GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM
Europe

Academic Year 2012 - 2013

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 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 Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Mongolia, the Middle East, South Asia, and Burma 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: www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship.
Program Description:

The Open Society Scholarship Programs (NSP) is pleased to offer supplementary grants to students from select countries of Eastern and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union and Mongolia, the Middle / Near East, and South Asia. The purpose of the program is to enable qualified students with demonstrated academic excellence and social commitment to pursue doctoral studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences at accredited universities throughout Europe.

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 a full-time doctoral (Ph.D.) program at an accredited university are eligible to apply.

Grants will be awarded on the basis of academic record, merit of the proposed study, commitment to home country or region, applicant’s long-term goals, and financial need.

Grants are provided to help cover costs in the following 3 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 supplemental 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 2012-2013 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 2013. Travel and accommodation costs from grantees’ host universities to the conference site will be covered by OSF. Further details will be sent to grantees in late 2012.
Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must review and comply with the following guidelines and complete the attached application form.

Members of minority groups are encouraged to apply.

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

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

2. Europe based applicants must be pursuing a full-time doctoral program in the social sciences or humanities at an accredited university in the countries of the European Economic Area, Turkey and Switzerland (excluding the Central European University in Hungary).

3. Candidates who are alumni or current grantees of any Open Society Foundations must be in good standing with all 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.

3. Applications for non-doctoral study, part-time study, language preparation, and/or summer school courses will not be considered.

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1 European Economic Area (EEA) countries include the 27 EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.
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.**

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| 1. Curriculum Vitae (should include education and 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: official postgraduate (MA, PhD, etc.) transcripts; where these are not available, applicants must provide official undergraduate (BA, Diploma, etc.) transcripts. |
| 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 of immigration document for the 2012 - 2013 academic year confirming their 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 two academic reference letters from professors who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities. Alternatively, students 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. Students 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 one letter from their academic advisor describing in detail your academic progress over the past year. |

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 OSF receives all outstanding documents. All supporting documents must be accompanied by an official or university translation into English if they are in another language.
Selection:

Scholars are selected in an open competition announced once a year. A selection committee consisting of academic experts carefully review applications based on academic record, merit 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. Decisions of the selection committee are final.

Timeline

Funding decisions in the case of applicants pursuing their studies in Europe are expected to be taken by the middle of July 2012. OSF will inform both the successful and the unsuccessful applicants of the outcome of their applications by the end of July 2012 (please ensure that you provide a postal correspondence address that will be valid around this time). Successful applicants will go through OSF’s grant making procedure in August - September 2012 and should expect to receive their GSGP grants in late September – early October 2012.

Deadline for Submission:

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

  Open Society Foundation  
  Scholarship Programs  
  Global Supplementary Grant Program Europe  
  Cambridge House  
  100 Cambridge Grove  
  London, W6 0LE  
  United Kingdom

Applications for GSGP Europe 2012 - 2013 must be postmarked or submitted online on or before:

21 May 2012
OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM (GSGP) - EUROPE
2012 - 2013
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 _______________________________

Date of Birth (day/month/year) _______________________________ City and Country of Birth _______________________________ Citizenship _______________________________

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:

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**Permanent Legal Address in your home country:**

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<th>Apartment Number</th>
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<td>Zip (Postal) Code</td>
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**Correspondence Address (If different from above):**

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(day/month/year)

**Emergency Contact:**

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**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: ____________________________________________
State whether the program is:

a. Full-time ___________ b. Part-time ___________ (please note that part-time status is not eligible)

Beginning date of program: ________________________________________________________________
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 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)

Please list academic awards or honors that you have received. Additional information may be included in your CV.
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Please list any relevant academic or professional conferences and workshops that you have attended.

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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.

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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 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.

Candidates may not request support for any dependents, computer hardware or software, or holiday or social activities. This scholarship is for individual academic expenses only.

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*may not exceed $10,000
*Candidates 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.**

11. 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 notification:

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**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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**Re-applicants** are those applicants who have applied successfully and have received funding via the GSGP program in the past.

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

**NEW APPLICANTS (3 essays):**

1. Please describe yourself and your interests in terms of your personal history and current circumstances. You may include information about your academic experiences, your community involvement, your long-term goals, or a unique experience that has changed your perspective on life.

2. 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 that you would like to pursue. Please explain why you have chosen to pursue your studies in this particular area and how does it relate 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 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.

2. 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 have contributed to these.

3. Please describe one experience or event that has happened in the past year and that has had the greatest impact on your PhD experience, research and/or work.
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 mailing it to the address below.

___ Completed Application Form;

___ Curriculum Vitae (updated with education and 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 or, where these are not available, undergraduate transcripts with English translations. If your transcripts 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 2012-2013;

___ Two recent academic reference letters, in English or with a full English translation (new applicants only);

___ One recent academic progress report from a professor or dissertation advisor describing your academic progress and confirming that you are on track for graduation as scheduled (re-applicants only).

___ 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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Open Society Foundation
Scholarship Programs - Global Supplementary Grant Program Europe
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100 Cambridge Grove
London, W6 0LE, United Kingdom

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