

NEWSLETTER ON SCHOLARSHIPS, CONFERENCES AND OTHER ACADEMIC FORAS FOR BELARUS

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to introduce the third issue of our newsletter. We believe that via this newsletter we can help to provide further access to information on scholarships, conferences and other academic forums. We hope 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 also hope Belarusian students, scholars and professionals will thus have more opportunities to become an integral part of the international academic community and actively shape the current discourse on a new vision for the country's future.

*Yours Sincerely,
Pontis Foundation*

Дорогие Друзья и Коллеги,

для нас является большим удовольствием выпустить третье издание нашего информационного бюллетеня. Мы верим в то, что также этим способом мы сможем помочь получить дальнейшую информацию о стипендиях, конференциях и других академических форумах, а также, что эта информация будет полезной для тех, кто заинтересован в более детальном изучении своей области образования или исследования, набирая опыт в разных академических средах и обмениваясь опытом с экспертами и оппонентами из заграницы.

Мы надеемся, что таким способом белорусские студенты, учёные и сотрудники получат больше возможностей стать неотъемлемой частью международного академического сообщества и активно формировать текущую дискуссию о новом взгляде на будущее страны.

*Искренне Ваш,
Фонд Понтис*

1. SCHOLARSHIPS

1.1. PhD Programme, Trinity College, University of Dublin, Ireland

Field of study: Political Science

Scholarship: Fully funded studentships are available for study in the PhD Programme in Political Science, paying tuition fees plus a stipend of up to €15,000 per year. Application for this financial support is automatically considered as part of the normal admissions process. The Department of Political Science normally admits six students per year, and typically provides financial support in the form of tuition grants, stipends, teaching and research assistantships, and support for postgraduate conference and research travel.

Duration: 4 year PhD program

Perspective candidates: graduates, world-wide

Closing date for applications: N/A

Applications for entry in September 2009 open on November 28th, 2008. Applications will be considered at the end of each calendar month thereafter, until the course is full. You are encouraged to apply early as competition for places is intense. The closing date for applications is June 1st, 2009.

Contact: Graduate Studies Office, Trinity College, The University of Dublin
Arts Building
Dublin 2, Ireland
email: thomsor@tcd.ie

Additional information: http://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/postgraduate/phdindex.php

Other research scholarships of the school:

http://www.tcd.ie/Graduate_Studies/prospectivestudents/awards/index.php

1.2. Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowships

Field of study: There are no limits on the disciplines or fields supported.

Scholarship: The Scholar Rescue Fund provides fellowships for established scholars whose lives and work are threatened in their home countries. These fellowships permit professors, researchers and other senior academics to find temporary refuge at universities and colleges anywhere in the world, enabling them to pursue their academic work and to continue to share their knowledge with students, colleagues, and the community at large. Fellowships are awarded in the form of grants of up to US \$25,000. Most awards require additional financial support from the host institutions or a third-party source, support is generally equal or greater to the SRF award.

Duration: N/A

Perspective candidates: Professors, established researchers and other senior academics from any country, field or discipline may qualify. Applications are reviewed for academic qualifications, the quality/potential of the candidate's work, and the urgency of threats faced.

Closing date for applications: Applications and nominations are accepted at any time throughout the year, on a rolling basis. Applications will be considered by the SRF Selection Committee at least three times per year, generally in January, April, and October. Non-emergency applications must be received at least 4 weeks before a committee meeting in order to be considered. Decisions will be announced approximately two (2) weeks after each Selection Committee meeting.

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
email: srfinfo@iie.org

Additional information: www.scholarrescuefund.org

1.3. National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic

Field of study: all

Scholarship: The scholarship is designated to cover living costs (accommodation, boarding, etc.) of a study, research and teaching stay of foreign applicants at Slovak universities and research institutions.

Description:

a) Scholarships for foreign university students (enrolled at least in the 6th semester) to take part in Master study over a period of 1 to 2 semesters (from 5 to 10 months) at Slovak universities.

b) Scholarships for foreign PhD students to take a part of PhD study over a period of 1 to 12 months at Slovak universities or research institutes.

c) Scholarships for foreign university teachers and researchers over a period of 1 to 12 months to carry out teaching or research at Slovak universities, research institutes or nongovernmental organisations on the basis of an invitation.

Duration: Master – 1-2 semesters

PhD students and university teachers – 1-12 months

Perspective candidates: Applicant has to be accepted at one of the Slovak universities in any study programme.

Closing date for applications: 30th April 2009

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www.saia.sk, www.scholarships.sk

Additional information: <http://www.scholarships.sk/0653.nsp>

1.4. Swiss Government Scholarships for Foreign Students, Switzerland

Field of study: applied sciences

Scholarship: Sfr. 1 920.- per month for postgraduate students

Description: Through the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS), the Swiss Government grants foreign students university scholarships (Swiss universities, Federal Institutes of Technology), scholarships are offered for postgraduate studies at the Universities of Applied Sciences. This applies to the group of Western and Central and Eastern European countries (Belarus included) included in the scholarship pool.

Duration: postgraduate studies

Perspective candidates: Students must have graduated from a university or university of applied sciences with at least a Bachelor Degree and enrol in Switzerland for studies at post-graduate level. By staying in Switzerland, they will be able to further their education and to undertake research work in the fields in which the Swiss universities are particularly active.

Closing date for applications: September 30, 2009

Contact: State Secretariat for Education and Research SER
Hallwylstrasse 4
CH-3003 Bern
Tel: +41 31 322 96 91
Fax: +41 31 322 78 54
Email: info@sbf.admin.ch

Additional information: http://www.sbf.admin.ch/htm/themen/bildung/stipendien/eskas_en.html#2

1.5. Scholarships for LL.M degree with a specialization in Public International Law and Human Rights, Riga Graduate School of Law

Scholarship: Full for selected students, covering tuition and fees for the LL.M study programme. An additional scholarship is allocated for travel, accommodation and incidental education expenses.

Description: Scholarships are funded by the Open Society Institute in order to support students with demonstrated academic excellence in law or a comparable field of study who demonstrate commitment to work in the field of public law, human rights, or public service.

Perspective candidates:

- Holders of an undergraduate degree in law or comparable degree, such as political science or international relations, or those who will be awarded a degree prior to admission to the programme.
- Proficient in English language
- Experienced in the fields of public international law or human rights for a minimum of one year. The place of current employment as well as the plan of applicant to return to work in the field of public service has to be specified in the application.
- Eligible countries: Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, South Eastern Europe and Central Eurasia region.

Closing day for applications: June 8, 2009

Contact: Riga Graduate School of Law
Strelnieku iela 4 k-2
Riga LV 1010
Latvia
Telephone: +371 6703 206, +371 6703 200
Email: study@rgsl.edu.lv

Additional information and application process:

http://www.rgsl.edu.lv/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=378&Itemid=104

1.6. Global Supplementary Grant Program of Open Society Institute Scholarship Programs

Field of study: humanities and social science.

Scholarship : It is designed as a supplementary grant only. Applicants must be able to demonstrate additional support from other sources.

Description : Open Society Institute Scholarship Programs offers supplementary grants to students from selected countries aimed to enabling qualified students to pursue doctoral studies in humanities and social sciences at accredited universities in Europe.

Perspective candidates : citizens of one of following countries - Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan admitted into the PhD programme.

Closing date for applications : June 8, 2009

Contact : Global Supplementary Grant Program
Open Society Foundation
Cambridge House
100 Cambridge Grove
London W6 0LE
United Kingdom

Online application : www.soros.org/grants/oas.

Additional information :

www.soros.org/grants/application/grant_apply_step_3_view?grant_type=individual&country_id=79&x=39&y=9

Other available grants in Scholarship program:

http://www.soros.org/grants/application/grant_apply_step_4_view?grant_type=individual&country_id=79&country_name=Belarus&initiative_code=scholarship&x=68&y=3

Deadline for application for 2009/10 has passed. Check the website in fall 2009 for a new call for application for 2010/11 academic year.

1.7. Reagan - Facsell Democracy Fellows Program at the National Endowment for Democracy

Scholarship : covers monthly stipend, health insurance, travel assistance and research support

Description : The program is designed to deepen applicants understanding of democracy and enhance their ability to promote democratic change. It provides the opportunity for practitioners to improve strategies and techniques for building democracy abroad and for scholars to conduct original research for publication. Projects may focus on the political, social, economic, legal and cultural aspects of democratic development and may include a range of methodologies and approaches.

Duration: The fellowship year runs from October 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011 with major entry dates in October and March with a 5 month stay for practitioners and a 5 to 10 month stay for scholars

Perspective candidates: primarily practitioners and scholars from new and aspiring democracies. Practitioners may be civil society professionals such as activists, journalists, lawyers. Scholars may include professors, research analysts or writers.

Closing date for applications: November 9, 2009

Contact: Program Assistant, Fellowship Programs
International Forum for Democratic Studies
National Endowment for Democracy
1025 F Street, N.W., Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20004
Tel: (202) 378-9700
Fax: (202) 378-9407
E-mail: fellowships@ned.org
Internet: www.ned.org

Online application : www.ned.org/forum/R-FApplication.doc

Additional information : www.ned.org/forum/reagan-fascell.html

1.8. Leiden University Excellence Scholarship programme 2009/10 (LEXS)

Scholarship: 5 types of awards covering tuition fees in the range of 100% to 25%

Perspective candidates:

- Non-EU/EEA students enrolling in a Leiden University master's degree programme starting September 2009 or February 2010
- Excellent study results e.g. among top 10% for the relevant programme followed abroad
- Applicant has not obtained yet Leiden University master's degree

Closing day for applications: April 1 for starting in September 2009, October 15 for starting in February 2010

Contact: Leiden University
P.O. Box 9500
2300 RA Leiden
The Netherlands
Tel: +31 (0)715272727
Internet: www.leidenuniv.nl

Additional information and application process:

www.leidenuniv.nl/en/studyinleiden/lexs.htm

1.9. Pavel Tigrid Internship Program

Description : As part of the Pavel Tigrid Internship Program, the Association for International Affairs provides young Belarusians with the opportunity to become familiar with the Czech experience of the transformation process, the operation of political parties and state institutions, and the activities and work methods of non-profit organisations during a two-month stay in the Czech Republic.

Contact : Association for International Affairs (AMO)
Zitna 27
110 00 Praha 1
Czech Republic
Tel/Fax +420 224 813 460

Additional information: www.amo.cz

2. CONFERENCES, TRAININGS, SUMMER SCHOOLS

2.1. Annual Savaria International Summer University

Date: June 19 – July 1 2009

Place taken: Kőszeg, Hungary

Description: Lectures, workshops, panel discussions and presentations held on topics such as "What happened to ideas of democracy in the past 20 years", Diversity Management and Cultural Heritage Management in the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

Deadline: May 15, 2009

Direct Contact: maatkoszeg@gmail.com

More information at: www.european-studies.hu/?page_id=81

2.2. Helsinki Summer School

Date: 4 – 20 August 2009

Place taken: Helsinki, Finland

Description: Helsinki Summer School is an academic event offering sixteen fully credited courses covering a wide range of academic fields - from Customer Equity to Behavioural Sciences and Conceptual History to the Planning and Management of Urban Green Space. It is intended for advanced Bachelor's degree, Master's degree and PhD students from all around the world. Applicants should have completed at least 2 years of university studies.

Language: English

Deadline: July 24, 2009, advisable to apply ASAP as students are selected on a first come, first serve basis.

Fees: Registration fee - 100 EUR/ 150 EUR after 31 May. Course fee - 300 EUR. Accommodation 300 – 495 EUR according to type.

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3. USEFUL LINKS

3.1. The Soros Foundation

Offers grants, scholarships and fellowships 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 - European Educational Offer to Belarus

The EU – launched educational programme Erasmus Mundus is open to candidates from countries also 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. 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 aims to assist politically engaged students who for political reason have been prevented from studying in their countries of origin to continue their studies in the Netherlands. In the 2009 – 2010 academic year, the programme will be open to students from Belarus only.

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 organisations. 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>

3.7. Grantfinder

The Netherlands Student Grantfinder is an online search engine for students willing to study in Netherlands and looking for financial aid. Grantfinder contains information about Dutch scholarships for foreign students.

www.grantfinder.nl/content/index.asp

3.8. Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Program provides several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies.

www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx