

NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to introduce the second issue of our newsletter. We believe that also this way we can help to provide further access to information about scholarships, conferences and other academic forums and that this information will be useful for those interested in learning more about their subject of study, experiencing different academic environments and exchanging their ideas with experts and counterparts from abroad.

We hope that in this way, Belarusian students, scholars and professionals will have more opportunities to become an integral part of the international academic community and actively shape the current discourse on new vision for country's future.

*Yours Sincerely,
Pontis Foundation*

1. SCHOLARSHIPS

1.1. University of Twente, Netherlands

MATRA Training for European Cooperation

Field of study: Public Administration

Scholarship: full scholarship for students from Albania, **Belarus**, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Jordan, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine

Duration: 2 years

Perspective candidates: promising candidates from states which either have just acceded to the European Union or will do so in the near future and those which border the extended Union both in the East and in the South. Students need to have completed a bachelor degree in Public Administration or strongly related social sciences, have an IELTS score of 6.5 average, and not be older than 35 years

Closing date for applications: July 1, 2008

Contact: University of Twente
School of Management and Governance,
Public Administration
P.O. box 217
7500 AE Enschede
The Netherlands
<http://www.mb.utwente.nl/>

Study information desk: master@utwente.nl, phone (+31) 53 489 5489

Additional information: <http://pa.graduate.utwente.nl/tracks/pgm/>
www.cross-agency.nl

1.2. H.J. Heinz Company Foundation Fellowship, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, USA

Field of study: Public Administration, Governance, Sustainable Development, Public Health, Conflict Resolution

Attention! H.J. Heinz Company Foundation Fellowship is not a degree granting program. Fellows will receive a program certificate awarded by the University Center for International Studies

Fellowship: fellows attend selected courses at the University of Pittsburgh and participate in practical professional activities. The goal is to improve, early in a career, the fellows' capacity to contribute to the development of their home countries in the area.

Fellows will receive a living stipend of \$18,000 (paid in monthly installments), mandatory health insurance, round-trip transportation to and from Pittsburgh, and a \$2,000 program and professional activities fund. No transportation costs, living allowances, or insurance funds are provided for dependents. As a condition of the grant, applicants will be required to submit a statement of their ability to finance the transportation and maintenance expenses for any accompanying dependents

Duration: one year

Perspective candidates: individuals from developing countries who demonstrate potential as future leaders in the public, government, non-profit, or private sectors. Applicants must have completed a university degree by the application deadline, must be suitably proficient in speaking, reading, and writing English. Applicants should give evidence of current leadership in one of the areas mentioned in the field of study

Closing date for applications: March 3, 2008

Contact: The H.J. Heinz Company Foundation Fellowship
Global Studies Program, University Center for International Studies
4100 Wesley W. Posvar Hall
230 Bouquet Street
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260, USA
Phone: 412-624-2918
Fax: 412-624-4672
E-mail: hjheinz@pitt.edu

Additional information: <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/global/heinz/index.html>

1.3. Lane Kirkland Scholarship

Field of study: Economics and management, Public administration, Business administration, Law, Social and Political science

Duration: two semesters

Perspective candidates: applicants from Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Moldova. Open to academic teachers, researchers, civil servants, politicians, experts and employees of central and local government institutions, entrepreneurs, managers, leaders of non-governmental organizations, animators in culture and civic activity, journalists.

Applicants must have Master's degree, must be up to 35 years of age (in special cases up to 40) and must have Polish or English language proficiency alternatively

Closing date for applications: March 10, 2008

Contact: Polish-U.S. Fulbright Commission
Nowy Swiat 4, 00-497 Warsaw, Poland
Tel: (48-22) 628-7950; 625-6932; 625-6978
Fax: (48-22) 628-7943
email: Kirkland2008@fulbright.edu.pl

Additional information: <http://www.fulbright.edu.pl/index.php?strona=119>

1.4. Maastricht Graduate School of Governance under UM High Potential Scholarships, University of Maastricht Netherlands

Field of study: Social Policy Financing/Social Policy Design, Globalization, Trade and Development, Public Health, Sustainable Development

Duration: one-year master's program

Perspective candidates: applicants must be accepted to a UM masters program (Social Policy Financing/Social Policy Design, Globalization, Trade and Development, Public Health, Sustainable Development) , may be no older than 35 years at the start of the academic year (1 September 2008). Applicants must come from a country outside the EEA and meet the requirements for obtaining a Dutch visa ('MVV' residence permit)

Closing date for applications: 1 April 2008

Contact: Maastricht University
Maastricht Graduate School of Governance
Ms. Susan Roggen/Ms. Céline Duijsens-Rondagh
P.O. Box 616
6200 MD Maastricht
The Netherlands
Email: info-gov@governance.unimaas.nl

Additional information: <http://www.governance.unimaas.nl/masters/index.html>
<http://www.unimaas.nl/default.asp?template=werkveld.htm&id=25457V015762P6567XVD&taal=en>

1.5. The Institute for Social and European Studies (ISES), Kőszeg, Hungary

Field of study: International Relations and European Studies

Description: ISES in collaboration with Budapest Corvinus University provides students with the opportunity to obtain theoretical and practical knowledge in the fields of international relations, the problems of small states in Europe, the Balkans, international economics, regional integration and development, political science, European culture and sociology.

ISES offers scholarships and tuition waivers that target students from the wider Eastern Europe including the former Soviet Union and the Balkans

Duration: M.A. program

Perspective candidates: students from the fields of the social sciences (Law, History, Political Science, International Relations, European Studies, Sociology)

Closing date for applications: April 15, 2008

Contact: Europe House - Kristof Boda
9730. Kőszeg, Chernel Street 14
Hungary
E-mails: info@european-studies.hu, maatkoszeg@gmail.com
Tel/Fax: +36-94-563-055

Additional information: http://www.european-studies.hu/?page_id=23

1.6. The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), University of Bremen, Germany

Field of study: Global Integration; Integration in the New Europe; Social Integration and the Welfare State; Attitude Formation, Value Change, and Intercultural Communication; Life-Course and Lifespan Dynamics

Scholarship: BIGSSS offers 21 Ph.D. stipends of €1250/month for 36 months, contingent on successful completion of each year. To support its Ph.D. fellows in achieving early scientific independence, it also provides funds for conducting, presenting and publishing research. There is no separate funding application. All admitted applicants receive a stipend

Duration: 36 months

Perspective candidates:

- completed MA degree (or national equivalents such as "Diplom" or "Magister") of Political Science (including related degree programs in European Studies or

- International Relations), Sociology, Psychology, Law, Economics or Mass Communication
- English proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, CAE)

Closing date for applications: March 1st every year

Contact: Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences
Prof. Dr. Steffen Mau, Dean
University of Bremen
Postfach/PO Box 330440; 28334 Bremen
Germany
email: bveghte@gsss.uni-bremen.de

Additional information: <http://www.bigsss-bremen.de/index.php?id=22>

1.7. Trinity College, University of Dublin, Ireland

Field of study: Political Science

Description: Six fully-funded Ph.D. scholarships starting October 2008, covering fees and stipends of up to €16,500

Duration: 4 year program PhD

Perspective candidates: graduates, world-wide

Closing date for applications: April 1st 2008

Contact: Graduate Studies Office, Trinity College, The University of Dublin
Arts Building
Dublin 2, Ireland

Email: thomsor@tcd.ie - Dr. Robert Thomson, Director of Graduate Studies

Additional information: http://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/

1.8. Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowships

Field of Study: various

Duration: 3 months to 1 year

Perspective candidates: Academics, researchers and independent scholars from any country, field or discipline may qualify. Preference is given to scholars with a Ph.D. or other higher degrees

Closing date for applications: Applications are accepted at any time and are considered by the committee three times per year. Emergency applications receive urgent consideration.

Contact: Institution of International Education
Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowships 809
U.N. Plaza, Second Floor, New York 10017
Tel: + 1 212 984 5472
Fax: + 1 212 984 5353
E-mail: SRF@iie.org

Additional information: http://www.iie.org/programs/srf/app_inst.htm

2. CONFERENCES, TRAININGS, SUMMER SCHOOLS

2.1. Foreign Correspondent Training Course, Transitions Online

Date: 20 July - 28 July, 2008

Place taken: Prague, Czech Republic

Language: English (non-native speakers of English should provide proof of English proficiency (IELTS / TOEFL score, a letter from an English professor, or an official certificate)

Deadline: Early Bird deadline **March 31, 2008**

Course Fee: The course costs €1,075 (US\$1,465). The price can be reduced to only €955 (US\$1,295), if you apply before the Early Bird deadline of March 31, 2008. Discounts are available for previous TOL students and groups of three or more

The aim of the TOL Foreign Correspondent Training Course is to provide practical training for people who are interested in a career in journalism. The course offers you practical training given by well-experienced instructors, foreign correspondents for highly-respected media (the BBC, Reuters, The Boston Globe, Dow Jones Newswires, The Economist, The Guardian and Newsweek).

The course is therefore open to students, young journalists and others with some experience in journalism or a serious interest in the profession.

Direct Contact: plockovaj@tol.org

More information at: www.tol.org,
http://www.tol.cz/look/TOL/article_courses.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=23&NrIssue=12&NrSection=10&NrArticle=19252

2.2. Warsaw East European Conference "Freedom and Power: Empires, States and Nations in the East from the 18th to the 21st Century"

Date: July 15-18, 2008

Place taken: Warsaw, Poland

Language: English

Deadline for applications: March 15, 2008

The main subject of the conference will be the question of freedom and power in East Central, South East and Eastern Europe, Russia, Central Asia and Caucasus since 18th century. The Conference will focus on history of 19th and 20th centuries as well as current political, social, economic, national and cultural issues broadly reflecting the main subject. Special attention will be given to the problems of the communist and post-communist world.

Contact: Jan Malicki - Conference Director
The Centre for East European Studies
The Conference Department
Obo.na 7/55
PL 00-927 Warszawa
E-mail: conf.studium@uw.edu.pl

Additional information: <http://www.studium.uw.edu.pl/weec/>
<http://www.afpwebfolio.org/files/Social%20Science%20News%20January%202008.pdf>

2.3. 19th International Summer School on Human Rights, The Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights

Date: 21. - 28 June 2008

Place taken: Warsaw-Miedzeszyn, Poland

Language: English and Russian are the working languages of the summer school. Ability to communicate freely in one of the above is required

The School is intended for human rights activists, university teachers and representatives of the institutions from all levels of public administration dealing with human rights issues from **Central, Eastern European and CIS countries**. The offer is limited in scope only to those who have not yet participated in our summer or winter Schools. The program is open to university graduates or last-year university students.

Participants (65 people all together) will be selected by a selection committee on a competitive basis. Out of 65 participants 35 can attend the school free of charge. The following expenses will be covered:

international round-trip travel expenses (train, bus or in exceptional situation air travel),

accommodation in double rooms and meals during the course.

The other 30 people may participate in the School under the condition that they cover the expenses themselves (according to what is stated in the application form).

Contact: Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights
11 Zgoda str. 00-018 Warsaw, POLAND
email: 19summer@hfhrpol.waw.pl

Closing date for the summer school applications: 20 February 2008. Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by 15 May 2008

Additional information: <http://www.hfhrpol.waw.pl/news130-en.html>

3. USEFUL LINKS

3.1. The Soros Foundation

offers grants, among others to citizens of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and Mongolia: <http://www.soros.org/grants>

3.2. Visegrad Fund

offers scholarships that are available to citizens of the other V4 countries as well as Belarus Croatia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia and Ukraine:

<http://www.visegradfund.org/scholarships.html>

3.3. Academic Webfolio Project

offers information about scholarships, summer schools, and conferences:

<http://www.afpwebfolio.org/>

3.4. Erasmus Mundus - New European Educational Offer to Belarus

The EU – launched educational program Erasmus Mundus is open to candidates from countries outside of the EU. Graduate students and scholars from Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus will be able to receive scholarships from the European Union in order to study and do research in countries inside the EU.

Erasmus Mundus offers culturally enriching higher education opportunities for applicants from countries outside of the EU. Prospective students from any country are invited to apply to participate in an Erasmus Mundus Masters Course, provided they have obtained a first degree awarded by a higher education institution.

Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses are high-quality study programs at Masters level offered by a consortium of at least three European higher education institutions. They last between one and two years and lead to the award of a recognized double, joint or multiple degree. Students have to study in at least two institutions.

For more information see:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html

http://www.delukr.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus.html

3.5. Libertas Support Fund

The Libertas Support Fund program aims to help students who find it impossible or extremely difficult to study in their home country because of the political situation there. At present it is not possible to apply for the next academic year (2008-2009). The program details for the 2008-2009 academic year will be made available in Spring 2008 and will be published on website:

<http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/scholarships/asia-africa-latin-america-and-eastern-europe/libertas-support-fund>

3.6. DAAD Scholarships for Belarus (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst)

The German Academic Exchange Service is one of the world's largest intermediary organizations. Scores of students, teachers, researchers and scientists supported by the DAAD have been able to gain valuable experience abroad.

www.daad-ic-minsk.by, <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/index.en.html>