

## DAAD- OSI JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### MOLDOVA CIVIL SERVICE TRACK

2012-2013

#### Guidance Notes for Applicants

DAAD- OSI scholarship competition to study in Germany for Moldovan students is organised every year and is equally funded by the Open Society Foundations (OSI) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). In 2010 a special component of the scholarship scheme was specifically negotiated in Moldova for civil servants as a tri-lateral agreement including the Moldovan government. The idea of this pilot project was to boost the civil service sector and allow civil servants to receive a post-graduate degree in Germany (or other countries) with a possibility to retain their work place and be re-employed back after graduation in the positions within the civil service sector in Moldova.

This competition is running separately from the regular scholarship scheme with special places allocated at Master programs in Germany for civil servants. The applicants are informed that in order to be able to take up the awards, they sign an agreement with the government whereby they would confirm their intention to work in civil service after graduation, and the government would confirm their obligation to keep their work place available after the two-years (in Germany's case) of study.

Potential applicants will receive a specially designed package of information from the Educational Advising Center in Chisinau and during individual meetings and talks with the government.

Applicants need to submit the application form required by DAAD and all the documents requested. The list of available courses will be provided. There is, however, no guarantee that the selected study course will be provided. In certain cases students are directed to other relevant university courses.

Applicants will participate in the interview in person (in English or German language) around the 16-20th of February 2012. They must make themselves available for the interviews in this period.

The selected finalists will have to take English and German tests before the leave for the academic language school or their study places.

**Finalists will not be allowed to leave for their study place if they do not sign an agreement with the government, a letter of award from the Open Society Foundation and the contract with DAAD.**

Candidates who do not intend to return to the civil service after their studies, should not apply for this pilot program.

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