one (1) year up to two (2) years.
- e) Collection of research data for applicants who are conducting Ph.D. studies in their country, for one (1) year.

Scholarships for the categories b), c), d) and e) do not lead to a degree award.

Applicants may apply to study any subject area currently available at the Greek Universities but for only one category of scholarship.

A. REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should:

1. Be nationals of the Balkan and Eastern European countries (non-member states of the European Union), Asia, Africa and Latin America.
2. Have only foreign citizenship (not both foreign and Greek).
3. Not exceed thirty-five (35) years of age except for the medical doctors who must not exceed forty (40) years of age, the postdoctoral applicants who must not exceed forty five (45) years of age and the applicants for further education who must not exceed fifty five (55) years of age.
4. Hold a graduate degree from a foreign University.

5. Hold a first postgraduate degree (Master's or equivalent) from a foreign or a Greek University. This postgraduate degree is not a prerequisite for those applying for:
 - a) specialization in the Fine Arts,
 - b) collection of research data or
 - c) for those who are legally residents in Greece whilst undertaking Ph.D. studies.
- Applicants for postdoctoral research studies, must hold a doctoral degree (Ph.D.) from a foreign or a Greek University. However, their graduate degree (BA, B.Sc.) should be from a foreign University.
- For further education in the following specific subject areas of study: Greek Language, Literature, Philosophy, History and Art, applicants should be professors in a Department of Greek studies at a foreign University; a certified document from this Department showing their employment must also be submitted along with all relevant documentation.
- Medical doctors should have either completed their specialty or hold a postgraduate degree. The scholarship is strictly offered for doctoral studies and not for work or internship in a state hospital.
6. Have a very good knowledge of English or French.
7. Have never been on a scholarship from the I.K.Y.

Priority will be given to applicants who:

- i) have already established a contact with a Greek University / University Professor before applying.
- ii) have knowledge of the Greek language.

For all the above mentioned, applicants are required to provide supporting documentation.

B. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Applicants meeting the above requirements by the application deadline should submit through the Greek Diplomatic Authorities in their country of residence- or in a neighboring country in case of absence of a Greek Embassy or Consulate in their country - the following documents :

1. An application form (available from the Greek Diplomatic Mission, or the I.K.Y., or downloaded copy from the I.K.Y. website at: www.iky.gr) duly completed with one recent photograph.
2. A curriculum vitae.
3. Transcripts of previous University studies and certified copies of the degrees obtained.
4. A formal letter indicating the very good knowledge -both written and verbal- of English or French (in case of non native speakers).
5. Three (3) letters of reference, two of which must be from Greek or a foreign University professor.
6. A postgraduate studies prospectus of the University where they have completed their studies.
7. A research proposal with the topic (for doctoral and postdoctoral applicants).
8. A formal letter from a Greek University Department (for those already conducting a Ph.D. at a Greek University), certifying their doctoral status.
9. A formal letter from a foreign University Department (for those conducting a Ph.D. in their country), certifying that they are enrolled for a doctoral degree and the topic of their doctoral dissertation.
10. A recent state hospital certificate certifying that applicants are not suffering from any infectious disease .
11. A certified copy of passport.

Applicants must already hold their degrees at the time of submission of their application files. Expected degrees not awarded by the specified deadline will not be taken into consideration.

If documentation is not in English, French or Greek, a certified translation into Greek or English must be supplied.

In addition, documents numbered 3, 9 and 10 should be certified by the Greek Diplomatic Authorities (the Greek Embassy or Consulate), only in cases where the candidate's state of origin is not a member of the Hague Convention (Apostille) of 5 October 1961 abolishing the requirement of legalisation for foreign public documents.

Only complete documentation requested will be processed. (Incomplete, inaccurate or illegible application files will not be taken into consideration). Applicants must submit only certified copies of original documents as these will not be returned. Please note that only the letters of reference may be submitted at a later date, and in any case no later than May 31, 2010 directly to the I.K.Y.

Only applicants who are legally in Greece and hold a residence permit card may submit directly to the I.K.Y. all the above –mentioned documents, along with a photocopy of their residence permit card.

Applicants who have been awarded a scholarship from another Greek source, have to attach a copy of the letter notifying this award to their documentation and specifying the purpose, the duration and the amount granted of this scholarship.

C. APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline is **May 17, 2010**. You will be notified about the outcome of your application after July 2010.

D. SELECTION CRITERIA

1. A complete file documentation.
2. Final grade of the degree(s) obtained.
3. Title and research proposal (where applicable).
4. Acceptance by a Greek University or University Professor.
5. Knowledge of the Greek language (and other languages).
6. Letters of reference.

E. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP (AWARD)

1. Candidates must notify the I.K.Y. -one month in advance- of the exact date of their arrival in Greece and their passport number plus the date of issue, so that all necessary arrangements concerning student VISA be made by this Foundation before their arrival in Greece. A tourist visa cannot be changed into a student visa in Greece; that's why candidates are advised not to come to Greece without having previously obtained a student visa.

2. Scholarship holders are not permitted to undertake paid employment, while they are on a scholarship grant.

3. Applicants who have been awarded a scholarship from any other Greek state source for the same purpose, in case of selection from the IKY, they will receive a scholarship the duration of which is going to be estimated in accordance with the duration of their previous scholarship.

4. Scholarship holders who have been selected to follow a postgraduate programme and by the beginning of their scholarship have already been awarded their Ph.D. degree, may use this scholarship for postdoctoral studies. The duration and financial support will be those of the postdoctoral category.

5.a) For postgraduate - doctoral studies, specialization in the Fine Arts or collection of research data, the scholarship begins after the candidate's arrival in Greece, provided that he has: (i) been accepted by a School of Modern Greek Language at a Greek University (the courses for Modern Greek Language usually begin in October) and (ii) been at least conditionally admitted by a Greek University to pursue postgraduate, doctoral, specialization or collection work - as proved by a formal letter issued by the relevant Department of that University.

b) For postdoctoral studies and further education in the Greek Language, Literature, Philosophy and Art, the scholarship begins after the candidate's arrival in Greece, provided that a Greek University professor has accepted to supervise his/her research studies.

Candidates (and not the professor accepting them at the Greek University) are responsible for the commencement of their scholarship and are required to submit to the I.K.Y. complete documentation.

6. No scholarship can start after March and before October.

7. The I.K.Y. is entitled to immediately end the scholarship in the event scholarship holders:

- a) Have made a false statement on their application file.
- b) Are in receipt of a scholarship from another source in this same period.
- c) Leave Greece -regardless of the reason- without having previously informed in writing the I.K.Y.
- d) Do not comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship.
- e) Have been subjected to disciplinary action by the University or have no prospect for academic achievement (e.g. failure to achieve a satisfactory level in the Greek language or in their major field of studies).

8. Applicants who are or have been scholarship holders of this Foundation will be excluded from all future programmes of I.K.Y.

F. DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is valid only for the academic year 2010-2011 or 2011-2012.

The duration of the total scholarship is for a consecutive period of time.

1. The duration of the postgraduate and doctoral scholarship is annual and is renewable for two more years when pursuing postgraduate studies (a second Masters) and for three more years in case of doctoral studies. If a scholarship holder obtains the degree he/she is pursuing (Master's or Ph.D.) before the maximum duration of this category of studies, the scholarship is interrupted and definitely terminated at the date of his/her graduation.
2. The duration of the postdoctoral scholarship and the further education (in the Greek Language, Literature, Philosophy, History and Art) is six months initially and is renewable for a further semester depending upon the research undertaken. The scholarship cannot exceed the total of one year.
3. The duration of the scholarship for specialization in the Fine Arts is annual and renewable for a further year. This scholarship cannot be extended and cannot exceed the total of two years
4. The duration of the scholarship for collection of research data is strictly annual without any possibility for renewal.

In case of a previous scholarship from any other Greek State source for the same purpose, the total duration of the I.K.Y. scholarship will not exceed the total duration mentioned in the I.K.Y. announcement for the relevant category of scholarships (from both sources). In any case, the minimum duration of the I.K.Y. scholarship is of one year.

The renewal of the scholarship is decided upon by the Administrative Board of this Foundation according to the scholar's programme of studies and is subject to satisfactory progress (e.g. follow the programme of studies, complete the Modern Greek Language course successfully, to be awarded the intended degrees, have satisfactory academic accomplishment etc.). In all cases, the I.K.Y. takes into account all submitted reports and decides upon the total duration of each scholarship.

G. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

All scholarships include:

- a. €600,00 -plus taxes- for initial expenses.
- b. The full cost of tuition fees -plus taxes- for the School of Modern Greek Language (provided only during the first year of the scholarship).
- c. Free medical care under the National Health Service (in public hospitals) in case of emergency.

The scholarships for postgraduate, doctoral studies, specialization in the Fine Arts and collection of research data include a monthly allowance of €500,00 -plus taxes- for living expenses, whereas for postdoctoral and further education studies (in the Greek Language, Literature, Philosophy and Art), a monthly allowance of €650,00 -plus taxes.

The scholarships for doctoral studies include as well: a) up to €300,00 -plus taxes- to cover binding and photocopying costs of the Ph.D. thesis at the end of the scholarship and b) up to €300,00 -plus taxes- to cover laboratory expenses (if such expenses are required by the programme of studies).

- No support is provided for travel expenses, conferences, seminars, symposia or research activities.
- No additional assistance is provided for the spouse or other dependants of the scholarship holder (if you plan to bring your family with you, you will need to consider cost issues carefully).
- The scholarship will be withheld for periods spent outside Greece without the permission of this Foundation.

H. OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOLARS

Scholars have to submit to the I.K.Y. the following documents:

- i. A progress report on their studies signed by their supervisor (at the end of each semester).
- ii. An annual progress report (applicable for the Ph.D. students) signed by the three members of the supervisory committee or an annual transcript result for Master's students issued by the relevant University Department.
- iii. A certificate of having successfully completed the examinations in the modern Greek Language (before the end of the first year). This is a prerequisite for all categories of scholarship holders except for postdoctoral and for further education scholars.

All the above-mentioned documents along with a request form are to be submitted by scholars and are absolutely necessary for the renewal of the scholarship. Otherwise, the I.K.Y. has the right to proceed to the interruption of the scholarship.

- iv. Scholarship holders may spend a short period of time outside Greece for research purposes, always with the written agreement of their supervisor and by permission by the Administrative Board of this Foundation.

At the end of their programme of studies, scholarship holders must submit to the I.K.Y. a validated copy of the academic degree they have obtained, if any. The scholarship holders of the categories (b), (c), (d) and (e) must submit a detailed final report signed by their professor. The terms and conditions of the scholarship are mentioned in detail in the relevant contract of the scholar with the I.K.Y.

Athens, March 30, 2010.