



## Open Society Foundations/ University of Cambridge Scholarships 2011-12

### NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

#### THE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Open Society Foundations/ University of Cambridge Scholarships, which are jointly funded by the Open Society Foundation-London and the University of Cambridge, are intended to provide opportunities for postgraduate study in selected fields in the United Kingdom for scholars and young professionals who demonstrate both academic excellence and the potential to become leaders, decision makers and opinion formers in their home countries. Applicants should have excellent academic qualifications, a clear and precise proposal describing what they wish to study, and a fluent command of the English language. The scholarships cover all university and college fees for an eligible MPhil degree course for up to one year, travel to and from the UK, and basic living expenses for a single person.

#### Eligible courses

<input type="checkbox"/> Development Studies MPhil
<input type="checkbox"/> Education MPhil
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Anthropology MPhil

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be citizens of and resident in one of the following countries during the academic year in which they apply for the award: **Afghanistan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia (Nizhny Novgorod, Irkutsk, Samara, Vladivostok, Tomsk, Kazan and Magadan) and Ukraine.** Applicants who are temporarily out of the country (for a total period of less than three consecutive months) may be treated as being resident.
- Demonstrate exceptional academic potential, familiarity with the chosen field of study and clear commitment to open society goals. **This requirement will be treated as of considerable importance in the selection process, and applicants should be sure to complete Section B (6) of the Graduate Admission and Scholarship Application Form (GRADSAF) fully and appropriately;**
- Applicants should be planning to return to their home country at the end of the period of study.
- Already hold (or expect to hold by the time of taking up the award) a first degree of an equivalent standard to a good UK second-class Honours degree.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously studied outside of their home country.
- Applicants will be required to have passed an English proficiency test (TOEFL or IELTS) before being offered a Scholarship. The minimum requirement for some of the courses available is in TOEFL 600 (250 in the computer-based test) or IELTS 7.0; however most courses require the higher minimum requirement of IELTS 7.5, and some IELTS 8.0. Please refer to the University of Cambridge Graduate Studies Prospectus for further details.

Please note that if you have applied, or are applying, for other grants, fellowships or scholarships with the Open Society Foundations you should alert us to this in your application. While you may apply under more than one scheme simultaneously, you can be awarded only one Open Society Foundations scholarship or grant for a given period.

*Employees, employees' relatives (or former employees who have left employment less than two years before) of the Educational Advising Centers or local Open Society Foundations representations directly involved in the Open Society Foundations Scholarship Programs administration in the region and the participating universities will not be eligible to apply for these awards.*

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Scholars should obtain information about the relevant degree and its requirements by consulting the University's Graduate Studies Prospectus, which is available online at the link to the website <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/gsprospectus/>. Application forms (GRADSAF) are available from the Cambridge University website <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/gradstud/prospec/apply/applynow/index.html#paper>. It is also available in printed form from the local representatives of Open Society Foundations.

Applicants shall check the requirements for individual courses as additional supporting materials such as written work might be needed.

Local representatives of Open Society Foundations will assist you by arranging for your application to be sent to Cambridge, and will also arrange for payment of the £35 application fee. Please send your GRADSAF (including Graduate Application Cover, Packing List, Eligibility Requirements Self-Assessment Form and all required supporting documents) to the address below by **19 November 2010**. Applications will not be accepted after this deadline.

Applicants should mention Open Society Foundations/ Cambridge Scholarships in the funding section of GRADSAF.

Scholars wishing to submit further applications for further courses must apply to the University directly, applications that arrive directly to University will not be considered for the Open Society Foundations/ Cambridge Scholarships.

## **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

- All completed applications received by local representatives of Open Society Foundations by the deadline will be forwarded to the University of Cambridge. Academic staff at the University will compile a short-list.
- Short-listed applicants will be invited for an interview and an English language test in their home country in May 2011. **You should keep yourself free around this time.** You will be informed by your local scholarship coordinator in late April/early May 2011 whether you have been shortlisted or not.
- Interviews will be carried out by representatives of OSF-London - in certain cases, there may also be a panel member representing the interests of the University.
- The final awards will be decided jointly by the University and OSF-London. Candidates will be informed by the end of May/early June. In addition, certain candidates may be offered reserve places for scholarships, which means that there is a **possibility** that they will be given a scholarship, if one of the successful candidates withdraws from the program.

Please note that the staff at your local representative office is not involved in the decision-making process. They will tell you as soon as they can whether or not you have been successful. Please understand they will not be able to inform you until they have been told by the University of Cambridge and OSF-London.

*Please note that all successful applicants will be expected to attend a one-month preparatory academic writing summer school in August 2011. The Open Society Scholarship Programs Pre-Academic Summer Program is designed to prepare Open Society Scholarship Programs grantees for a successful academic experience in the UK. Successful applicants will be provided with the opportunity to refine their research and writing skills through intensive courses in academic writing and social sciences. The exact date and location of the summer school will be available at a later stage in the selection process*

**ALL APPLICATION DOCUMENTS MUST BE SINGLE-SIDED.**  
**DO NOT STAPLE OR FASTEN**  
**(OTHER THAN WITH PAPER CLIPS).**

Applications must be received by the local representative offices **no later than**  
**19 November 2010**

### **Contact Information for Scholarship Queries**

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**Open Society Foundations/ University of Cambridge Scholarship**  
**Eligibility Requirements Self-Assessment Form**

You should complete this form if you are applying for an Open Society Foundations/University of Cambridge scholarship.. By checking off the boxes below, you will confirm that you have read the guidance notes for applicants, understand the eligibility requirements and selection process and are prepared to submit a complete application form with all required supporting documents. This form should be attached to your application once completed and signed below.

FAMILY NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS):	FIRST NAME(S) (BLOCK CAPITALS):
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**Please read the statements below and tick the boxes on the right to indicate whether each of these statements is true or false of you.**

A. I must be a national of and resident in one of the eligible countries during the academic year in which I apply for the award (I am considered resident even if I am temporarily out of the country for a total period of less than three consecutive months.).      true       false

B. I already hold or am expecting to hold by the time of taking up the award, if my application is successful, a degree of an equivalent standard to a BA with good marks.      true       false

C. I am not a recipient of any other Open Society Foundations fully funded scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year,      true       false

D. I have passed or will sit for a TOEFL/IELTS test to obtain a required score by the time of taking up an award (a test will be organized by the Sponsors for those applicants who are short-listed after the interviews).      true       false

E. I understand that the Sponsors of the scholarship will give preference to applicants who have not studied outside of their home region.      true       false

F. I am not a current employee/ or employees' relative of any Open Society Foundations representations directly working with Open Society Scholarship Programs in the region or the participating university and have not been employed by either of them within the last 2 years.      true       false

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If you marked all of the above statements as true, you are eligible for the program. Please submit your application. If you marked any of the statements above as false, please, be advised that you may be ineligible for the program but you can still submit your application if you still wish for it to be considered.

Should you have any questions concerning any of the criteria listed above, please, contact your local scholarship coordinator.

**Please, make sure that you attach a copy of this form to each submitted scholarship application form.**

By signing this form I confirm that the information provided above is correct.

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Signature

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Date