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OPEN SOCIETY INSTITUTE UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM Academic Year 2009-2010

The Undergraduate Exchange Program is a one year, non-degree study program in the United States.

Eligible applicants are second-year students from

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Serbia, or Ukraine*

studying American Studies, Art History, Classical Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Economic Theory, Fine or Performing Arts, History, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Literature and Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, or Women's or Gender Studies at the university level.

***Applicants from Ukraine must be studying in the regions of Dnipropetrovska, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Khersonska, Luhansk, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Poltava, Sumy, or Zaporizhzhya to be eligible.**

For copies of this application, please visit:

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Open Society Institute

Undergraduate Exchange Program 2009-2010

The Undergraduate Exchange Program (U.E.P.) supports students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Serbia, and Ukraine in the United States for one-year of non-degree academic studies. The program seeks to assist educational and civic development in Southeastern and Eastern Europe and Mongolia by exposing participants to a liberal arts curriculum, different models of classroom instruction, community service work, and civil society related programming. The U.E.P. combines the U.S. liberal arts academic experience with exposure to American social issues and civic development through involvement in community service related work. The program aims to create lasting ties among participants and their American colleagues thereby contributing to cultural understanding and tolerance.

Participants attend a university or college in the United States for one year. While in the U.S., grantees agree to complete 25 hours a semester of community service work in an area of interest to them. At the end of the year, they are expected to return home to complete their degrees. Once back in their home country, grantees are expected to carry out a community-based service project.

Applicants must currently be enrolled as a second-year student at a university in their home country to be eligible. Participant selection and university placement is determined by a panel of experts in the United States. Candidates do not apply to a specific university.

Criteria

In order to qualify for the program, an applicant must:

1. Be a resident of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Serbia, or Ukraine.
2. Be a current second-year undergraduate student studying American Studies, Art History, Classical Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Economic Theory*, Fine or Performing Arts, History, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Literature and Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, or Women's or Gender Studies. *Please note that economic theory does not include business administration or management.
3. Be enrolled in an accredited university in his or her home country. Ukrainian applicants must be studying at a university in Dnipropetrovska, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Khersonska, Luhansk, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Poltava, Sumy, or Zaporizhzhya to be eligible.
4. Be in the second year of study when applying and return to their home country to complete their degree following the program.
5. Have an outstanding academic record.
6. Have a history of community and/or extracurricular involvement.
7. Have spent previous two years in residence in home country.
8. Have not attended a university in the United States.
9. Have not attended high school in the United States for more than one academic semester.
10. Be fluent in reading, writing, and speaking English.
11. Be able to begin studies in the summer of 2009.

Selection

Selection is based on academic merit, extracurricular and community activities, leadership potential, and knowledge of English. The number of awards varies by country, with approximately three to eight awards granted per country.

Participant selection is conducted in four stages. All applicants which meet the above criteria will have their applications reviewed and evaluated by a U.S.-based team of university representatives. Semi-finalists are invited for English language exams and an in-country interview conducted by U.S. education professionals. Applications, interview evaluations, and exam results are all considered by a final selection team, which will then recommend university placements for finalists. Final placements are determined by the U.S. universities. Students cannot determine their own university placements.

Financial Terms

Program participants receive a full scholarship that covers tuition, room, board, living stipend, textbooks, transportation, and health insurance. No financial support or special provisions are provided for dependents or family members.

Participant Responsibility

All participants must attend the pre-departure orientation program for one week in July 2009 (transportation, room, and board are paid for by the program), as well as conferences and other program activities throughout the academic year. The orientation and program conferences are academically rigorous, and fellows are expected to attend and complete assignments for all sessions. While in the United States, students must uphold the academic standards of the host institution and undertake full-time study for the duration of the program. Students are encouraged to take courses outside their field of study. No more than one language or two introductory level courses per semester will be allowed.

While in the U.S., grantees agree to complete 25 hours of community service related work per semester. The opportunity can be arranged with the help of the host university, and the type of work will be chosen by the student.

At the end of the year, participants are required to return home to complete their degree at their home universities. By accepting this award, participants agree not to enroll in a degree program at a university in the United States for one year upon completion of the exchange. Requests for visa renewals or extensions will not be considered. During their first year home, students are expected to complete a community service project or internship. The placement and terms thereof will be arranged by the grantee in coordination with the local OSI scholarships coordinator in the grantee's home country.

Instructions for Applying

1. Read all instructions and information carefully before completing the application.
2. All forms in the application are to be completed in English and must be typewritten or hand printed **neatly and clearly** in black ink. You may also apply electronically at <http://oas.soros.org/oas/>.
3. Answer every question completely and carefully. Please use the space provided for your responses.
4. Attach additional documents to the application. These documents include an official copy of your university transcript, a certified English translation of your university transcript, two personal essays, two letters of recommendation, a copy of your passport picture page (if available), and a copy of your T.O.E.F.L. scores (if available).
5. **Submit one original copy of the application and all supporting documents and one photocopy of the application and supporting documents (except for letters of recommendation) to your national OSI scholarships administering office. See the 2nd page for address listings.**

OSI does not discriminate based on any characteristics that may be protected by applicable law.

Deadline: December 1, 2008

**Submit to your local OSI scholarships administering office.
(See Page 2 for listings.)**

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UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM
2009-2010**



APPLICATION

In order to be considered for a scholarship to study in the United States, it is important that you complete the following application thoroughly and accurately. Any false information or incomplete parts will result in disqualification from the competition. If you are selected, the spelling of your name as noted below will be used for airline tickets, visa forms, and other important documents. Please make sure the spelling is appropriate for these purposes as changes are difficult to make. Print clearly or type using black ink. Please submit one original and one copy of the application.

Student's Personal Information *(as it appears in your passport)*

Last (Sur) Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Birthday (day/month/year)	City and Country of Birth	
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Father's name	Mother's name	
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Citizenship: _____ <i>If dual, specify other citizenship:</i> _____		

Gender: female male **Marital Status:** single married

Passport Information

Number	Expiration Date	Country of Issuance
Please attach a clear copy of your passport picture page (if available).		

Student's Current Address – All correspondence will be sent to this address so be sure you will be able to access mail from it during the entire school year (Fall 2008-Spring 2009).

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Full Address		
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City	Postal Code	Country
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Telephone with country and city codes (if applicable)	Fax with country and city codes (if applicable)	E-mail

Student's Permanent Address *(if different than above)*

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Full Address		
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City	Postal Code	Country
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Telephone with country and city codes		

Which airport is nearest to your home? _____

Primary Home University/College

Name _____ City _____ Country _____

Field of Study _____ Advisor _____

Date of Matriculation _____ Expected date of completion _____ Type of Degree _____

Please indicate what year of university you are presently in: ___First ___Second ___Third ___Fourth
Transcripts for Primary University are required and must be submitted.

Other Home University/College (if applicable)

Name _____ City _____ Country _____

Field of Study _____ Advisor _____

Date of Matriculation _____ Expected date of completion _____ Type of Degree _____

If currently enrolled in this university, indicate current year of study ___First ___Second ___Third ___Fourth
Transcripts for other universities are not required.

How did you learn about the Undergraduate Exchange Program? _____

Have you applied for any other scholarship programs? Yes No If yes, which ones?

Language Skills – If you have taken the Test of English as a Foreign Language (T.O.E.F.L.) Exam or equivalent, please attach a photocopy of your test results and indicate the following:

Name of Test _____ Date _____ Location _____ Score _____

Do you speak any foreign languages other than English? If yes, please indicate which ones and your level of fluency (poor, fair, good, excellent) for the following categories:

Language _____ Reading _____ Speaking _____ Writing _____

Study or Travel Abroad – Indicate extensive (more than one month) travel, study, or work you have had outside your home country. List first any experience in the United States.

Country Visited _____ Length of Stay and Dates _____ Study, Work, or Travel _____

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Work History – Describe any full-time or part-time jobs that you have held. Be sure to indicate the dates of employment.

Position Dates Part-Time or Full-Time

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Extracurricular, Personal, Volunteer, or Community Service Activities – Please summarize your principal extracurricular, community, and school activities. Include dates of your participation and if applicable, a brief description of how your community was affected.

Academic Awards – Please list and describe any awards, honors, or scholarships you have received.

Desired Field of Study - Please circle **one** field of study in which you would like to take classes while at an American university or college. Please note that you will be encouraged to take a variety of classes outside of your field.

American Studies	Comparative Literature	Fine or Performing Arts	Art History
Journalism	Cultural Anthropology	History	Philosophy
Classical Studies	Economic Theory	International Relations	Political Science
Sociology	Law	Women's or Gender Studies	

What other courses or areas of study would you pursue?

Please note that law is considered a graduate degree in the United States. Thus, students wishing to focus on law classes will take courses in political science, sociology, or other fields.

University Preferences – If you are awarded a grant, you will be placed at one of the participating universities. In order to make a compatible match, please check the condition you feel is most important to you. If you have no preference, please check “no preference”. **Please note that the selection committee may not be able to accommodate your preferences.**

City Size

- Small (under 25,000 people)
- Medium (25,000 – 150,000 people)
- Large (150,000 or more people)

University Size

- Small (fewer than 3,500 students)
- Medium (3,500-10,000)
- Large (more than 10,000 students)

Do you have any health conditions that require a certain climate or setting? Please explain.

Other Items to Complete the Application – Please attach the following items:

- An official copy of your university transcript (academic record) in your native language
- A certified English translation of your university transcript (academic record)
- Personal Essay #1
- Personal Essay #2
- Academic Recommendation
- Personal Recommendation
- A clear copy of your passport picture page (if available)
- A copy of a former English test scores (if available)

Certification

Please sign and date.

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I completed this application myself, without any aid or assistance from any other individual. I understand that submitting false or misleading information will result in my exclusion or dismissal from the program. If selected, I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the Undergraduate Exchange Program and the Open Society Institute and to return to my home country upon completion of my fellowship term.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Application Checklist

Be sure that you have completed all of the following steps before submitting your application. Put a check in the white boxes next to each item you have completed. Do not submit your application until you have completed all of the items listed below. Incomplete applications or those submitted by email will be disqualified.

Please submit this form with the rest of your application.

Applicant Checklist	Application Components
	I have answered all of the questions on the application.
	I have signed the application "Certification" section.
	I have attached two recommendations in signed, sealed envelopes.
	I have attached a certified official transcript from my university.
	I have attached a certified English translation of my university transcript.
	I have attached two personal essays.
	I have attached a copy of any T.O.E.F.L. or other English language exam scores (if available).
	I have attached a clear copy of my passport picture page (if available).
	I have attached two passport sized photos of myself.
	I am submitting one original copy of the application form and supporting documents.
	I have submitted one photocopy of the application form and supporting documents (except for letters of recommendation).
	I have made an additional copy for my records.



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ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION

Student's Personal Information

This section is to be completed by the *student*. Please print clearly or type.

Last (Sur) Name First Name Middle Initial

Home University/College

Name City Country

Area of Study Advisor

Recommendation

The remainder of the document is to be completed by a *lecturer, professor, or dean who is familiar with the applicant*.

To the Recommender:

The above candidate is applying to study at a university in the United States. This recommendation form is an important element in the student's application. Your candid, honest response will assist us in selecting successful candidates and placing them in programs that best meet their personal and academic requirements. Please fill out this form and return it to the student in a sealed envelope. Write your signature over the back flap. Thank you for your assistance.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity (e.g., professor, lecturer)? _____

Please list the courses you have taught the applicant.

Course	Year	Applicant's Grade

Please comment on the applicant's intellectual curiosity, motivation to learn, contribution to classroom discussion, and study habits.

Please describe what you think will be the candidate's greatest difficulty as an exchange student in the United States.

Overall Evaluation

Compared to other students you have taught, how would you rank the applicant in the following terms? (Circle the best answer.) Please add any comments on these qualities in the space provided below.

Motivation	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Independence	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Academic success	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Effective communication skills	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Disciplined work habits	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
English language skills	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Respect for others	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Sense of humor	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent

Overall, how would you rate this student:

no basis poor average very good excellent One of the top students I have encountered

If you have completed recommendation forms for other Undergraduate Exchange Program applicants, how does this applicant compare to them:

no basis poor average very good excellent One of the top students I have encountered

Please use this space for any additional comments you would like to make about the applicant.

Name: _____

Title: _____ University: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope. Please sign across the flap on the back of the envelope.

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PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION

Student's Personal Information

This section is to be completed by the *student*. Please print clearly or type.

Last (Sur) Name First Name Middle Initial

Home University/College

Name City Country

Area of Study Advisor

Recommendation

The remainder of the document is to be completed by a *program coordinator, volunteer supervisor, work manager, or community member who is familiar with the applicant*. This recommendation form cannot be completed by an applicant's family member.

To the Recommender:

The above candidate is applying to study at a university in the United States. This recommendation form is an important element in the student's application. Your candid, honest response will assist us in selecting successful candidates and placing them in programs that best meet their personal and academic requirements. Please fill out this form and return it to the student in a sealed envelope. Write your signature over the back flap. Thank you for your assistance.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what context do you know the applicant (e.g., supervisor, manager)? _____

Please briefly describe the program and role in which you worked with the applicant.

Please comment on the applicant's personality, motivation, and interests. If possible, give an example that illustrates the applicant's character.

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Please describe what you think will be the candidate's greatest difficulty as an exchange student in the United States.

Overall Evaluation

Compared to other students with whom you have worked, how would you rank the applicant in the following terms? (Circle the best answer.)

Motivation	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Independence	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Academic success	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Effective communication skills	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
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Respect for others	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent
Sense of humor	no basis	poor	average	very good	excellent

Overall, how would you rate this individual:

no basis poor average very good excellent

If you are familiar with other Undergraduate Exchange Program applicants, how does this applicant compare to them:

no basis poor average very good excellent

Please use this space for any additional comments you would like to make about the applicant.

Name: _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope. Please sign across the flap on the back of the envelope.