

**THE OPEN SOCIETY INSTITUTE
NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

DOCTORAL FELLOWS PROGRAM 2010

FOR PhD STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES of AMERICA or CANADA

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 23, 2009

NAME _____
(as it appears on your passport) First name Patronymic name Last name

CONTACT INFORMATION

Permanent mailing address in your home country. All letter communications will be sent to this address during the competition.

_____ Complete street mailing address

_____ City/Country/Postal Code

Home telephone: _____ Office telephone: _____

Cell phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

ALTERNATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION

If you may not always be reached at your permanent address, please provide alternative information below:

_____ Alternative street mailing address Dates valid

_____ Alternative e-mail address Dates valid

OTHER PERSONAL DATA

Date & Place of Birth: _____
Month/Day/Year City and Country

Country of permanent legal residence: _____ Country/-ies of citizenship: _____

Have you applied for, or do you currently hold, a visa or permanent residency status for either the US or Canada? If so, describe and give expiration date of visa. _____

Have you ever been to the United States on a J-visa (exchange visitor)? YES NO
If yes, please indicate the program(s), as well as program duration, dates, and the organization or U.S. government agency that sponsored the program(s). _____

Do you hold a valid Schengen visa (for travel purposes)? YES Expiration date: _____ NO

STANDARDIZED TEST INFORMATION.

I. To assist the selection committee in screening the initial applicant pool, **all applicants** will be required to take the “unofficial” TOEFL (TOEFL-ITP) shortly after the fellowship deadline, on a date to be determined. Waivers may be given to those applicants who have completed a BA or Master’s level degree within the last two years in which English was the language of instruction, or those who have valid IELTS or TOEFL scores less than two years old.

II. All those progressing to semifinalist stage of competition will be required to take the official TOEFL and GRE, unless they hold competitive test scores less than two years old. TOEFL waivers may be granted in the case of those holding valid IELTS scores, but applicants seeking such waivers should understand that not all US universities accept IELTS; the applicant's placement options will be correspondingly limited to schools that accept either test. If you have previously taken the GRE or TOEFL, please indicate below (regardless of date). Please attach copy of official score sheet if available. Proof to substantiate scores may be required from testing agency at later date. If registered to take a test in the future, indicate test date:

TOEFL

Date: _____
 Score: _____
 TWE: _____
 Scores are for:
 _____ Computer-based test
 _____ Paper Test
 _____ Internet Test

IELTS Academic Module

Date: _____
 Listening: _____
 Reading: _____
 Writing: _____
 Overall Band Score: _____

GRE General Test

Date: _____
 Verbal: _____
 Quantitative: _____
 Analytical: _____

Other Standardized Test (s)

Test name: _____
 Date: _____
 Score: _____

PROPOSED FIELD OF DOCTORAL STUDY AND SPECIALIZATION

Please indicate the academic discipline, along with one or two subfields, in which you plan to study for a PhD. If your subfield of greatest interest is not included in the list, please check "Other" and name it.

___ **Anthropology**

___ Social/Cultural Anthropology, Ethnology
 ___ Physical/ Biological Anthropology
 ___ Linguistic Anthropology
 ___ Folklore/Public Culture
 ___ Other _____

___ **Political Science/International Relations**

___ American Government & Politics
 ___ Comparative Politics/Area Studies
 (indicate area) _____
 ___ International Relations Theory
 ___ Political Theory/Political Philosophy
 ___ Race, Ethnicity, & Politics
 ___ Political Economy/Political Development
 ___ Gender & Politics
 ___ Other _____

___ **Economics**

___ Applied Economics
 ___ Development Economics
 ___ Industrial Organization
 ___ International Economics
 ___ Labor Economics
 ___ Macroeconomics
 ___ Microeconomics
 ___ Public Finance & Economics
 ___ Agricultural Economics
 ___ Environmental & Resource Economics
 ___ Other _____

___ **Philosophy**

___ Ancient Philosophy
 ___ Analytic Philosophy
 ___ Ethics & Philosophy of Law
 ___ Metaphysics
 ___ Logic
 ___ Epistemology
 ___ Philosophy of the Mind
 ___ Other _____

___ **History**

___ Cultural History
 ___ History of certain geographic area
 (indicate region) _____
 ___ History of certain era
 (indicate era) _____
 ___ History of Empire & Globalization
 ___ Women's History
 ___ Other _____

___ **Sociology**

___ Economic Sociology & Organizations
 ___ Historical Sociology
 ___ Developmental Sociology
 ___ Gender & Sexuality
 ___ Social Stratification
 ___ Sociology of Culture & Knowledge
 ___ Race, Ethnicity, & Immigration
 ___ Other _____

Applicant Name: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Please list all higher educational institutions attended in reverse chronological order (most recent first), including any degrees earned. Please list the actual name of any degrees earned; do not provide translations or equivalencies.

Institution & Location	Major Field of Study (area of specialization)	Dates of Study (start & end month / year)	Degree & Date Received (or expected)

Please explain any time gaps or interruptions in your education: _____
 Have you ever been dismissed from a university? No Yes If yes, please explain why: _____

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE TRANSCRIPTS AND DIPLOMAS:

Please submit official, certified transcripts and diplomas from the higher education institutions where you studied. Documents in languages other than English should be accompanied by certified translations.

ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS

Please indicate any fellowships, scholarships, academic awards, or honors that you have received. Please indicate if any funding was provided by OSI.

ACADEMIC or PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Please provide complete information on your participation in such events. List most recent first.

Conference or Workshop Name (No abbreviations)	Location (City, Country)	Dates Attended MM/YY – MM/YY From: To:		Title of Your Paper or Presentation

Applicant Name: _____

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 remaining data shown in the table. Be sure to indicate the type of teaching position you held. (e. g.: tutor, seminar leader, adjunct professor, full professor, etc.)

Teaching position	Name of Course	Institution Name/Location	# of Students	# Hours Taught/Week	Dates or Semesters From: To:

OTHER RELEVANT WORK/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Other than teaching, please list the two positions of your employment most related to your proposed graduate program. Please note that you must submit a CV or resume with this application, so there is no need to include more than the two most relevant.

Name of Employer and Employer's Mailing Address	Your Ending Job Title and Responsibilities	Dates of Employment	
		From:	To:

* Scholarship staff at OSI-supported Education Advising Centers are not eligible to apply for this fellowship.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Please list books, articles, reviews, or theses you have published in any language, especially those pertaining to your proposed field/subfield of study. Please include title, publisher, and publication date and location. If publication was in a language other than English, please translate the citation into English, as well. Please indicate whether publications were refereed or non-refereed. For co-authored publications, briefly describe your contribution.

Applicant Name: _____

RESEARCH

Describe briefly any unpublished scholarly or professional research you have completed or in which you are currently involved. Please note that you will have more space to elaborate on your research interests in your Statement of Purpose essay.

RECENT ACADEMIC READING IN YOUR AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Please list the three most recent publications (articles or books, etc.) you have read that concern your academic discipline or area of specialization. Include the author’s name, publication titles, and publication date. If it was in a language other than English, please translate the citation into English, as well.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

FAMILIARITY WITH SCHOLARS ESTABLISHED AND RESPECTED IN YOUR ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION:

Please name three US or Canadian scholars whom you consider to be especially relevant to your chosen academic specialization Explain why you consider their work particularly important for your interests.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Native language(s): _____

Number of years of English study: _____ Where studied: _____

French study (for study in francophone Canada) _____ years. Where studied: _____

Knowledge of foreign languages, including English. Please use the following scale to rate your proficiency:

High: Fluency, accuracy, and range of an educated native user of the language

Moderate: Able to read non-technical materials and technical writing in one’s own field and carry on an exchange of ideas

Low: Able to read simple prose with difficulty, follow simple conversation, but not as a means of exchanging ideas.

Language Name	Reading Ability	Writing Ability	Speaking Ability
English			

Applicant Name: _____

HOST UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

Doctoral Fellowship finalists do not choose their own host university placements. NSP program administrators will consider the applicants' preferences, but cannot guarantee placement or acceptance at the applicant's most desired university department

However, if you independently have located certain programs that closely match your particular academic research interests, please list these institutions below, in order of preference. Explain in detail why you feel these institutions are best suited for you. For example, have you corresponded with a faculty member there whose work inspires you? Describe.

Program staff will consider this information seriously. NSP Program administrators circulate finalist applications to a variety of potential host universities in your academic field, and not just ones you might list. By listing preferred departments and programs, you will NOT in any way be limiting your options to these choices.

Name of University	Graduate Program and Subfield	Justification for Interest in Department / Program

REFERENCES

Please identify three (3) individuals who will write letters of recommendation on your behalf. When choosing recommendation providers, please note that universities in the United States and Canada weigh these letters heavily when evaluating applications. OSI regularly checks to confirm the authenticity of letters. The best evaluators are likely to be professors in your academic field with whom you have worked closely, or supervisors at your place of employment. Please obtain at least 2 of your 3 letters from individuals who can comment on your scholarly aptitude and potential.

1. Name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

2. Name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

3. Name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Applicant Name: _____

ESSAYS: Statement of Purpose and Future Plans

Host universities, and NSP consider essays to be a very important part of a fellowship application. These writing samples are evaluated seriously and play a significant role in selection. Poorly written, confusing, or incomplete essays can result in being eliminated from the competition or in placement at an inappropriate university, if your academic goals are not clearly expressed. The committee will pay special attention to: originality, imaginativeness of approach, and awareness of theoretical and practical issues.

Please attach answers to the two essay questions. *Each essay should be typed, double-spaced, and should not exceed three pages.*

1. Your intellectual goals and reasons for pursuing a PhD. What specific questions, theoretical or practical, do you wish to explore? Explain your area of interest in one of the supported academic fields or subfields, and how your professional experience and academic background have prepared you to undertake doctoral study in that discipline in the United States or Canada. If you already have in mind research topics that you would like to pursue in course papers or even for your PhD dissertation, please discuss them here. If you do not have specific research topics in mind, please describe the specializations within your chosen discipline that most interest you, and discuss in detail why you wish to study that particular subfield at the graduate level.

2. What are your career plans after completion of the Fellowship and what will be your strategies for success? What courses would you like to develop in the future? What relationship does research have to teaching? What employment position do you want to have 10 years from now? What will be the most important contribution you make to your home academic community?

OPTIONAL: Writing Sample. Some universities request that applicants submit a lengthier writing sample in their chosen field of study and you are invited, but not required, to do so at this stage of competition. Your writing sample should be a good representation of your academic work. It should be about 10-15 pages long. Most students submit a term paper on the subject in which they are applying to do graduate work.

CURRICULUM VITAE OR RESUME

Please attach your complete CV or resume in English.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

How did you hear about the NSP Doctoral Fellowship Program?

- Friend. How did your friend learn of the Program? _____
 - Poster/Flyer. Where? _____
 - Internet or e-mail. Indicate Website or email list: _____
 - University information session. Where? _____
 - Radio Announcement _____
 - Professional conference. Please specify: _____
 - Other. Please specify: _____
- _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that the final approval of my application and my status as a program grantee is dependent on my placement at an appropriate U.S. or Canadian university and on my ability to receive and maintain the necessary U.S. or Canadian visa. I certify that I have met the home residency requirements of all previous scholarships I have held.

I understand that the purpose of the program is to obtain a doctoral degree in my chosen academic field which will enable me to pursue an academic position in, and contribute to the improvement of, higher education in my home country. I agree to return to my home country upon completion of the fellowship.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Please print

Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Check list of application materials:

- Application form
- Two required essays (in English, limit 3 pages each)
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV) in English
- Three letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes signed across closing flap
- Official university transcripts in original language
- Certified English translation of the transcripts
- Official diplomas in original language
- Certified English translation of diplomas
- Photocopies of all previous TOEFL and GRE scores (regardless of date)
- Photocopy of passport picture page (if available) or one passport-sized photo

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Documentation will not be returned. Materials received after the deadline will not be considered.

Please arrange materials required for your application in the order listed above.

Submit one original and two copies of your FULL application with all additional documents to your local Advising Center/OSI office. Please write "NSP Doctoral Program" on the envelope containing submitted materials. Contact information is shown below. Recommenders may submit letters directly to OSI (see recommendation form for instructions).

TAJIKISTAN

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MOLDOVA

Educational Advising Center
Angela Muset
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bd. Stefan cel Mare si Sfant, 148
Chisinau, MD 2012, Republic of Moldova
Tel.: (373 22) 22-11-67, 22-11-72
Fax: (373 22) 22-11-67
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Website: <http://www.eac.md>

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR LETTER WRITERS:

Applicants to the NSP Doctoral Fellows Program are required to submit three recommendations from professors, employers, supervisors, or lecturers. Your candid, honest responses on the recommendation form provided here will greatly assist in the selection process and help to ensure that successful candidates are placed in PhD programs at host universities that best meet their academic goals.

Please note that universities in the United States and Canada consider letters of recommendation very seriously in evaluating applications, so please take the time to provide detailed answers. You may continue answers on additional sheets of paper, if more space is needed.

Recommenders should note the following guidelines:

- Recommendations must be *signed* and include the *name, address, and telephone number* of the person providing the recommendation.
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PART I:

Name of Applicant: _____

Field of Study: _____

Subfield of Study: _____

To the Recommender: Please complete Parts II and III of this form.

PART II:

Name and Title of Recommender: _____

Contact information (include e-mail if available): _____

How do you know the applicant? _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____ Months _____ Years

How do you rank the applicant among others in his/her field? Top 5% Top 10% Top 25% Other _____%

Using the chart below, please rate the applicant.

	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unable to Judge
Commitment to teaching						
Intellectual Ability						
Perseverance						
Motivation						
Potential to contribute to the academic field						
Resourcefulness & Initiative						
Research Ability						
Leadership Qualities						
Ability in oral expression (English)						
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