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Scholarship Programs

GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM

North America, Asia, Australia, Middle East

Academic Year 2013 - 2014

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.

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 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 in 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 Open Society Foundations and Scholarship Programs can be found at:
www.opensocietyfoundations.org/about/programs/scholarship-programs

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

Program Description:

The Open Society Scholarship Programs is pleased to offer supplementary grants to students from select countries of Southeastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Mongolia, the Middle East, and South Asia. 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, the Middle East, and North America.

Each award will provide partial funding for one year of full-time doctoral study. Recipients of GSGP grants will have the option to re-apply for an additional two awards after the original grant. Applicants seeking grant renewals must submit a new application for each renewal year. 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 other renewal applicants 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. Students at any stage of their Ph.D. programs may apply.

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

Grants are provided to help cover costs in 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 waivers, 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.

Only applicants with confirmed financial support from additional sources 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 2013-2014, grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000

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.***

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 the Spring of 2014. Travel costs and accommodation for North American grantees will be covered by the Open Society Foundations. Further details will be sent to grantees in late 2013.

Eligibility Criteria:

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

AFGHANISTAN	GEORGIA	MOLDOVA	SYRIA
ALBANIA	JORDAN	MONGOLIA	TAJIKISTAN
ARMENIA	KAZAKHSTAN	MONTENEGRO	TUNISIA
AZERBAIJAN	KOSOVO	NEPAL	TURKMENISTAN
BELARUS	KYRGYZSTAN	PALESTINE	UKRAINE
BOSNIA	LEBANON	RUSSIA	UZBEKISTAN
EGYPT	MACEDONIA	SERBIA	

2. Candidates must be pursuing **full-time** doctoral studies in the *social sciences or humanities* at an accredited university.
3. Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in the spoken and written language of their host institution.
4. Candidates who are alumni or current grantees of any Open Society Foundations program must be in good standing with all grants (including submitting all relevant reports on time, etc.)
5. **ONLY** applicants who have already been awarded partial or full tuition, room and board stipends, or other types of financial support may apply.

Members of minority groups are encouraged to 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 contract letter.

Ineligibility:

1. These awards offer partial support towards full time doctoral studies in the *social sciences or 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. Applications for study in the student's home country or in any of the countries listed above will not be considered.
3. Applications for non-doctoral study, language preparation, and/or summer school courses will not be considered.
4. Students with permanent resident status, dual citizenship, and/or asylum seekers in the country of the host academic institution are not eligible to apply. Only those with valid student visas, or relevant student status, in the host country are eligible. Citizens of any EU country are not eligible.

Deadline for Submission:

Candidates are strongly encouraged to apply online using the **Online Application System** which may be found at <https://oas.soros.org/oas>. Supporting application materials that cannot be submitted online (such as official transcripts and letters of recommendation) must be mailed to the address below:

Global Supplementary Grant Program
Open Society Foundations
1700 Broadway, 17th Floor
New York, New York 10019 USA

All applications are due by **April 1, 2013** and envelopes containing supporting materials or paper applications must be postmarked on or before: **April 1, 2013**.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED.

Documents Required Upon Application:

In addition to the application form that follows, 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. Current, official graduate school transcripts
4. Copy of an official letter from your institution outlining the details of your scholarship or financial aid award (if separate from item 2 above) and any other documents confirming additional support
5. Budget Narrative (please see page 10)
6. Copy of the identification pages of your passport
7. Copy of your visa (students studying in the U.S should also enclose a copy of your I-20 or DS-2019 form)
8. Two academic reference letters from professors at your current institution who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities. At least one letter must speak specifically to your progress towards completing your degree program (if you have not begun your program, then two general reference letters will suffice)
9. One reference letter from an individual affiliated with a university, institution, or organization in your home country who can speak to your accomplishments, future aspirations, and commitment to your home country.

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 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 clear commitment to the academic and social development of their home community or region. Applicants should take into consideration the three-year funding limit when applying, and anticipate the period of their study when they will most benefit from a GSGP award. **Decisions of the selection committee are final.**

Timeline:

Funding decisions are expected to be made by the beginning of July, 2013, and OSF will inform both the successful and unsuccessful applicants. Successful applicants should expect to receive the GSGP grant in August or September, 2013.

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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 _____

Please list all nationality documents held: _____

Do you have a green card or residency status in any other countries; or do you have applications pending for asylum or residency status in any other countries? If yes, which countries? _____

Have you received or are you receiving support from the Open Society Foundations or the Soros Foundation Network? (including prior GSGP awards)

No _____ Yes _____

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

Permanent Address:

Number and Street	Apartment Number
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City and State or Province	Zip (Postal) Code	Country
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Telephone	Fax Number
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E-mail _____

Current Mailing Address (if different from permanent address listed above):

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	

Program Statistics:

How did you hear about the Global Supplementary Grant Program?

- Friend or colleague
- Poster/Flyer (where?):
- Internet or email (which Website or email list?):
- Local Soros Foundation or Educational Advising Center
- University information session (where?):
- Radio/TV/Newspaper Announcement (please specify):
- Educational Fair
- Other (please specify):

Academic Information:

Please select one:

_____ I have *been accepted into* the following doctorate (Ph.D.) program: _____
Name of University

Name of Faculty/Department

_____ I am *currently enrolled* in 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. Modular _____ c. Joint Degree Between two Universities _____

If you answered “b” or “c” directly above, please describe your program’s structure (including residency requirements):

Beginning date of enrollment: _____
Month/Year

Expected date of degree completion: _____
Month/Year

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

If possible, please list the name of the 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

Please list any academic awards or honors that you have received.

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 list the course titles, the name and location of the institutions where you taught, and the type of teaching position you held.

Course Title	Institution Name & Location	Teaching Position

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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.

Applicants must additionally attach a brief line item budget narrative that includes an explanation of your primary sources of funding and your financial need

Eligible candidates 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.

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				
2d. 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

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 notification¹:

¹ 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 confine your essays to the topics outlined below.

* NOTE: The term ‘**re-applicant**’ applies to students who have received funding in prior years through the Global Supplementary Grant Program.

New Applicants (3 essays):

Essays should be a maximum 300 –500 words each.

1. **Personal Essay.** Describe yourself and your interests in terms of your personal history and current circumstances. Please include information about your academic experiences, your long-term goals, or a unique experience that has changed your perspective on life.
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 your particular university.
3. What contributions do you hope to make to open society in your home country or region, using your professional expertise and personal experiences, and whom do you expect to benefit directly and/or indirectly? What is the role of the university in strengthening civil society and generating social transformation?

Re-Applicants (2 essays):

1. What associations do you have with institutions or organizations in your home country? How have you maintained these connections and how will you contribute to these institutions or organizations upon the completion of your doctoral studies? (300 – 500 words)
2. Briefly re-capping your academic goals, in 1000 words or less please provide a reflection on your last year of studies and describe how you have developed personally and academically. You may feel free to describe a significant experience, event, or encounter that occurred over the last year and how it has impacted you, or your work.

My signature below indicates that all of the information contained in my application and supporting documents is true and honestly presented.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Check List

PLEASE ASSEMBLE ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE ORDER LISTED BELOW

Before mailing your application (or supporting materials if you have applied online) please check that you have attached the following:

- ___ Application Form (only required if you have not applied online through the Online Application System)
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- ___ 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.
- ___ Current official graduate school transcripts
- ___ Copy of an official letter from your institution outlining the details of your scholarship or financial aid award and any other documents confirming additional support
- ___ Budget Narrative
- ___ Copy of the identification pages of your passport or other identification
- ___ Copy of your visa, DS-2019 or I-20 forms, and / or other documents issued by host country immigration authorities (if applicable)
- ___ Two academic reference letters from professors at your current institution who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities. At least one letter must speak specifically to your progress towards completing your degree program (if you have not begun your program, then two general reference letters will suffice)
- ___ One reference letter from an individual affiliated with a university, institution, or organization in your home country who can speak to your accomplishments, future aspirations, and commitment to your home country
- ___ Essay 1 ___ Essay 2 ___ Essay 3 (New Applicants Only)

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