

Open Society Foundation Cambridge Scholarship 2012-13

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

The Scholarships

The OSF Cambridge Scholarships, which are jointly funded by the Open Society Foundation-London and the Cambridge Overseas Trust, are intended to provide opportunities for postgraduate study in selected fields in the United Kingdom for scholars and young professionals who demonstrate both academic excellence and the potential to become leaders, decision makers and opinion formers in their home countries. Applicants should have excellent academic qualifications, a clear and precise proposal describing what they wish to study, and a fluent command of the English language. The scholarships cover all university and college fees for an eligible MPhil degree course for up to one year, travel to and from the UK, and basic living expenses for a single person.

Eligible courses at the University of Cambridge in 2012-13:

- MPhil in Conservation Leadership
- MPhil in Education
- MPhil in Environmental Science
- MPhil in Environment, Society and Development
- MPhil in Environmental Policy
- MPhil in Multi-disciplinary Gender Studies
- MPhil in Public Health
- LLM (Public Law)

Eligibility

1) Applicants must be citizens of and resident in one of the following countries during the academic year in which they apply for the award:

Belarus	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan
Macedonia	Moldova	Palestine
Serbia	Turkmenistan	Ukraine

Applicants who are temporarily out of the country (for a total period of less than three consecutive months) may be treated as being resident.

2) Applicants should demonstrate exceptional academic potential, familiarity with the chosen field of study and clear commitment to open society goals. This requirement will be treated as of considerable importance in the selection process, and applicants should be sure to complete Section B(6) of the University of Cambridge's Graduate Admission and Scholarship Application Form (GRADSAF) fully and appropriately.

3) Applicants should be planning to return to their home country at the end of the period of study.

4) Applicants should already hold (or expect to hold by the time of taking up the award) a first degree of an equivalent standard to a good UK second-class Honours degree. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously studied outside their home country.

5) Applicants will be required to have passed an English proficiency test (TOEFL or IELTS) before being offered a Scholarship. The minimum requirement for some of the courses available is in TOEFL 600 (250 in the computer-based test) or IELTS 7.0; however most courses require the higher minimum requirement of IELTS 7.5, and some IELTS 8.0. Please refer to the University of Cambridge Graduate Studies Prospectus for further details.

6) Employees, employees' relatives (or former employees who have left employment less than two years previously) of the Educational Advising Centers or local Open Society Foundations representations directly involved in the Open Society Foundations Scholarship Programs administration in the region or of the participating universities will not be eligible to apply.

How to apply

Scholars should obtain information about the relevant degree and its requirements (including English language requirements) by consulting the University's Graduate Studies website:
www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/gsprospectus/

Application details, including the GRADSAF, can also be seen on the website at
<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/gradstud/prospec/apply/paper>

Applicants should check the requirements for individual courses since additional supporting materials such as written work may be needed.

Local representatives of Open Society Foundations will assist you by arranging for your application to be sent to Cambridge, and will also arrange for payment of the application fee. Please submit your GRADSAF (including all required supporting materials) to the address below by **25 November 2011**. Applications will not be accepted after this deadline.

In the funding section of the GRADSAF, applicants should ask to be considered for the OSF Cambridge Scholarship.

In addition to GRADSAF, applicants should complete the **OSF Cambridge Scholarship Application Form (and all required supporting materials)** and return it to the local OSF/Soros Foundation Office/Educational Advising Center by **25 November 2011**.

Please also enclose with your scholarship application form the Self-Assessment Form whereby you acknowledge your compliance with the eligibility criteria for this scholarship programme.

Applications that arrive after this deadline, are incomplete or made to ineligible courses will not be considered for the OSF Cambridge Scholarship.

Students who wish to submit further applications for further courses must apply to the University directly; applications that arrive directly at the University will not be considered for the OSF Cambridge Scholarship.

Please note:

- application papers, including accompanying documents, must be single-sided
- do not staple or fasten documents, except with paperclips
- applications must be received by the Local Representative Office no later than (25 November 2011)

Selection procedure

- 1) All completed applications received by local representatives of Open Society Foundations by the deadline will be forwarded to the University of Cambridge. Academic staff at the University will compile a short-list.
- 2) Short-listed applicants will be invited for an interview and an English language test in their home country in May 2012. Please keep yourself free around this time. You will be informed by your local scholarship co-ordinator in May 2012 whether you have been shortlisted or not.
- 3) Interviews will be carried out by representatives of OSF-London. In certain cases there may also be a panel member representing the interests of the University.
- 4) The final awards will be decided jointly by the University and OSF-London. Candidates will be informed in June 2012. In addition, certain candidates may be offered reserve places for scholarships (meaning that they may be offered a scholarship if one of the successful candidates withdraws from the program).
- 5) Please note that staff at your local representative office are not involved in the decision-making process. They will tell you as soon as they can whether or not you have been successful. Please understand they will not be able to inform you until they have been instructed by the University of Cambridge and OSF-London.
- 6) Please note that all successful applicants will be expected to attend a one-month preparatory academic writing summer school in August 2012. The Open Society Scholarship Programs Pre-Academic Summer Program is designed to prepare Open Society Scholarship Programs scholars for a successful academic experience in the UK. Successful applicants will be provided with the opportunity to refine their research and writing skills through intensive courses in academic writing and social sciences. The exact date and location of the summer school will be available at a later date.

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Eligibility Requirements : Self-Assessment Form

You should complete this form if you are applying for an Open Society Foundation Cambridge scholarship.

By checking off the boxes below, you confirm that you have read the guidance notes for applicants, understand the eligibility requirements and selection process and are prepared to submit a complete application form with all required supporting documents. This form should be attached to your application once completed and signed below.

FAMILY NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS):	FIRST NAME(S) (BLOCK CAPITALS):
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Please read the statements below and tick the boxes on the right to indicate whether each of these statements is true or false of you.

A. I am a national of and resident in one of the eligible countries during the academic year in which I apply for the award (I am considered resident even if I am temporarily out of the country for a total period of less than three consecutive months.). true false

B. I already hold or am expecting to hold by the time of taking up the award, if my application is successful, a degree of an equivalent standard to a BA with good marks. true false

C. I am not a recipient of any other Open Society Foundation fully funded scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year. true false

D. I have passed or will sit for a TOEFL/IELTS test to obtain a required score by the time of taking up an award (a test will be organized by the Sponsors for those applicants who are shortlisted after the interviews). true false

E. I understand that the Sponsors of the scholarship will give preference to applicants who have not already studied outside their home region. true false

F. I am not a current employee, or employee's relative, of any Open Society Foundation representations directly working with Open Society Scholarship Programs in the region or the participating university and have not been employed by either of them within the last 2 years. true false

If you marked all of the above statements as true, you are eligible for the programme. Please submit your application. If you marked any of the statements above as false, please, be advised that you may be ineligible for the programme but you can still submit your application if you still wish it to be considered.

If you have any questions concerning any of the criteria listed above, please, contact your local scholarship coordinator.

Please attach a copy of this form to each submitted scholarship application form.

By signing this form I confirm that the information provided above is correct.

Signature

Date