

NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure for the [Pontis Foundation](#) to introduce the first issue of our newsletter. Currently, while the Belarusian education system is in the regimes' grip we believe that further access to information about scholarships, conferences and other academic forums 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 Mondi Austria Student Scholarships

Field of study: Natural Sciences, Technical Sciences, Social Sciences

Duration: semester or one-year grant

Perspective candidates: undergraduate students

Closing date for applications: May 31, 2007.

Contact:

The Austrian Student Scholarship sponsored by Mondi
Kelsenstrasse 7

A-1032 Vienna, Austria, Europe

Tel: +43 1 79529 4076

Fax: +43 1 79529 4076

Additional information: www.mondi.co.uk/austria-student-scholarship

1.2 Libertas Support Fund

Field of Study: various

Duration: 3 years Bachelor program, 2 years Masters program

Perspective candidates: Students under 35 must come from a country where it is impossible or extremely difficult to study because of the political conditions.

Closing date for applications: 2007-2008 academic years

Contact:

Nuffic Kortenaerkade

112518 AX The Hague or PO Box 297772502 LT

The Hague, the Netherlands

Additional information: www.nuffic.nl/libertas

1.3 Taught Masters Scholarship 2007

Field of Study: various

Duration: Masters program (including MRes but excluding MPhil)

Perspective Candidates: Applicants must be classified as 'overseas' students for fee purposes and be applying to study full time.

Closing date for applications: June 8, 2007

Contact:

Scholarship Section International Office
University of Nottingham
University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD, UK

Tel: +44 115 846 7697

Fax: +44 115 951 5155

E-mail: scholarship-assistant@nottingham.ac.uk

Additional information: www.nottingham.ac.uk/international/scholarships_and_finance

1.4 The European Union scholarship programs

Field of study: various

Duration: 3-year scholarship program

Perspective candidates: Scholarships are implemented by the Nordic Council of Ministers and will be granted to Belarusian students who have been penalized by the regime and denied access to universities because of their political activities. Students have to be accepted by a host university and should demonstrate that they cannot study in their country.

Closing date for applications: Applications are accepted any time.

Contact:

The Nordic Council of Ministers
Store Strandstræde 18
DK-1255 Copenhagen K

Tel: +45 33 96 02 00

Fax: +45 33 96 02 02

E-mail: nmr@norden.org

Additional information: ec.europa.eu/comm/external_relations/belarus/intro/index.htm

1.5 Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowships

Field of Study: various

Duration: from three months to one 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: www.iie.org/programs/srf/apply.htm

1.6 Marie Curie Actions (FP6) – Grant Support Training and Mobility of Researchers

Field of Study: various

Duration: depending on the type of research

Perspective candidates: Early stage researchers, experienced researchers, postgraduate, PhD

Closing date of application: from March 2007 up to January 2008

Additional information:

cordis.europa.eu/mc-opportunities/index.cfm?fuseaction=dataForm.postResults
europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/home_en.html

1.7 Tempus, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Western Balkans, South and East Mediterranean

Field of study: various

Duration: Grants are awarded for a maximum period of 12 months.

Perspective candidates: undergraduate students (who have completed at least two years of study), graduate, postgraduate and doctoral students.

Closing date for applications: June 2007. New project will start in September 2007

Contact:

European Training Foundation

Villa Gualino

Viale Settimio Severo 65

I - 10133 Torino – Italy

Tel: +39 011 630 2222

Fax: +39 011 630 2200

E-mail: info@etf.europa.eu

Additional information: www.etf.eu.int/tempus

1.8 The Nora Henry Trust

Grants are supported by Educational Grants Advisory Service (EGAS) to overseas students.

Field of study: various

Duration: full time study, depends on the type of grant

Perspective candidates: undergraduate, graduate students, postgraduates, asylum seekers

Closing date for applications: all year round. Applications should be submitted directly by the individual and supported by an academic referee.

Contact:

Educational Grants Advisory Service,

Family Welfare Association,

501-505 Kingsland Road,

Dalston, London E8 4AU

Tel: +44 020 7254 6251

Additional information:

www.egas-online.org.uk/fwa/trustsearch.htm

www.egas-online.org.uk/fwa/datapage.asp?ref=232

2. CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SUMMER SCHOOLS

2.1 PhD Summer School 2007 on Governance and Democracy in Central Eastern Europe, Lüneburg, Germany

The Summer School is organized by the “Standing Group on Central and East European Politics” of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) and will bring together an international team of academics to teach a group of 20-25 junior researchers (mainly MPhil / PhD students) working on governance and democracy in Central Eastern Europe.

Duration: August 11 – 25, 2007

Perspective candidates: PhD researchers and graduate students

Closing date of application: July 30, 2007

Contact:

University of Lüneburg

Scharnhorststr. 1D-21335, Lüneburg

Summer School location: Center for the Study of Democracy (ZDEMO)

Tel: +49 0 4131 677 2451

Fax: +49 0 4131 677 2474

Email: daadsummerschool@uni-lueneburg.de

Additional information: www.uni-lueneburg.de/zdemo/

2.2 Batthyány Summer School 2007, Győr, Hungary, "Central-Europe and the European Union"

The school will discuss the legal, political, economic and cultural aspects of the EU accession, taking into special consideration the situation of Central-Europe, the new member states and their neighbors, the transition to the rule of law and the regional cooperation. The Summer School will also include cultural events and trips to historical places of Hungary.

Duration: July 15 – 25, 2007

Perspective candidates: students from all over Europe under 30, MA and PhD , candidates from Belarus, Ukraine, Russia and Balkans are preferred.

Closing date for applications: May 10, 2007

Contact:

Peter Smuk, coordinator

Tel: +36 7020 78797

E-mail: smuk@sze.hu

Additional information: www.sze.hu/blszk/ssopen2007_en.html

2.3 European Summer Institute 2007 (ESI 2007) on the Future of Europe: Lobbying in Brussels, (Prague, Czech Republic)

The school provides to students opportunity to learn more about the current and future EU developments, the hottest issues about the EU enlargement, helps to gain more intercultural experience, exchange of new ideas with academics and experts on the EU policymaking and of course holiday fun with the challenging academic environment.

Duration: June 28 – July 4, 2007

Perspective candidates: graduate and undergraduate students

Closing date of application: May 20, 2007

Contact:

European Summer Institute 2007

Centrum pro veřejnou politiku

Vyjezdova 510, 190 11 Prague 9, Czech Republic

Tel: +420 737 679 605

Fax: +420 281 930 584

E-mail: esi@cpvp.cz

Additional information: <http://esi.cpvp.cz>

3. USEFUL LINKS

European Summer Schools & Short Courses in Political and Social Sciences 2007:
www.essex.ac.uk/ecpr/events/summerschools/current_directory.aspx

Visegrads funds and scholarships:

www.visegradfund.eu

DAAD Scholarships for Belarus (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst):

www.daad-ic-minsk.by

Chevening scholarships are offered in over 150 countries and enable talented graduates and young professionals to become familiar with the UK and gain skills which will benefit their countries:

www.chevening.com/home/index.html

Guggenheim Foundation welcomes proposals from any student of the natural and social sciences and the humanities that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence, aggression, and dominance

www.hfg.org