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## **Scholarship Programs**

# **GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM**

**North America, Asia, Australia, Middle/Near East**

**Academic Year 2011 - 2012**

**Application Form**

### ***What is an “Open Society?”***

*An Open Society is a society based on the recognition that nobody has a monopoly on the truth, that different people have different views and interests, and that there is a need for institutions to protect the rights of all people to allow them to live together in peace. The term “open society” was popularized by the philosopher Karl Popper in his 1945 book Open Society and Its Enemies. Broadly speaking, an open society is characterized by a reliance on the rule of law, the existence of a democratically elected government, a diverse and vigorous civil society, and a respect for minorities and minority opinions.*

### **About the Open Society Foundations**

The Open Society Foundations work to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. To achieve its mission, the Foundations seek to shape public policies that assure greater fairness in political, legal, and economic systems and safeguard fundamental rights. On a local level, the Foundations implement a range of initiatives to advance justice, education, public health, and independent media. At the same time, the Foundations build alliances across borders and continents on issues such as corruption and freedom of information. The Foundations place a high priority on protecting and improving the lives of marginalized people and communities.

### **About Scholarship Programs**

The Open Society Scholarship Programs fund the participation of students, scholars, and professionals from a variety of countries in rigorous, competitive academic programs outside of their home countries. The goals of these programs are: to revitalize and reform the teaching of the social sciences and humanities at higher education institutions; to provide professional training in fields unavailable or underrepresented at institutions in the countries served; and to assist outstanding students from a range of backgrounds to pursue their studies in alternative academic and cultural environments.

More information about the Open Society Foundations and Scholarship Programs can be found at:  
[www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship](http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship)

**OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS  
GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM (GSGP)  
2011 - 2012**

**Program Description:**

The Open Society Scholarship Programs is pleased to offer supplementary grants to students from select countries of Southeastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Mongolia, the Middle/Near East, and South Asia. The purpose of the program is to enable qualified students to pursue full-time doctoral studies in the **Humanities and Social Sciences** at accredited universities in Asia, Australia, the Middle/Near East, and North America.

Each award will provide partial funding for one year of full-time doctoral study. Recipients of GSGP grants will have the option to re-apply for an additional two awards after the original grant. Applicants seeking grant renewals must submit a new application for each renewal year. The total number of years a recipient may hold a GSGP grant is three years. Grantees applying for their second or third awards will compete with the other renewal applicants each year. A second or third grant is therefore not guaranteed.

Only students who have been accepted into a full-time doctoral (Ph.D.) program at an accredited university are eligible to apply.

Grants are provided to help cover costs in the following categories:

1. **Tuition and fees** – not to exceed 50% of tuition and fees per academic year;
2. **Living expenses** – students who have succeeded in funding their tuition, either through scholarships or tuition waivers, are eligible for housing and living funds;
3. **Other** – students who have secured all necessary funds but cannot afford additional expenses, such as travel to/from their host country, books, materials, health insurance, etc., are eligible for additional funds.

**Only applicants with confirmed financial support from additional sources will receive supplementary grants.**

**Grants will be awarded on the basis of academic record, merit of the proposed study, applicant's long-term goals, and financial need.**

**For the academic year 2011-2012 grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000**

*In no case may applicants request grant assistance for the support of:*

1. *accompanying child/children or spouse;*
2. *federal and/or state taxes;*
3. *computer hardware, software or other computer-related equipment;*
4. *automobile-related expenses of any type.*

As part of the grant package, finalists of the program will be invited by the Open Society Foundations to attend an annual GSGP Spring conference in the Spring of 2012. Travel costs from grantees' host universities in North America and accommodation will be covered by the Open Society Foundations. Further details will be sent to grantees in late 2011.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Candidates must be nationals of one of the following countries:

AFGHANISTAN	EGYPT	LEBANON	RUSSIA
ALBANIA	GEORGIA	MACEDONIA	SERBIA
ARMENIA	IRAQ	MOLDOVA	SYRIA
AZERBAIJAN	JORDAN	MONGOLIA	TAJIKISTAN
BELARUS	KAZAKHSTAN	MONTENEGRO	TURKMENISTAN
BOSNIA	KOSOVO	NEPAL	UKRAINE
CROATIA	KYRGYZSTAN	PALESTINE	UZBEKISTAN

2. Candidates must be pursuing **full-time** doctoral studies in the *social sciences and humanities* at an accredited university.
3. Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in the spoken and written language of their host institution.
4. Candidates who are alumni or current grantees of any Open Society Foundations program must be in good standing with all grants (including submitting all relevant reports on time, etc.)
5. **ONLY** applicants who have already been awarded partial or full tuition, room and board stipends, or other types of financial support may apply.

Members of minority groups are encouraged to apply.

Please note that if selected, grantees will be required to maintain full-time student status and abide by the terms and conditions outlined in a countersigned contract letter.

**Ineligibility:**

1. These awards offer partial support towards full time doctoral studies in the *social sciences and humanities* only. Requests for support in the following fields will **not** be considered:
  - Business Administration/Management
  - Computer Science
  - Finance/Banking/Marketing
  - Engineering
  - Hard & Natural Sciences (Physics, Biology, Chemistry, etc.)
  - Mathematics
  - Medical Sciences
  - Fine or Performing Arts
2. Applications for study in the student's home country or in any of the countries listed above will not be considered.
3. Applications for non-doctoral study, language preparation, and/or summer school courses will not be considered.
4. Students with permanent resident status, dual citizenship, and/or asylum seekers in the country of the host academic institution are not eligible to apply. Only those with valid student visas, or relevant student status, in the host country are eligible.

**Deadline for Submission:**

Candidates are strongly encouraged to apply online using the **Online Application System** which may be found at <http://www.soros.org/grants/oas>. Supporting application materials that cannot be submitted online (such as letters from universities and copies of identification documents) must be mailed to the address below:

Global Supplementary Grant Program  
Open Society Foundations  
1700 Broadway, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10019 USA

All applications are due by **April 1, 2011** and envelopes containing supporting materials or paper applications must be postmarked on or before: **April 1, 2011**.

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED.**

**Documents Required Upon Application:**

In addition to the application form below, please send one copy of the following. Any documents that are not in English should be accompanied by an official or university translation.

1. Curriculum Vitae (CV should include complete work history, extra-curricular activities, academic awards and publications)
2. Copy of your official letter of admission from the academic institution (if not available, explain why)
3. Official undergraduate and graduate school transcripts (new applicants only)
4. Copy of an official letter from your institution outlining the details of your scholarship or financial aid award (if separate from item 2 above) and any other documents confirming additional support
5. Copy of the identification pages of your passport
6. Copy of your visa (students studying in the U.S should also enclose a copy of your I-20 or DS-2019 form)
7. Two current academic reference letters from current professors who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities, and can speak to your progress towards completing your degree program. Students already enrolled in a Ph.D. program must furnish at least one letter of reference from a professor in the department in which they are studying, as well as a current academic progress report.

**Please Note: Omission of one or more of the documents mentioned above renders your application incomplete and will result in disqualification. In the event that a required document will become available only after you submit your application, please indicate this in your application and send the document as soon as possible.**

**Selection:**

Students are selected in an open competition announced once a year. A selection committee makes all grant decisions based on the quality of the application, written essays, academic records, and future goals. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate a clear commitment to the academic and social development of their home community or region. Applicants should take into consideration the three-year funding limit when applying, and anticipate the period of their study when they will most benefit from a GSGP award. Finalists will be notified in June 2011; **decisions of the selection committee are final.**

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**APPLICATION**

- ◆ All questions **MUST** be answered.
- ◆ Please do **NOT** staple papers together.
- ◆ Please use **black ink**.
- ◆ Please **type or print** clearly.
- ◆ All applications must be completed in **English**, or accompanied by **English translations**.

**Personal Information:**

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Last Name	First Name	Other Names
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Date of Birth (day/month/year)	City and Country of Birth	Citizenship
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Gender:        female \_\_\_\_\_ male \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all nationality documents held: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a green card or residency status in any other countries; or do you have applications pending for asylum or residency status in any other countries? If yes, which countries? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received or are you receiving support from the Open Society Foundations or the Soros Foundation Network? (including prior GSGP awards)

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list the full name of the program or grant, the year(s) of funding, and the amount received:

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Please list any other grants/scholarships you have applied for and the amount of funds you have requested from each source, as well as the expected time of notification<sup>1</sup>:

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that grants may be considered conditionally until all proof of scholarships and financial support are provided by the candidate.

**Permanent Address:**

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Number and Street	Apartment Number
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City and State or Province	Zip (Postal) Code	Country
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Telephone	Fax Number
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E-mail

**Current Mailing Address (if different from permanent address listed above):**

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Number and Street	Apartment Number	Address valid until
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City and State or Province	Zip (Postal) Code	Country
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Telephone	Fax Number	E-mail
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**Emergency Contact:**

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Name	Relationship:
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Address

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Telephone (home)	Telephone (work)
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E-mail

**Program Statistics:**

How did you hear about the Global Supplementary Grant Program?

- Friend or colleague
- Poster/Flyer (where?):
- Internet or email (which Website or email list?):
- Local Soros Foundation or Educational Advising Center
- University information session (where?):
- Radio/TV/Newspaper Announcement (please specify):
- Educational Fair
- Other (please specify):

**Academic Information:**

Please select one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have *applied* to the following doctorate (Ph.D.) program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of University

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Faculty/Department

\_\_\_\_\_ I have *been accepted* to the following doctorate (Ph.D.) program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of University

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Faculty/Department

Area of specialization: \_\_\_\_\_

State whether the program is:

a. Full-time \_\_\_\_\_ b. Part-time \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning date of the program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year

Expected date of degree completion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year

University or College address (name, street address, city, post code, country):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If possible, please list the name of the official with whom you have corresponded at the school:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Background:**

Highest degree completed:

Doctorate \_\_\_\_\_ Kandidat \_\_\_\_\_ MA \_\_\_\_\_ Diploma \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Name of Graduate University/College \_\_\_\_\_

City, Country \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Received \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years completed \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
mo/day/yr to mo/day/yr

Name of Undergraduate University/College \_\_\_\_\_

City, Country \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Received \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years completed \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
mo/day/yr to mo/day/yr

Name of High School / Secondary School \_\_\_\_\_

City, Country \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date \_\_\_\_\_  
mo/day/yr

Please list any academic awards or honors that you have received.

Institution & Location	Award name	Date Received
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list any relevant academic or professional conferences and workshops that you have attended.

Conference or Workshop Name	Location	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Teaching Experience:**

If you have taught at the university level, please list the course titles, the name and location of the institutions where you taught, and the type of teaching position you held.

Course Title	Institution Name & Location	Teaching Position
_____	_____	_____
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**Financial Information:**

All applicants must disclose all sources of financial support. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification of the application. If the exact amounts for costs are not known, please estimate.

Eligible candidates may request assistance for tuition or living expenses such as housing or medical insurance; or other expenses such as books or transportation.

**Please attach a brief line item budget narrative that includes an explanation of your primary sources of funding and your financial need**

**What are your costs?**

- 1. Tuition (per year): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Other University Fees (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Living expenses (per year): If shared, indicate **your** contribution or costs only
  - a. Housing: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Meals: \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Living expenses: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Books: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Travel (to/from university): \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Other travel (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Other expenses (if necessary, list details on an attached sheet of paper): \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. TOTAL (add items 1-7): \_\_\_\_\_

**What assistance do you already receive?**

**Please list ALL sources of income or assistance:**

- 9. Amount of tuition support: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Amount of room and/ or board support: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Support from Teaching or Research Assistantship: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Other assistance (Personal funds, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Please specify any other grants or awards that you have/will receive: \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. Total Provided by Other Sources (add items 9-14): \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED**

(subtract line 8 from line 14) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Essays:**

Please confine your essays to the topics outlined below.

\* NOTE: It is to your benefit to complete this section as thoroughly and accurately as possible. Applications without all required essays will be disqualified. The term ‘re-applicants’ applies to students who have received funding in prior years through the Global Supplementary Grant Program.

**New Applicants (3 essays):**

Essays should be a maximum 300 –500 words each.

1. **Personal Essay.** Describe yourself and your interests in terms of your personal history and current circumstances. You may want to include information about your academic experiences, your long-term goals, or a unique experience that has changed your perspective on life.
2. **Academic and Research Goals.** Please describe the focus of your dissertation research in geographic and theoretical terms. If you have not yet designed your dissertation proposal, please describe the area of research you would like to pursue. Please explain why you have chosen to pursue your studies at this particular university.
3. What contributions do you hope to make to open society in your home country or region, using your professional expertise and personal experiences, and whom do you expect to benefit directly and/or indirectly? What is the role of the university in strengthening civil society and generating social transformation?

**Re-Applicants (3 essays):**

Essays should be a maximum 300 – 500 words each.

1. Please clearly state where you are in the course of your doctoral studies (coursework, proposal writing, research, fieldwork, dissertation writing, etc.), addressing any achievements and/or challenges from the past year, and how these have shaped the development of your research.
2. How do you plan to apply your research to your professional pursuits after the completion of your doctorate? What are your career goals within the next 5 years and what are your strategies for accomplishing these?
3. What associations do you have with institutions or organizations in your home country? How have you maintained these connections and how will you contribute to these institutions or organizations upon the completion of your doctoral studies?

*My signature below indicates that all of the information contained in my application and supporting documents is true and honestly presented.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Check List

**PLEASE ASSEMBLE ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE ORDER LISTED BELOW**

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- Copies of all undergraduate/post-secondary school records with English translations. If your transcripts are not available, please provide an explanation.
- Copy of official letter(s) informing you of the details of the scholarship or financial aid award and proof of expenses as outlined in application
- The official letter from your school's financial aid office outlining your need, and your budget narrative
- Copy of the identification pages of your passport or other identification
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- Two academic reference letters from current professors who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities, in English or with a full English translation
- Essay 1             Essay 2             Essay 3

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