



## **Open Society Foundations/University of Warwick Scholarships 2011-2012**

The scholarships, which are offered for a period of twelve months, are to enable scholars to pursue a taught postgraduate course at the University of Warwick.

Each scholarship provides twelve months' tuition fees at the University of Warwick, a stipend to cover living costs (**for one person only**) and return air travel from the scholar's home country. On completion of the scholarship, scholars will return to their home countries.

### **Eligible Countries**

The scholarships are open to applicants from **Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Mongolia**.

### **Eligible Subjects**

Scholarships are available from September 2011 for selected one year Master's courses in the **Faculty of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Arts, and the Faculty of Science**:

MA Creative and Media Enterprises  
MA Global Media and Communication  
MA International Cultural Policy and Management  
MA Gender and International Development  
MA Social Research  
MA English Literature  
MA Writing  
MA Film and Television Studies  
MSc Chemistry with Scientific Writing  
MSc Scientific Research and Communication

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- A. be nationals of, and resident in one of the selected countries during the academic year in which they apply for the award; applicants who are temporarily out of the country (for a total period of less than three consecutive months) may be treated as being resident;
- B. display intellectual ability and leadership potential;
- C. already hold (or expect to hold by the time of taking up the award) a degree of an equivalent standard to a good UK second-class Honours degree;
- D. have passed an appropriate English language test by the time of taking up the award. The University would expect candidates to have normally achieved at the time of taking up the award a score of TOEFL 600 (Paper based), TOEFL 250 (Computer based), TOEFL (Internet based 92) or IELTS 6.5;
- E. return to their home country at the end of their scholarship period to continue their studies / work there.

Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously studied outside of their home country.

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.*

### **Application Process**

Only the application forms provided by the local representatives of Open Society Foundations should be used. These are deliberately different from the University's standard forms in order that they are easily recognised at the University of Warwick as a competition application. If applicants use standard forms provided by the University there is a risk they could be treated as a normal application. The completed forms and other documents must be returned to your local representative of Open Society Foundations (see addresses and contact information below) **by 31 January 2011 at the latest. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** Applicants are required to submit **two copies** of the application package: one original and two photocopies of the entire application set.

A completed application must include:

- (a) Two copies of the completed application form (one original and one photocopy).
- (b) Two referees' reports in signed and sealed envelopes.
- (c) Transcripts of undergraduate and any postgraduate study. If the Transcript is not in English you must provide a translation bearing an official stamp. Applicants may not translate transcripts themselves.
- (d) Eligibility Requirements Self Assessment Form (please see at the end of these guidance notes).
- (e) Applicants for courses in the English Department should include two pieces of written work on a literary topic previously submitted as part of your Undergraduate degree.

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

**Please note that you are only permitted to apply for one course of study at the University.**

### **4. Selection Procedure**

- a) Your local representative office will forward the applications to the University of Warwick. Academic staff at the University will compile a short-list.

- b) Short-listed applicants will be invited for an interview and an English language test in their home country in April 2011. **You should be available for interview at any point during this period of time.** You will be informed by your local office in early April 2011 whether you have been short-listed or not.
- c) 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.
- d) The final awards will be decided jointly by the University and OSF-London. Candidates will be informed in June. 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. The scholarship period begins in late September 2011.

Please note that the staff at your local representative office of Open Society Foundations is not involved at all 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 Warwick 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.*

## 5. Additional Information

- You can read the University's Postgraduate Prospectus. Your local office will be able to make a copy available for you to consult. You will not, however, be able to take this copy home.
- You can visit the University's Postgraduate Home Page <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/study/postgraduate>.

## 6. Contact Information

Please make use of all of the written documentation available to you: these guidance notes, the University's Graduate Prospectus and the guidance notes included with the University's application form.

If you have any queries about these guidance notes, then you should contact either

- your local representative of Open Society Foundations
- Inga Pracute, UK Program Coordinator, Open Society Scholarship Programs, OSF-London

**Fax or e-mail only:**

Fax: 00 44 20 7031 0201

E-mail: [inga.pracute@osf-eu.org](mailto:inga.pracute@osf-eu.org)

If you have any academic questions, then you should direct these to the appropriate department at the University of Warwick (listed in the Postgraduate Prospectus).

<p><b>Belarus</b></p> <p>Kevin Reiling: <a href="mailto:advising@ehu.lt">advising@ehu.lt</a>  European Humanities University  Tauro g. 12  LT-10101 Vilnius  Lithuania</p>	<p><b>Georgia</b></p> <p>Natia Nanava: <a href="mailto:natia@osgf.ge">natia@osgf.ge</a>  Centre for International  Education  Open Society Georgia  Foundation  10, Chovelidze Street  0108 Tbilisi  Georgia  Tel : (+995 32)252615, 250463  Fax (+995 32) 252615</p>	<p><b>Kazakhstan</b></p> <p>Larissa Gorbunova:  <a href="mailto:lgorbunova@bilim.kz">lgorbunova@bilim.kz</a>  Educational Development  Center  "BILIM-Central Asia"  31, Tulebayeva St, First floor,  Almaty City  050004 Kazakhstan  Tel. +7 727 2597620 [22]  Fax +7 727 2597622</p>
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**Open Society Foundations/ University of Warwick Scholarships**  
**Eligibility Requirements Self-Assessment Form**

You should complete this form if you are applying for an Open Society Foundations/University of Warwick Scholarships.. 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