



**Open Society Institute
Network Scholarship Programs**

GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM

Academic Year 2009 - 2010

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.

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NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM (GSGP)**

2009 - 2010

Program Description:

The Network Scholarship Programs department of the Open Society Institute is pleased to offer supplementary grants to students from select countries of Eastern and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, and Mongolia. The purpose of the program is to enable qualified students to pursue full-time doctoral studies in the **Humanities and Social Sciences** at accredited universities in Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle/Near East, and North America.

The 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 first year of the original grant. Applicants seeking grant renewals must submit a new application for the year for which they are re-applying. The total number of years a recipient may hold a GSGP grant is three years. Grantees applying for their second or third awards will compete with the general pool of applicants 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 are provided to help cover costs in **only one** of the following categories:

1. **Tuition and fees** – not to exceed 50% of tuition and fees per academic year;
2. **Living expenses** – students who have succeeded in funding their tuition, either through scholarships or tuition wavers, are eligible for housing and living funds;
3. **Other** – students who have secured all necessary funds but cannot afford additional expenses, such as travel to/from their host country, books, materials, health insurance, etc., are eligible for additional funds.

Grants will not be provided to cover expenses in *all three* categories. Only those students with confirmed financial support will receive supplementary grants.

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

For the academic year 2009-2010 grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$6000

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

1. *accompanying child/children or spouse;*
2. *federal and/or state taxes;*
3. *computer hardware, software or other computer-related equipment;*
4. *automobile-related expenses of any type.*

Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must review the following information, comply with the guidelines and complete the attached application form to apply. Please note that grantees will be required to maintain full-time student status and abide the terms and conditions outlined in a countersigned contract letter.

1. Candidates must be nationals of one of the following countries:

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| ALBANIA | GEORGIA | MONGOLIA | UKRAINE |
| ARMENIA | KAZAKHSTAN | MONTENEGRO | UZBEKISTAN |
| AZERBAIJAN | KOSOVO | RUSSIA | |
| BELARUS | KYRGYZSTAN | SERBIA | |
| BOSNIA | MACEDONIA | TAJKISTAN | |
| CROATIA | MOLDOVA | TURKMENISTAN | |

2. Applicants must be pursuing doctoral studies in the *social sciences and humanities*.
3. Members of the Roma community and other minority groups are encouraged to apply
4. Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in the spoken and written language of their host institution.
5. The envelope containing an application for the 2009 - 2010 academic year must be postmarked on or before: **APRIL 2, 2009 -- APPLICANTS MUST BE PURSUING A PH.D IN ASIA, AUSTRALIA, THE MIDDLE EAST, OR NORTH AMERICA. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED.**

Please mail applications to the address below:

Global Supplementary Grant Program
Open Society Institute
400 West 59th Street
New York, New York 10019 USA

Candidates are actively encouraged to apply online using the Online Application System which may be found at: <http://www.soros.org/grants/oas>.

Ineligibility:

1. Applications for study in the student's home country or in Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, or Mongolia will not be considered.
2. Applications for non-doctoral study, language preparation, and/or summer school courses will not be considered.
3. Students with permanent resident status and/or asylum seekers in the country of the host academic institution are not eligible to apply. Only those with valid student visas in the host country are eligible to apply.

Documents Required Upon Application:

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

1. Curriculum Vitae -- (CV should include complete work history, extra-curricular activities, academic awards and publications).
2. Copy of your official letter of admission from the academic institution (if not available, explain why);
3. Official undergraduate and post-secondary 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 support.
5. Copy of the identification pages of your passport.
6. Copy of your visa -- (Students studying in the U.S should also enclose a copy of your I-20 or DS-2019 form).
7. Two academic reference letters from professors who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities. Students already enrolled in a Ph.D. program must furnish at least one letter of reference from a professor in the department in which they are studying.

Please Note: Omission of one or more of the documents mentioned above renders your application incomplete and will result in disqualification. In the event that a required document will become available only after you submit your application, please indicate this in your application and send the document as soon as possible.

Selection:

Students are selected in an open competition announced once a year. A team of experts (the GSGP Selection Committee) makes all grant decisions based on the quality of the application, written essays, academic records, 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.**

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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

Date of Birth (day/month/year) City and Country of Birth Citizenship

Gender: female _____ male _____

Marital Status: single _____ married _____ separated _____

Have you received support from the Open Society Institute or Soros Foundation Network in the past?

No _____ Yes _____

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

Permanent Address:

Number and Street Apartment Number

City and State or Province Zip (Postal) Code Country

Telephone Fax Number

E-mail

Mailing Address (If different from permanent address listed above):

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| Number and Street | Apartment Number | Address valid until |
| City and State or Province | Zip (Postal) Code | Country |
| Telephone | Fax Number | E-mail |

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 _____

Beginning date of course or program: _____
Month/Year

Expected date of degree completion: _____
Month/Year

University or College address (name, street address, city, post code, country):

If possible, please list name of official with whom you have corresponded at the school:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ 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 _____
mo/day/yr to mo/day/yr

Name of Undergraduate University/College _____

City, Country _____

Major _____ Degree Received _____

Number of Years completed _____ Dates Attended _____
mo/day/yr to mo/day/yr

Name of High School / Secondary School _____

City, Country _____

Graduation date _____
mo/day/yr

Language Proficiency:

Language of instruction at the school where you will be studying: _____

Number of years you have studied the language: _____

If you have taken a proficiency test for the language of your host country please complete the information below and attach copies of official test results.

| Name of Test | Date | Location | Score |
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Financial Information:

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 tuition or living expenses such as medical insurance, books or other academic materials; or transportation to and from the school.

Please attach copies of official documentation.

What are your costs?

1. Tuition Fees (per year): _____
2. University Fees (Activity Fees, Health Fees, Inc.): _____
3. Housing costs (per year). If shared rent, indicate **your** contribution only: _____
4. Living expenses (per year):
If shared, indicate **your** contribution or costs only: _____
5. Other expenses (If necessary, list details on an attached sheet of paper): _____
6. **TOTAL:** (add items 1-5) _____

What assistance do you already receive?

Please list ALL sources of income or assistance:

7. Amount of tuition scholarship/waiver: _____
8. Amount of room and / or board scholarship / waiver: _____
9. Support from Teaching or Research Assistantship: _____
10. Other assistance (Personal funds, etc.): _____
11. Total Provided by Other Sources: (add items 7-10) _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Essays:

Essays should be a maximum 250-300 words each. Please confine your essays to the topics outlined below.

* NOTE: It is to your benefit to complete this section as thoroughly and accurately as possible. 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.

1. **Personal Essay.** Describe yourself and your interests in terms of your personal history and current circumstances. You may want to include information about your academic experiences, your long-term goals, or a unique experience that has changed your perspective on life. **Re-applicants**, please describe yourself and your interests with particular reference to your experience as a graduate student, noting specifically how your interests have developed or changed since your original application.
2. **Academic and Research Goals.** 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. **Re-applicants**, please discuss any new or changed directions you have decided to take in your studies and / or research and any unexpected challenges you have come across in your work or at your university. Finally, please state clearly where you are in the course of your doctoral studies (taking courses, proposal writing, research, fieldwork, dissertation writing, etc.).
3. **How will your work address the needs and challenges of your society?**
4. **Answer ONE of the following questions:**
 - a. What contributions do you hope to make, using your professional expertise and personal experiences, to the world?
 - b. What is the role of the university in strengthening civil society and generating social transformation?

Re-applicants: In lieu of writing a or b of Essay 4, re-applicants should discuss their **Work Influences:** Please discuss the publication, publications, or body of research that has proven to be the most influential in shaping your thinking about your field, the research you have done for seminar papers, and, if applicable at present, your dissertation topic.

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

Before mailing your application please check that you have attached the following:

___ Application Form;

___ Curriculum Vitae (CV should include complete work history, extra-curricular activities, academic awards and publications);

___ Copy of the official letter of admission from the admitting institution, in English or with a full English translation. If the letter is not available, please provide an explanation;

___ Copies of all undergraduate/post-secondary school records with English translations. If your transcripts are not available, please provide an explanation;

___ Copy of official letter(s) informing you of the details of the scholarship or financial aid award and proof of expenses as outlined in application;

___ The official letter from your school's financial aid office outlining your need;

___ Copy of the identification pages of your passport or other identification;

___ Copy of your visa and / or other documents issued by host country immigration authorities (if applicable).

Students in the U.S. should enclose a copy of their I-20 or DS-2019 form;

___ Two academic reference letters from professors who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities, in English or with a full English translation.

___ Essay 1

___ Essay 2

___ Essay 3

___ Essay 4

NOTE: Omission of one or more of the documents mentioned above renders 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.

Please check off all the enclosed items and mail this page together with your application.

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