



Research Scholarships

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

THE SCHOLARSHIPS

The OSI/FCO Chevening Scholarships, which are jointly funded by the Open Society Institute and the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, are intended to provide opportunities for postgraduate research in selected fields in the United Kingdom for scholars and young professionals who demonstrate both academic excellence and the potential to become leaders, decision makers and opinion formers in their home countries. Applicants should have excellent academic qualifications, a clear and precise proposal describing what they wish to research while in Oxford, and a fluent command of the English language. The scholarships cover all university and college fees for Visiting Students, travel to and from the UK, and basic living expenses for a single person. Please note that this scholarship funds research for Visiting Students only; students will **not** be registered on a degree course at Oxford. Scholars will have an academic supervisor who is a specialist in their chosen subject and will be given a "Certificate of Studies" at the end of the Scholarship.

There are two options for this type of Scholarship:-

OPTION ONE: Nine-month Research Scholarships , University of Oxford

Up to twenty-two scholarships are available for scholars wishing to conduct postgraduate research as a Visiting Student at Oxford University in the Humanities, Social Sciences or Environmental Sciences. It is important to note that this period of study will not lead to the award of an Oxford University diploma or degree. Applicants must submit a research proposal (section 17 of the application form). It is important that this be clear and detailed, stating the specific objectives and expected outcomes of the research to be conducted in Oxford and how this links to your post-graduate research. Further information about the University of Oxford can be obtained from the University's website (www.ox.ac.uk).

OPTION TWO: Three-month Research Scholarships in Applied Social Studies, University of Oxford

Up to nine scholarships are to be awarded, and these are intended for officials, experts or consultants working for governmental or public bodies who wish to do research in the broad area of Applied Social Sciences on a topic of direct relevance to the development or functioning of that body. Where appropriate, contacts with institutions outside Oxford (including governmental ones) will, if possible, be arranged. Applicants may be nominated by the institution where they work, or they may apply as individuals but with the official support of the public institution which intends to utilize the research. **Applicants wishing to pursue purely academic research, connected only with their employment at a higher education or research institution, are not eligible for these scholarships.** The scholarships are tenable in one of three periods: October - December, January – March or April – June; a preference for a specific period may be expressed on the application form.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be citizens of **and** resident in one of the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic of), Moldova, Russia, Serbia, Ukraine or Uzbekistan.
2. Applicants should be planning to return to their home country at the end of the period of study.
3. Applicants for the Nine-month Research Scholarships must **EITHER**
 - a. be registered, or have a firm intention of registering for, a PhD programme in their home country; **or**
 - b. be employed as junior faculty members in a university or equivalent institution in their home country.

Applicants should take care to include clear and specific information regarding this point on their application form.

4. All applicants must have completed at least four years of university study and have obtained, or expect to obtain, the appropriate degree(s), **not later than September 2007**.
5. Applicants must be aged between 23 and 35 years of age on 1 October 2007.
6. Applicants for Option Two (Three-month Research Scholarships in Applied Social Studies) should possess some practical experience.
7. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously studied outside of their home country.
8. Applicants must demonstrate the potential to become leaders, decision makers, and opinion formers in their home country. **This requirement will be treated as of considerable importance in the selection process, and applicants should be sure to complete Section 9 of the application form fully and appropriately.**
9. Employees, employee's relatives (or former employees who have left employment less than 2 years before) of FCO (including FCO Posts), the British Council, the Educational Advising Centers or other OSI-NSP representations in the region, the participating Universities will not be eligible to apply for these awards.
10. Applicants will be required to have passed an English proficiency test (TOEFL or IELTS) before being offered a Scholarship. The minimum requirement for both options is TOEFL 570 (230 in the computer-based test, 88-89 in the Internet based test [iBT]) or IELTS 6.5; Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English Grade C.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application form

Applicants for all the above-mentioned scholarships should complete the enclosed Scholarship application form and return **two copies** of it to the local OSI/Soros Foundation Office or Educational Advising Center, along with the required supporting materials listed below.

Supporting materials:

Two copies of the following documents should be included with the application:-

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Diploma
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official academic transcript with grades (<i>original and one copy</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified English translation of academic transcript
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Diploma dissertation <p>If your degree course does/did not require a dissertation, please indicate this in section 22 of the application form. Please note that we expect applicants to include a summary even if the dissertation has not yet been submitted.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL or IELTS certificate (IELTS preferred) <p>Applicants who already have a valid certificate should send copies with the application. Local OSI/Soros Foundation offices/Educational Advising Centers will arrange tests for short-listed candidates after the interviews in April, if applicants have not already successfully taken a test in the 2 years prior to the interview.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Proposal <p>All research applicants must include a statement outlining their proposed research. One page is normally sufficient for this statement.</p>

Applicants should arrange to have sent:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two confidential references <p>Applicants should ask the referees named on their application form to complete a copy of the confidential reference form and return it to the local OSI/Soros Foundation office or Educational Advising Center before the 24th November deadline.</p>
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ALL APPLICATION DOCUMENTS MUST BE SINGLE-SIDED.
DO NOT STAPLE OR FASTEN (OTHER THAN WITH PAPER CLIPS)

TIMETABLE: The closing date for applications for all scholarships is **24 November 2006**. Scholarship applications must be received by the local OSI/Soros Foundation Office or Educational Advising Center **NO LATER THAN THIS DATE**. Interviews of short-listed applicants will be held in March or April and final decisions on the award of scholarships will normally be made at the end of June. NB Applicants who accept scholarship places at the CEU prior to receiving a scholarship offer from the University of Oxford will not be considered.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD



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OSI/FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS 2007-2008 9 & 3-Month Research Scholarship Application Form

DO NOT STAPLE OR FASTEN ANY DOCUMENTS. COMPLETE IN BLACK INK OR TYPESCRIPT.

SUBJECT AREA (in one or two words):
PRECISE SUBJECT OF STUDY TITLE:

APPLICATION FOR (**one choice only**):

<p>OPTION ONE: Nine-month Research Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>OPTION TWO: Three-month Research Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Please indicate any dates you CANNOT come for: Oct - Dec <input type="checkbox"/>; Jan - Mar <input type="checkbox"/>; Apr - Jun <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred dates (optional): Oct - Dec <input type="checkbox"/>; Jan - Mar <input type="checkbox"/>; Apr - Jun <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>1. FAMILY NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS):</p>	<p>2. FIRST NAME(S) (BLOCK CAPITALS):</p>
<p>3. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP:</p>	<p>4. SEX: MALE / FEMALE</p>
<p>5. PLACE OF BIRTH:</p>	<p>6. DATE OF BIRTH: DAY:..... MONTH:..... YEAR:..... <small>(applicants born before 2 October 1972 or after 1 October 1984 are ineligible)</small></p>
<p>7. ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:</p> <p>Telephone No.: Fax No.: E-Mail address:</p>	<p>8. PERMANENT ADDRESS (if different):</p>

9. One of the criteria for the award of the scholarships is that applicants should demonstrate the potential to become leaders or opinion formers in their country. Please give an outline of your future career plans or intentions, and comment on ways in which you fulfil this criterion:

10. ARE YOU APPLYING TO ANY OTHER UNIVERSITIES OR FOR ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS? YES / NO
If yes, please give details, and state the position of this application in your order of preference:

11. DETAILS OF YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION (from age 18): (Give details in date order, earliest first.)

Institution	Dates		Qualification obtained or expected (please be as precise as possible)	Main subject	Class, division or grade, if known
	From (m/y)	To (m/y)			

12. VISITS TO FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES (if any): (Give exact dates of stay, and include visits you intend to make before October 2007.)

Host institution, country:	Reason for visit:	Dates	
		From (d/m/y):	To (d/m/y):

13. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AND PRESENT APPOINTMENT (if any): (Please include dates.)

14. ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN YOUR COUNTRY? YES / NO
ARE YOU A JUNIOR FACULTY MEMBER AT A UNIVERSITY OR EQUIVALENT INSTITUTION? YES / NO

<p>If you are registered for a doctoral degree, please give the following details:</p> <p>Institution:</p> <p>Department:</p> <p>Name of degree and subject:</p> <p>Date of commencement:</p> <p>Expected completion date:</p>	<p>If you answered NO to BOTH of the above, AND you wish to be considered for Option One, please give specific information about your intentions in respect of doctoral studies:</p> <p>Institution at which you intend to register:</p> <p>Proposed course/subject:</p> <p>Expected dates of commencement:</p> <p>Expected date of completion:</p>
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15. IS THERE SOMEBODY IN OXFORD YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH OR CONSULT? Please give name and faculty: you are advised to consult the Oxford University website at www.ox.ac.uk before completing this section. Do NOT contact them at this stage.

16. REFEREES Please give the names of the **two** people (with their titles, occupations, addresses) whom you have asked to complete the reference form in support of your application:

(i)	(ii)
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17. STATEMENT OF STUDY PLANS / RESEARCH PROPOSAL

All applicants should set out below a statement of their reasons for wishing to pursue the programme of study for which they are applying. **Applicants MUST include in their statement an outline of their proposed research.** You should include a brief account of any relevant research you have already undertaken, but please **do not** include a curriculum vita. Please use whatever technical terms you wish, as your statement will be read and judged by specialists. (Please use a separate sheet if you prefer.)

18. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS: (Please describe briefly, mentioning any formal or informal organisations, groups etc. in which you have been active or held positions of responsibility.)

19. Will you be accompanied in Oxford by:

- a partner / spouse? YES / NO
- children? YES / NO

If yes, how many children? _____

If you intend to live with your spouse/family in Oxford, how will you support them? (The Scholarship is intended for an unaccompanied person and is not sufficient to support a spouse or family.)

20. PERSON TO BE CONTACTED IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Relationship to you:

21. Where did you first hear about the OSI/FCO Chevening Scholarships?

22. SUPPORTING MATERIALS Please refer to the Notes for Applicants, which explain exactly what you need to send.

Have you included **two copies** of:

	Required for:	Yes	No – will be sent later	No – not required
• Official Diploma (Send later option only for students currently in final year of degree course)	All Options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Official academic transcript with grades (<i>original and one copy</i>)	All Options	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Certified English translation of academic transcript	All Options	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Summary of Diploma dissertation	All Options (Please state if not a requirement of your Diploma)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
• TOEFL or IELTS certificate	All Options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you also arranged to have sent:				
• Two confidential references	All Options	<input type="checkbox"/>		

I certify that the information contained in this form is correct and no relevant facts have been omitted. I understand that information provided on this form will be held on the University's administrative computer system for the purposes of student administration, subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act (1998) and I agree that this application form, academic transcripts, dissertation summary, and references may be passed to colleges, to the OSI, and to the UK FCO and British Council.

Signature:..... Date:

**ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE IN SINGLE-SIDED PRINT.
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