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Scholarship Programs

GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM Europe

Academic Year 2011 - 2012

Application Form

What is an “Open Society?”

An Open Society is a society based on the recognition that nobody has a monopoly on the truth, that different people have different views and interests, and that there is a need for institutions to protect the rights of all people to allow them to live together in peace. The term “open society” was popularized by the philosopher Karl Popper in his 1945 book Open Society and Its Enemies. Broadly speaking, an open society is characterized by a reliance on the rule of law, the existence of a democratically elected government, a diverse and vigorous civil society, and a respect for minorities and minority opinions.

About the Open Society Foundations

The Open Society Foundations work to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. To achieve its mission, the Foundations seek to shape public policies that assure greater fairness in political, legal, and economic systems and safeguard fundamental rights. On a local level, the Foundations implement a range of initiatives to advance justice, education, public health, and independent media. At the same time, the Open Society Foundations build alliances across borders and continents on issues such as corruption and freedom of information. The Foundations place a high priority on protecting and improving the lives of marginalized people and communities.

About Scholarship Programs

The Open Society Scholarship Programs fund the participation of students, scholars, and professionals from Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Mongolia, the Middle East, South Asia, and Burma in rigorous, competitive academic programs outside of their home countries. The goals of these programs are: to revitalize and reform the teaching of the social sciences and humanities at higher education institutions; to provide professional training fields unavailable or underrepresented at institutions in the countries served; and to assist outstanding students from a range of backgrounds to pursue their studies in alternative academic and cultural environments.

More information about the Foundations and Scholarship Programs may be found at:
www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship .

**OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM (GSGP) - EUROPE
2011 - 2012**

Program Description:

The Open Society Scholarship Programs (NSP) is pleased to offer supplementary grants to students from select countries of Eastern and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union and Mongolia, the Middle / Near East, and South Asia. The purpose of the program is to enable qualified students to pursue doctoral studies in the **Humanities and Social Sciences** at accredited universities throughout Europe.

GSGP will provide supplemental funding for one year of study. Recipients of GSGP grants will have the option to re-apply for an additional two awards after the original grant. Applicants seeking grant renewals must submit a new application for the year for which they are re-applying. The maximum number of years a recipient may hold a GSGP grant is three. Grantees applying for their second or third awards will compete with other renewal applications each year. A second or third grant is therefore not guaranteed.

Only students who have been accepted into a full-time doctoral (Ph.D.) program at an accredited university are eligible to apply.

Grants will be awarded on the basis of academic record, merit of the proposed study, applicant's long-term goals, commitment to home country or region, and financial need.

Grants are provided to help cover costs in the following 3 categories: *tuition and university fees; living expenses* (such as rent, medical insurance, or other academic material); and/or *other costs* (travel to/from university, conferences, books, etc.) Only applicants with confirmed financial support from additional sources will be considered for supplemental grants.

In no case may applicants request grant assistance for the support of:

- 1. accompanying family members or partners;*
- 2. national taxes;*
- 3. computer hardware, software or other computer-related equipment;*
- 4. automobile-related expenses of any type.*

For the academic year 2011-2012 grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$2,000 - \$10,000.

As part of the grant package, finalists of the program will be invited by the Open Society Foundations to attend an annual GSGP conference within Europe in the Spring of 2012. Travel and accommodation costs from grantees' host universities to the conference site will be covered by the Foundations. Further details will be sent to grantees in late 2011.

Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must review and comply with the following guidelines and complete the attached application form. **Members of minority groups are encouraged to apply.**

1. All candidates must be nationals of one of the following countries:

**AFGHANISTAN
ALBANIA
ARMENIA
AZERBAIJAN
BELARUS
BOSNIA
CROATIA
EGYPT
GEORGIA
IRAQ**

**JORDAN
KAZAKHSTAN
KOSOVO
KYRGYZSTAN
LEBANON
MACEDONIA
MOLDOVA
MONGOLIA
MONTENEGRO
NEPAL**

**PALESTINE
RUSSIA
SERBIA
SYRIA
TAJIKISTAN
TURKMENISTAN
UKRAINE
UZBEKISTAN**

2. Applicants must be pursuing a **full-time** doctoral program in the **social sciences or humanities** at an accredited European university (excluding the Central European University in Hungary).
3. Candidates who are alumni or current grantees of any Open Society Foundations must be in good standing with all grants (including submitting all relevant reports on time, etc.)
4. **ONLY** applicants who have already been awarded partial or full tuition, room and board stipends, or other types of financial support may apply.

Please note that if selected, grantees will be required to maintain full-time student status and abide by the terms and conditions outlined in a countersigned agreement between the Open Society Foundations and the grant recipient.

Ineligibility:

1. These awards offer partial support towards full time doctoral studies in the **social sciences and humanities** only. Requests for support in the following fields will **not** be considered:
- Business Administration/Management
 - Computer Science
 - Finance/Banking/Marketing
 - Engineering
 - Hard & Natural Sciences (Physics, Biology, Chemistry, etc.)
 - Mathematics
 - Medical Sciences
 - Fine or Performing Arts
2. Applications for study in the student's home country or in Central and Eastern Europe¹, the former Soviet Union, or Mongolia will not be considered.
3. Applications for non-doctoral study, part-time study, language preparation, and/or summer school courses will not be considered.

¹ Applicants studying at accredited institutions in Central or Eastern Europe that are within the European Union are eligible.

4. Students with permanent resident status, nationality, or citizenship in a country which would entitle them to home fees at their host university are not eligible. This includes dual citizenship, and/or asylum seekers in the country of the host academic institution. Only applicants with valid student visas, or relevant student status, in the host country are eligible.

Documents Required Upon Application:

In addition to the signed application form, please send one copy of the documents listed below. Any **documents that are not in English should be accompanied by an official or university translation.**

1. Curriculum Vitae -- (should include education and work history, extra-curricular activities, academic awards, and publications);
2. Copy of official letter of admission from the academic institution;
3. Official undergraduate and graduate school transcripts (**new** applicants only);
4. Copy of an official letter outlining the details of your scholarship or financial aid award (if separate from item 2 above) and any other documents confirming additional financial support;
5. Copy of the identification pages of your passport;
6. Copy of your valid student visa for the 2011 - 2012 academic year;
7. Essays;
8. **New applicants** must submit two current academic reference letters from professors who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities. Students already enrolled in a Ph.D. program must submit at least one letter from a professor in the department in which you are studying describing your academic progress over the past year.

Re-applicants must submit one letter from their academic advisor describing in detail your academic progress over the past year.

Omission of one or more of the documents mentioned above will render your application incomplete and may result in disqualification. In the event that a required document will be available after you submit your application, please indicate this clearly in your application and send the document as soon as possible.

Selection:

Students are selected in an open competition announced once a year. A selection committee consisting of academic experts carefully review applications based on the quality of the application, written essays, academic records and progress, and future goals. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate a commitment to the academic and social development of their home community or region. Applicants should take into consideration their priorities as well as the three year funding limit when applying.

Decisions of the selection committee are final.

Deadline for Submission:

Candidates are strongly encouraged to apply online using the **Online Application System** (OAS) which may be found at: <http://www.soros.org/grants/oas>. Applications and/or supporting documents not uploaded into OAS may be sent to the address below or to your local Soros Foundation office or Educational Advising Center.

Open Society Foundation
Scholarship Programs
Global Supplementary Grant Program-Europe
Cambridge House
100 Cambridge Grove
London, W6 0LE United Kingdom

Applications for GSGP Europe 2011 - 2012 must be postmarked or submitted online on or before:

May 31, 2011

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APPLICATION

- ◆ ALL questions MUST be answered.
- ◆ Please do NOT staple papers together.
- ◆ Please use black ink.
- ◆ Please type or print clearly.
- ◆ All applications must be completed in English, or accompanied by English translations.

Personal Information:

Last Name	First Name	Other Names
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Date of Birth (day/month/year)	City and Country of Birth	Citizenship
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Gender: female _____ male _____

Marital Status: single _____ married _____ separated _____

Do you have dual citizenship/nationality or a permanent residency status in any other countries; or do you have applications pending for asylum or residency status in any other countries?

No _____ Yes _____

If yes, please list the countries and status:

Have you received or are you receiving support from the Open Society Foundations, or the Soros Foundation Network, including prior GSGP awards?

No _____ Yes _____

If you selected "yes", please list the full name of the program or grant and the year(s) of funding:

Permanent Mailing Address:

Number and Street

Apartment Number

City and State or Province

Zip (Postal) Code

Country

Telephone Fax Number

E-mail

Current Mailing Address (If different from above):

Number and Street Apartment Number Address valid until

City and State or Province Zip (Postal) Code Country

Telephone Fax Number E-mail

Valid until: _____
(day/month/year)

Emergency Contact:

Name Relationship:

Address

Telephone (home) Telephone (work)

E-mail

Academic Information:

Please select one:

_____ I have *applied* to the following doctorate (Ph.D.) program: _____
Name of University

Name of Faculty/Department

_____ I have *been accepted* to the following doctorate (Ph.D.) program: _____
Name of University

Name of Faculty/Department

Area of specialization: _____

State whether the program is:

a. Full-time _____ b. Part-time _____ (please note that part-time status is not eligible)

Beginning date of program: _____
Month/Year

Expected date of degree completion: _____
Month/Year

University or college address:

University Name _____ Address _____

University City _____ Post Code _____ Country _____

Please list name of official with whom you have corresponded at the school, if applicable:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Educational Background:

Highest degree completed:

Doctorate _____ Kandidat _____ MA _____ Diploma _____ Other _____
Name

Name of Graduate University/College _____

City, Country _____

Major _____ Degree Received _____

Number of Years completed _____ Dates Attended _____
(month/year to month/year)

Name of Undergraduate University/College _____

City, Country _____

Major _____ Degree Received _____

Number of Years completed _____ Dates Attended _____
(month/year to month/year)

Name of High School / Secondary School _____

City, Country _____

Graduation date _____
(month/year)

Please list academic awards or honors that you have received. Additional information may be included in your CV.

Institution & Location _____ Award Name _____ Date Received _____

Please list any relevant academic or professional conferences and workshops that you have attended.

Conference or Workshop Name _____ Location _____ Date _____

Teaching Experience:

If you have taught at the university level, please indicate the institution name and location, title of course, teaching position held, and dates. Additional information may be listed in your CV.

Course Title	Institution Name & Location	Teaching Position	Date
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Financial Information:

Please complete the Financial Form below, transferring amounts into **US Dollars (USD)**. All applicants must **disclose all sources of financial support**. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification of the application. If the exact amounts for costs are not known, please estimate.

Eligible candidates may request assistance for the following categories:

- tuition including all relevant fees to the university;
- living expenses such as rent, medical insurance, books or other academic materials; and/or
- other such as travel to and from the school or to related conferences, books, etc.

Candidates *may not* request support for any dependents, computer hardware or software, or holiday or social activities. This scholarship is for individual academic expenses only.

Select from the categories below:	Total Annual Cost in USD	Requested Amount from OSI/GSGP in USD*	Amount from other sources (personal, family, university waivers, scholarships, etc.) USD	List/describe all other sources (may use next page if necessary)
○ Category I: Tuition				
1a. University tuition				
1b. Other university fees (specify)				
○ Category II: Living Expenses				
2a. Housing				
2b. Insurance				
2c. Meals				
2e. Other living expenses (specify)				
○ Category III: Other				
3a. Travel to/from university				
3b. Conference travel				
3c. Books				
3d. Other (specify)				
Total	\$	\$	\$	

*may not exceed \$10,000

PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF ALL SUPPORTING FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION.

11. Please list all sources of funding support you have or will receive during the academic year, as well as all grants/scholarships you have applied for and the amount of funds you have requested from each source. For pending scholarship applications, please list the expected time of notification²:

Program Statistics:

How did you hear about the Global Supplementary Grant Program? Please check all that apply.

- Friend or colleague.
- Poster/Flyer.
- Internet or e-mail. Indicate Website or email list: _____
- Local Open Society Foundations or Educational Advising Center representative
- University information session. Where? _____
- Radio/TV/Newspaper Announcement. Please specify. _____
- Educational Fair
- Other. Please specify: _____

² Please note that grants may be considered conditionally until all proof of scholarships and financial support are provided by candidate. It is the candidate's responsibility to follow up with these details before a final decision is made.

Essays:

Please complete this section as thoroughly and accurately as possible, confining your essays to the topics outlined below. Applications without all required essays will be disqualified. The term ‘**re-applicants**’ applies to students who have received funding in prior years through the Global Supplementary Grant Program.

Essays should be a maximum of 300 – 500 words each.

NEW APPLICANTS (3 essays):

1. Please describe yourself and your interests in terms of your personal history and current circumstances. You may include information about your academic experiences, your long-term goals, or a unique experience that has changed your perspective on life.
2. Please describe the focus of your dissertation research in geographic and theoretical terms. If you have not yet designed your dissertation proposal, please describe the area of research you would like to pursue. Please explain why you have chosen to pursue your studies at this particular university.
3. What contributions do you hope to make to open society in your home country or region, using your professional expertise and personal experiences, and whom do you expect to benefit directly and/or indirectly? What is the role of the university in strengthening civil society and generating social transformation?

RE-APPLICANTS (3 essays):

1. Please clearly state where you are in the course of your doctoral studies (coursework, proposal writing, research, fieldwork, dissertation writing, etc.), addressing any achievements and/or challenges from the past year, and how these have shaped the development of your research.
2. How do you plan to apply your research to your professional pursuits after the completion of your doctorate? What are your career goals within the next 5 years and what are your strategies for accomplishing these?
3. What associations do you have with institutions or organizations in your home country? How have you maintained these connections and how will you contribute to these institutions or organizations upon the completion of your doctoral studies?

My signature below indicates that all of the information contained in my application and supporting documents is true and honestly presented.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check List:

Please assemble all documents in the order listed below, and ensure that you have all of the following before submitting your application online or mailing it to the address below.

- ___ Completed Application Form;
- ___ Curriculum Vitae (updated with education and work history, extra-curricular activities, academic awards, and publications);
- ___ Copy of official letter of admission specifying full-time enrollment from the admitting institution, in English or with a full English translation. If not available, please provide an explanation and submit official letter when available;
- ___ Copies of all graduate/undergraduate/post-secondary school records with English translations. If your transcripts are not available, please provide an explanation (**new applicants only**);
- ___ Copy of an official letter outlining the details of your scholarship or financial aid award (if separate from award letter above) and any other documents confirming additional financial support;
- ___ Copy of the identification pages of your passport;
- ___ Copy of your visa and / or other documents issued by host country immigration authorities;
- ___ Two recent academic reference letters from professors who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities, in English or with a full English translation (**new applicants only**);
- ___ One recent academic progress report from a professor or dissertation advisor describing your academic progress and confirming that you are on track for graduation as scheduled (**re-applicants only**).
- ___ Essay 1 ___ Essay 2 ___ Essay 3

NOTE: Omission of one or more of the documents mentioned above will render your application incomplete and will result in disqualification. In the event that a document or documents will become available only after you submit your application, please indicate this on your application and send the missing document(s) as soon as possible.

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Global Supplementary Grant Program
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100 Cambridge Grove
London, W6 0LE United Kingdom

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MAY 31, 2011 -- FOR STUDENTS PURSUING A PH.D. IN EUROPE.