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**Open Society Institute
Network Scholarship Programs**

GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM
North America, Asia, Australia, Middle/Near East

Academic Year 2010 - 2011

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 OSI

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

About NSP

OSI's Network 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 OSI and NSP can be found at: www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship

**OPEN SOCIETY INSTITUTE
NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM (GSGP)
2010 - 2011**

Program Description:

The Network Scholarship Programs (NSP) department of the Open Society Institute is pleased to offer supplementary grants to students from select countries of Eastern and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, and Mongolia. 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 first year of 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 general pool of 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 **only one** of 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.

Grants will not be provided to cover expenses in *all three* categories. Only those students with confirmed financial support 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 2010-2011 grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$6000

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 NSP to attend an annual GSGP Spring conference in the Spring of 2011. Travel costs from grantees' host universities and accommodation will be covered by OSI. Further details will be sent to grantees in late 2010.

Eligibility Criteria:

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

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| ALBANIA | KAZAKHSTAN | RUSSIA |
| ARMENIA | KOSOVO | SERBIA |
| AZERBAIJAN | KYRGYZSTAN | TAJIKISTAN |
| BELARUS | MACEDONIA | TURKMENISTAN |
| BOSNIA | MOLDOVA | UKRAINE |
| CROATIA | MONGOLIA | UZBEKISTAN |
| GEORGIA | MONTENEGRO | |

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 OSI or NSP program must be in good standing with all grants (including submitting all relevant reports on time, etc.)

Members of the Roma community and other 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 and/or asylum seekers in North America or Western Europe are not eligible to apply. Only those with valid student visas in the host country are eligible to apply.

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 Institute
1700 Broadway, 17th Floor
New York, New York 10019 USA

All applications are due by **April 2, 2010** and envelopes containing supporting materials or paper applications must be postmarked on or before: **April 2, 2010**.

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 post-secondary school transcripts (new applicants only)
4. Copy of an official letter 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 professors who have direct knowledge of your work and abilities. 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 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 commitment to the academic and social development of their home community or region. Applicants should take into consideration their priorities as well as the three year funding limit when applying. **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 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|

Gender: female _____ male _____

Have you received or are you receiving support from the Open Society Institute 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:

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 notification¹:

¹ 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

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

| Conference or Workshop Name | Location | Date |
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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 medical insurance, books or other academic materials; or transportation to and from the school.

Please attach copies of official documentation.

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 scholarship/waiver: _____
- 10. Amount of room and / or board scholarship / waiver: _____
- 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:

Essays should be a maximum 250-300 words each. 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.

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. **Re-applicants**, please describe yourself and your interests with particular reference to your experience as a graduate student, noting specifically how your interests have developed or changed since your original application.
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. **Re-applicants**, please discuss any new or changed directions you have decided to take in your studies and / or research and any unexpected challenges you have come across in your work or at your university. Finally, please state clearly where you are in the course of your doctoral studies (taking courses, proposal writing, research, fieldwork, dissertation writing, etc.).
3. **How will your work address the needs and challenges of open society in your home country or region?**
4. **Answer ONE of the following questions:**
 - a. What contributions do you hope to make, using your professional expertise and personal experiences, to the world?
 - b. What is the role of the university in strengthening civil society and generating social transformation?

Re-applicants: In lieu of writing Essay 4, re-applicants please discuss what contributions you have made or hope to make to the scholarly discourse within your academic discipline or to policy debates relevant to the broader public sphere. What effects might your work have on institutional policy or culture within or beyond academia?

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

Before mailing your application (or supporting materials if you have applied online) please check that you have attached the following:

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- ___ Copy of the official letter of admission from the admitting institution, in English or with a full English translation. If the letter is not available, please provide an explanation.
- ___ 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
- ___ Copy of the identification pages of your passport or other identification
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- ___ Essay 1 ___ Essay 2 ___ Essay 3 ___ Essay 4

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