



**Open Society Institute
Network Scholarship Programs**

**GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT
PROGRAM**

Academic Year 2007/2008

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.

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GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM
(GLOBAL SGP)**

Program Description:

The Network Scholarship Programs Department of the Open Society Institute is pleased to offer supplementary grants to students from selected countries of Eastern and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union. The purpose of the program is to enable qualified students to pursue doctoral studies in the **Humanities and Social Sciences** at accredited universities in Western Europe, Middle/Near East, Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

Grants will be awarded on the basis of academic record, merit of the proposed study, applicant's long-term goals, and financial need.

The grants will provide supplemental funding for one year of study with the option to apply for a second year. Reapplication procedures will be outlined in the 2008/2009 application form. **Renewal grants are limited to maximum of three years, will compete with the general pool of applicants and are 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 are provided to help cover costs in **one** of 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.

Grants will not be provided to cover expenses in *all three* categories. Only those students with confirmed financial support will receive supplementary grants.

In no case may an applicant request grant assistance for the support of:

- 1. accompanying child/children or spouse;*
- 2. federal and/or state taxes;*
- 3. computer hardware and software or other equipment;*
- 4. any expenses related to automobile.*

For academic year 2006/2007 the grant amounts ranged between \$1,000.00 and \$6,000.00.

Eligibility Criteria:

In order to be eligible, applicants must read and comply with the following guidelines, as well as complete the attached application form.

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

ALBANIA	GEORGIA	MONTENEGRO	UZBEKISTAN
ARMENIA	KAZAKHSTAN	RUSSIA	
AZERBAIJAN	KYRGYZSTAN	SERBIA	
BELARUS	MACEDONIA	TAJIKISTAN	
BOSNIA	MOLDOVA	TURKMENISTAN	
CROATIA	MONGOLIA	UKRAINE	

2. Members of the Roma community are encouraged to apply.
3. Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in the spoken and written language of their host institution.
4. **ONLY** those students who have already been awarded partial or full tuition, room and board stipends, or other types of financial aid may apply.

Applicants must provide the fullest possible account of their actual financial situation including copies of financial aid requests to the Host University and any other documents confirming additional financial support. False statements will result in immediate disqualification of the application.

The envelope containing an application for the 2007/2008 academic year must be postmarked on or before:

FOR STUDENTS PURSUING PH.D. IN NORTH AMERICA, ASIA, AUSTRALIA: APRIL 2, 2007.

FOR STUDENTS PURSUING PH.D. IN EUROPEAN UNION AND MIDDLE /NEAR EAST: JUNE 4, 2007.

Please mail applications to the address below or to your local Soros office or Student Advising Center.

Mail to: Global Supplementary Grant Program
Open Society Institute
400 West 59th Street, 4th Floor
New York, New York 10019,
USA

Please include any information you feel may be helpful in the evaluation of your application. Grantees will be required to maintain full time student status throughout the period of the fellowship and to abide by the terms and conditions outlined in a contract letter signed by the grantee.

Ineligibility:

1. These awards support doctoral studies in Social Sciences and Humanities only. Requests for support in the following fields will not be considered:
 - Business Administration/Management Training
 - 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 within Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, or for non-doctoral study, language preparatory, and summer school courses, will not be considered.
3. Students with permanent resident status and asylum seekers in the host country are not eligible to apply. Only those with valid student visas in the host country are eligible to apply.
4. Late applications will be automatically disqualified.

A Word on Selection

Students are selected in an open competition announced once a year. A team of experts (the GSGP Selection Committee) makes all grant decisions based on quality of the application, written essays, academic records, and future goals. Preference will be given to students pursuing advanced studies in regionally relevant areas and who demonstrate a commitment to academic and social development of the region. Also, preference will be given to students at the beginning or final part of their doctoral studies. Applicants should take into consideration their priorities as well as three year funding limit when applying. **Decisions of the Selection Committee are final.**

THIS FORM IS FREE AND MAY BE DUPLICATED

Please send one copy of the following documents including an official or University translation if language is other than English.

1. Curriculum Vitae (CV should include complete work history, extra-curricular activities, academic awards and publications).
2. A copy of the official letter of admission from the academic institution (if not available, explain why);
3. Copies of all undergraduate and post-secondary school records (new applicants only);
4. The official letter informing you of the details of the scholarship or financial aid award (if separate from item 2 above) and/or any other documents confirming additional support.
5. A copy of the identification pages of your passport.
6. Copy of your visa (students in the U.S should also enclose copy of your I-20 or DS-2019).
7. Two academic reference letters from professors who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities. Students already enrolled in a Ph.D. program must furnish at least one letter of reference from a professor of the department where they are studying.

NOTE: Omission of one or more of the documents mentioned above renders your application incomplete and may result in disqualification. In the event that a document becomes available only after you submit your application, please indicate this in your application and send the missing document as soon as possible.

Mailing Address (If different from above):

Number and Street	Apartment Number	Address valid until
City/State	Zip (Postal) Code	Country
Telephone	Fax Number	E-mail

Emergency Contact:

Name	Relationship:
Address	
Telephone (home)	Telephone (work)
E-mail	

Academic Information:

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 _____

Beginning date of course / program: _____
Month/Year

Expected date of degree completion: _____
Month/Year

University/College address: _____

Where possible, name of 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

Language Proficiency:

Language of instruction at the school where you will be studying: _____

Number of years studied: _____

If you have taken a proficiency test for the language of your host country please complete the information below and attach copies of official test results.

Name of Test	Date	Location	Score
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Financial Information:

All applicants must disclose all sources of financial support. Failure to comply with this requirement 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 tuition (not to exceed 50% of tuition and fees per academic year); or living expenses, medical insurance, books or other academic materials; or transportation to and from the school.

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

Please attach a written explanation of each figure.

What are your costs?

- 1. Tuition fees (per year): _____
- 2. Housing costs (per year):
~ If shared rent, indicate
your contribution only. ~ _____
- 3. Living expenses (per year):
~ If shared, indicate only
your contribution or costs. ~ _____
- 4. Other expenses (List on a separate sheet of paper): _____
- 5. TOTAL: (add items 1-4) _____

What assistance do you already receive?
~ List ALL sources of income or assistance ~

- 6. Amount of tuition scholarship/waiver: _____
- 7. Amount of room and board scholarship/waiver: _____
- 8. Support from Teaching Assistantship: _____
- 9. Other assistance
(Personal funds, family support,
other fellowships, employment, etc.): _____
- 10. Total Provided by Other Sources: (add items 6-9) _____

** \$0 in item # 10 makes you ineligible for this scholarship **

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: _____
(Subtract the amount on line 10 from the amount on line 5)

PLEASE PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR THE ABOVE INFORMATION

11. Please list all other grants/scholarships you have applied for and the amount of money you have requested.

Essays:

Essays should be maximum 250-300 words each. Please confine your essays to the topics outlined below.

* NOTE: It is for your benefit to complete this section as accurately and thoroughly as possible. Applications without all required essays will be disqualified.

NEW APPLICANTS:

1. **Personal Essay.** Describe yourself and your interests in terms of your personal history and current circumstances. You may want to 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 this particular university.
3. **How would your work contribute to addressing the needs and challenges of your society?**
4. **Answer ONE of the following questions:**
 - a. What contributions you hope to make, using your professional expertise and personal experiences, to a globalizing world?
 - b. What is the role of university in strengthening civil society and in social transformation?

RE-APPLICANTS:

1. **Personal Essay.** Please describe yourself and your interests with particular reference to your experience as a graduate student.
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 state state clearly where you are in the course of your doctoral studies (proposal writing, taking courses, research, field work, dissertation writing, etc.).
3. **What is the role of university in a strengthening civil society and in social transformation?**

My signature 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 PROPOSED BELOW

Before mailing your application please check if you have attached the following:

___ Application Form;

___ Curriculum Vitae (CV should include complete work history, extra-curricular activities, academic awards and publications);

___ A copy of the official letter of admission from the admitting institution, in English or with a full English translation (or an explanation if not available);

___ Copies of all undergraduate/post-secondary school records with English translations (or an explanation if not available);

___ The official letter informing you of the details of the scholarship or financial aid award and proof of expenses as outlined in application;

___ The official letter from your school's financial aid office outlining your need;

___ Copy of the identification pages of your passport or other I.D;

___ Copy of your visa or other document issued by host country immigration authorities (if applicable). Students in the U.S. should enclose a copy of I-20 or DS-2019 form;

___ Two academic reference letters from professors who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities, in English or with a full English translation.

___ Essay 1

___ Essay 2

___ Essay 3

___ Essay 4

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 document becomes available only after you submit your application, please indicate this on your application and send the missing documents as soon as it becomes available.

Please check of all the enclosed items and mail this page together with your application.