OPEN SOCIETY INSTITUTE UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM Academic Year 2008-2009

The Undergraduate Exchange Program is a one year, non-degree study program in the United States.

Applicants are second-year students from

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Serbia, or Ukraine*

studying American Studies, Art History, Classical Studies,
Cultural Anthropology, Economic Theory, Fine or Performing Arts,
History, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Literature and
Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, or Women's or
Gender Studies at the university level.

*Applicants from Ukraine must be studying in the regions of Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizhzhya or Donetsk to be eligible.

For copies of this application, please visit: www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship/focus areas/undergraduate exchange

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Open Society Institute Undergraduate Exchange Program 2008-2009

The Undergraduate Exchange Program (U.E.P.) supports students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Serbia, and Ukraine in the United States for one-year of non-degree academic studies. The program seeks to assist educational and civic development in Southeastern and Eastern Europe and Mongolia by exposing participants to a liberal arts curriculum, different models of classroom instruction, community service work, and civil society related programming. The U.E.P. combines the U.S. liberal arts academic experience with exposure to American social issues and civic development through involvement in community service related work. The program aims to create lasting ties among participants and their American colleagues thereby contributing to cultural understanding and tolerance.

Participants attend a university or college in the United States for one year. While in the U.S., grantees agree to complete 25 hours a semester of community service work in an area of interest to them. At the end of the year, they are expected to return home to complete their degrees. Once back in their home country, grantees are expected to carry out a community service internship or service project.

Applicants must currently be enrolled as a second-year student at a university in their home country to be eligible. Participant selection and university placement is determined by a panel of experts in the United States. Candidates do not apply to a specific university.

Criteria

In order to qualify for the program, an applicant must:

- 1. Be a resident of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Serbia or Ukraine.
- 2. Be a current second-year undergraduate student studying American Studies, Art History, Classical Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Economic Theory*, Fine or Performing Arts, History, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Literature and Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, or Women's or Gender Studies. *Please note that economic theory does not include business administration or management.
- 3. Be enrolled in an accredited university in his or her home country. Ukrainian applicants must be studying at a university in Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizhzhya or Donetsk to be eligible.
- 4. Be in the second year of study when applying and return to their home country to complete their degree following the program.
- 5. Have an outstanding academic record.
- 6. Have a history of community and/or extracurricular involvement.
- 7. Have spent previous two years in residence in home country.
- 8. Have not attended a university in the United States.
- 9. Have not attended high school in the United States for more than one academic semester.
- 10. Be fluent in reading, writing, and speaking English.
- 11. Be able to begin studies in the summer of 2008.

Selection

Selection is based on academic merit, extracurricular and community activities, leadership potential, and knowledge of English. Approximately five awards will be granted per country.

Participant selection is conducted in four stages. All applicants which meet the above criteria will have their applications reviewed and evaluated by a U.S.-based team of university representatives. Semi-finalists are invited for English language exams and an in-country interview conducted by U.S. education professionals. Applications, interview evaluations, and exam results are all considered by a final selection team, which will then recommend university placements for finalists. Final placements are determined by the U.S. universities. Students cannot determine their own university placements.

Financial Terms

Program participants receive a full scholarship that covers tuition, room, board, living stipend, textbooks, transportation, and health insurance. No financial support or special provisions are provided for dependents or family members.

Participant Responsibility

All participants must attend the pre-departure orientation program for one week in July 2008 (transportation, room, and board are paid for by the program), as well as conferences and other program activities throughout the academic year. The orientation and program conferences are academically rigorous, and fellows are expected to attend and complete assignments for all sessions. While in the United States, students must uphold the academic standards of the host institution and undertake full-time study for the duration of the program. Students are encouraged to take courses outside their field of study. No more than one language or two introductory level courses per semester will be allowed.

While in the U.S., grantees agree to complete 25 hours of community service related work per semester. The opportunity can be arranged with the help of the host university, and the type of work will be chosen by the student.

At the end of the year, participants are required to return home to complete their degree at their home universities. By accepting this award, participants agree not to enroll in a degree program at a university in the United States for one year upon completion of the exchange. Requests for visa renewals or extensions will not be considered. During their first year home, students are expected to complete a community service project or internship. The placement and terms thereof will be arranged by the grantee in coordination with the local OSI scholarships coordinator in the grantee's home country.

Instructions for Applying

- 1. Read all instructions and information carefully before completing the application.
- 2. All forms in the application are to be completed in English and must be typewritten or hand printed **neatly** and clearly in black ink. You may also apply electronically at http://oas.soros.org/oas/.
- 3. Answer every question completely and carefully. Please use the space provided for your responses.
- 4. Attach additional documents to the application. These documents include an official copy of your university transcript, a certified English translation of your university transcript, two personal essays, two letters of recommendation, a copy of your passport picture page (if available), and a copy of your T.O.E.F.L. scores (if available).
- 5. Submit one original copy of the application and all supporting documents and one photocopy of the application and supporting documents (except for letters of recommendation) to your national OSI scholarships administering office. See the 2nd page for address listings.

Deadline: December 3, 2007
Submit to your local OSI scholarships administering office.
(See Page 2 for listings.)

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Attach 2 Photos Here

(black and white or color)

APPLICATION

In order to be considered for a scholarship to study in the United States, it is important that you complete the following application thoroughly and accurately. Any false information or incomplete parts will result in disqualification from the competition. If you are selected, the spelling of your name as noted below will be used for airline tickets, visa forms, and other important documents. Please make sure the spelling is appropriate for these purposes as changes are difficult to make. Print clearly or type using black ink. Please submit one original and one copy of the application.

Student's Personal Information (as it appears in your passport)

Last (Sur) Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Birthday (day/month/year)	City and Country of Birth	
Father's name	Mother's name	
Citizenship:	If dual, specify other citizenship:	
Gender: ☐ female ☐ male	Marital Status: ☐ single	☐ married
Passport Information		
Number Please attach a clear copy of your passport	Expiration Date picture page (if available).	Country of Issuance
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Student's Permanent Addre	⊋SS (if different)	
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City	Postal Code	Country
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Primary Home University/College

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Academic Awards – P	lease list and describe any awards, honors	, or scholarships you have received

Desired Field of Study - Please circle **one** field of study in which you would like to take classes while at an American university or college. Please note that you will be encouraged to take a variety of classes outside of your field.

American Studies Comparative Literature Fine or Performing Arts Art History
Journalism Cultural Anthropology History Philosophy
Classical Studies Economic Theory International Relations Political Science
Sociology Law Women's or Gender Studies

What other courses or areas of study would you pursue?

Please note that law is considered a graduate degree in the United States. Thus, students wishing to focus on law classes will take courses in political science, sociology, and other fields.

University Preferences – If you are awarded a grant, you will be placed at one of the participating universities. In order to make a compatible match, please check the condition you feel is most important to you. If you have no preference, please check "no preference". **Please note that the selection committee may not be able to accommodate your preferences.**

City Size

- □ Small (under 25,000 people)
- □ Medium (25,000 150,000 people)
- □ Large (150,000 or more people)

University Size

- □ Small (fewer than 3,500 students)
- □ Medium (3,500-10,000)
- □ Large (more than 10,000 students)

Do you have any health conditions that require a certain climate or setting? Please explain.

Other Items to Complete the Application – Please attach the following items:

- An official copy of your university transcript (academic record) in your native language
- □ A certified English translation of your university transcript (academic record)
- □ Personal Essay #1
- □ Personal Essay #2
- □ Academic Recommendation
- Personal Recommendation
- ☐ A clear copy of your passport picture page (if available)
- □ A copy of a former English test scores (if available)

Certification

Please sign and date.

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I completed this application myself, without any aid or assistance from any other individual. I understand that submitting false or misleading information will result in my exclusion or dismissal from the program. If selected, I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the Undergraduate Exchange Program and the Open Society Institute and to return to my home country upon completion of my fellowship term.

Signature:	Date:

Application Checklist

Be sure that you have completed all of the following steps before submitting your application. Put a check in the white boxes next to each item you have completed. Do not submit your application until you have completed all of the items listed below. Incomplete applications or those submitted by email will be disqualified.

Please submit this form with the rest of your application.

Applicant	
Checklist	Application Components
	I have answered all of the questions on the application.
	I have signed the application "Certification" section.
	I have attached two recommendations in signed, sealed envelopes.
	I have attached a certified official transcript from my university.
	I have attached a certified English translation of my university transcript.
	I have attached 2 personal essays.
	I have attached a copy of any T.O.E.F.L. or other English language exam scores (if
	available).
	I have attached a clear copy of my passport picture page (if available).
	I have attached two passport sized photos of myself.
	I am submitting one original copy of the application form and supporting documents.
	I have submitted one photocopy of the application form and supporting documents
	(except for letters of recommendation).
	I have made an additional copy for my records.

Personal Essays – Essays provide the selection committee with different information than offered by courses, grades, and other objective data. They demonstrate your ability to organize thoughts and express yourself. The primary focus of the essay **should be about you**, as we are looking for an essay that will help us know you better as a person. Please answer the following essay questions using the space provided (you may also attach your essays on separate pages).

Essay #1: Compose an essay (no more than 500 words), in English, on one of the options listed below. Please indicate your topic by checking the appropriate box below. Evaluate a significant experience, challenge, or person in your life and how this event or person has made an impact on you. Describe a problem in your community that affects you, how it affects you, and what you believe should be done to solve the problem.



Essay #2: How would this program benefit you personally, academically and professionally? (Please limityour answer to 250 words.)

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ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION

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PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION

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