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Scholarship Programs

GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM Europe

Academic Year 2013 - 2014

Application Form

Deadline for applications: 21 May 2013

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 a range of countries 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:

<http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/about/programs/scholarship-programs>

**OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM (GSGP) - EUROPE
2013 - 2014**

Program Description:

The Open Society Scholarship Programs is pleased to offer supplementary grants to students from selected countries of Eastern and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union and Mongolia, the Middle East, North Africa 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 in **Europe**. Applicants are expected to demonstrate an outstanding academic record, be engaged in innovative, ground breaking research which tackles issues of major importance to their home countries and/or regions, and show commitment to higher education and social change in their home countries and/or regions.

Global Supplementary Grant Program (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 (subject to eligibility criteria in the call for applications for the respective year). 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 applications each year. A second or third grant is therefore not guaranteed.

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

Grants will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence, merits of the proposed research, commitment to bringing about positive social change in their home country or region, applicants' long-term goals, and financial need.

Grants are provided to help cover costs in the following three 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 supplementary 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 2013-2014 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 in Europe in the spring of 2014. Travel and accommodation costs from grantees' host universities to the conference site will be covered by Open Society Foundations. Further details will be sent to grantees in late 2013.

Eligibility Criteria:

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

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

**AFGHANISTAN
ALBANIA
ARMENIA
AZERBAIJAN
BELARUS
BOSNIA
EGYPT
GEORGIA
JORDAN
KAZAKHSTAN**

**KOSOVO
KYRGYZSTAN
LEBANON
MACEDONIA
MOLDOVA
MONGOLIA
MONTENEGRO
NEPAL
PALESTINE
RUSSIA**

**SERBIA
SYRIA
TAJIKISTAN
TUNISIA
TURKMENISTAN
UKRAINE
UZBEKISTAN**

2. Europe based applicants must be pursuing **full-time** doctoral programs in the **social sciences or humanities** at accredited universities in the countries of the European Economic Area¹, Turkey or Switzerland (excluding the Central European University in Hungary).
3. Candidates who are alumni or current grantees of the Open Society Foundations must be in good standing with all past and current 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. Students pursuing doctorates in Europe may only seek support for studies in the countries of the European Economic Area, Turkey and Switzerland. Studies in the applicant's home country are not supported under this program.

¹ European Economic Area (EEA) countries include the EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

3. Applications for non-doctoral study, part-time study, language preparation, and/or summer school courses will not be considered.
4. Students who are citizens of the EEA countries are not eligible for these awards. Students with permanent resident status, nationality, or citizenship in the host country or in another country which would entitle them to home student status 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 and 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 must be accompanied by an official or university translation into English.**

NB: For the purpose of the GSGP selection process, **new applicants** are those applicants who have not received funding from the GSGP in the past. Applicants who have applied unsuccessfully to the GSGP in the past, as well as applicants who have received Open Society Foundations funding via other programs in the past are regarded as new applicants.

Re-applicants are those applicants who have applied successfully and have received an award from the GSGP Europe in the past.

1. An academic Curriculum Vitae (should include education, work history, extra-curricular activities, academic awards, and publications);
2. Copy of an official, unconditional letter of admission from the academic institution;
3. **New applicants** only: candidates who hold a master degree must submit an official copy of the MA Diploma and of the MA transcript; candidates who do not hold a master's degree must submit an official copy of the BA Diploma and of the BA transcript.
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 or immigration document for the 2013 - 2014 academic year confirming your student status in the host country;
7. Essays (see details in the **Essays** section);
8. **New applicants** must submit two current reference letters. These should be academic reference letters from professors who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities. Alternatively, applicants may submit one academic reference letter from a professor with direct knowledge of your work and abilities, and a second reference letter from a referee back in your home country who is familiar with your studies and/or your work there. Applicants 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. Reference letters must be signed and printed on letterhead paper.

Re-applicants must submit two current reference letters. One letter must be from your academic advisor describing in detail your academic progress over the past year and confirming that you are on track for graduation as scheduled. The second reference letter must be from a referee back in your home country who can speak about your accomplishments with regards to your commitments to the home country. Reference letters must be signed and printed on letterhead paper.

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. Your application will be considered conditionally until Open Society Foundations receives all outstanding documents. All supporting documents *must* be accompanied by an official or university translation in English if they are in another language or they might not be considered

Selection:

Scholars are selected in an open competition announced once a year. A selection committee consisting of academic experts carefully reviews applications based on academic record, merits of the proposed study, commitment to home country or region, applicant's long-term goals, and financial need. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate a continued 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. **Selection committee's decisions are final.**

Timeline

Funding decisions in the case of applicants pursuing their studies in Europe are expected to be taken by the end of July 2013. Open Society Foundations will inform both the successful and the unsuccessful applicants of the outcome of their applications by the end of July 2013. Successful applicants will be taken through Open Society Scholarship Programs' grant making procedure in August - September 2013 and should expect to receive their GSGP grants by October 2013.

Deadline for Submission:

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

Open Society Foundation
Global Supplementary Grant Program Europe
Scholarship Programs
7th Floor Millbank Tower
21-24 Millbank
London SW1P 4QP
United Kingdom

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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 funding from the GSGP program in the past? If yes, please list the years in which you have been funded via GSGP:

No _____ Yes, I have received GSGP funding in these years: _____

Have you received or are you receiving support through other programs of the Open Society Foundations, or the Soros Foundations Network?

No _____ Yes _____

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

Permanent Legal Address in your home country:

Number and Street Apartment Number

City and State or Province Zip (Postal) Code Country

Telephone Fax Number

E-mail

Correspondence 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: _____

Please provide the full title of your PhD thesis (if you have it) _____

State whether the program is:

a. Full-time _____ b. Modular _____ c. Joint Degree Between 2 Universities _____

Beginning date of enrolment: _____
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)

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

Institution & Location	Award Name	Date Received
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Please list any relevant academic or professional conferences and workshops that you have attended.

Conference or Workshop Name	Location	Date
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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 applicants 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.

Applicants *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 OSF/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

*Applicants who have requested funding in Category III: Other are encouraged to provide budget notes explaining the purpose and nature of expenses (e.g. concrete conference details and quotes, books, etc.).

PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF ALL SUPPORTING FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION.

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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.

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

NEW APPLICANTS (3 essays):

1. Please describe your reasons for applying for this scholarship award and how it will contribute to your research and professional goals. You may include information about your academic background and achievements, your community involvement, and your long-term goals and plans.
2. Please provide the title of your PhD thesis and describe the focus of your dissertation research in geographic and theoretical terms. Please describe where you are in the course of your doctoral studies (coursework, proposal writing, research, fieldwork, dissertation writing, etc.). If you have not yet designed your dissertation proposal, please describe the area of research that you would like to pursue. Please explain why you have chosen to pursue your studies in this particular area and how it relates to developments in your home country or region.
3. What role has higher education played in bringing about tangible social change in your home country or region? How do you expect your own professional and personal achievements to contribute to open society in your home country or region? Please give specific examples of initiatives, projects or organisations that you expect to engage with.

RE-APPLICANTS (3 essays):

1. Please describe the reasons for which you are re-applying for this award and how do you expect our continued support to help you achieve your research and professional goals.
2. Please provide the title of your PhD thesis and a one-paragraph description of your dissertation research in geographic and theoretical terms as it stands at the moment. Please describe 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.
3. What associations do you have with institutions or organizations in your home country? How have you developed and maintained these connections and how will you contribute to these institutions or organizations upon the completion of your doctoral studies? Please provide concrete examples of links to your home country and how your PhD studies relate to these connections.

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 sending it by post to the address below.

___ Completed Application Form;

___ Academic Curriculum Vitae (updated with education, work history, extra-curricular activities, academic awards, and publications);

___ Copy of an official, unconditional 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 postgraduate transcripts and diplomas or, where these are not available, undergraduate transcripts and diplomas with English translations. If your transcripts and diplomas 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 immigration documents confirm your student status in the host country in 2013-2014;

___ **New applicants:** Two recent academic reference letters, in English or with a full English translation;

___ **Re-applicants:** Two recent reference letters, in English or with a full English translation. One letter from the academic supervisor describing your academic progress and confirming that you are on track for graduation as scheduled; A second letter from a referee back in your home country

___ 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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