

ANNOUNCEMENT

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE/POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES IN GREECE OFFERED TO NATIONALS OF BALKAN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (NON-MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION), ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA

(Programme 2009-2010)

The State Scholarships Foundation (I.K.Y.) announces that it will offer up to seventy (70) scholarships to nationals (foreigners or of Greek origin) of the Balkan and Eastern European countries (non-member states of the European Union), Asia, Africa and Latin America for studies in Greece beginning in the academic year 2009-2010.

In particular, the scholarships will be offered for:

- a) Postgraduate studies as follows:
 - i) Doctorate (Ph.D.) for one (1) year up to four (4) years.
 - ii) Second Master for one (1) year up to three (3) years.
- b) Postdoctoral research studies for six (6) months up to one (1) year.
- c) Further education in the Greek Language, Literature, Philosophy, History and Art for professors of Greek at foreign Universities, for six (6) months up to one (1) year.
- d) Attendance of seminars for specialization in the Fine Arts, for one (1) year up to two (2) years.
- e) Collection of research data for applicants who are conducting Ph.D. studies in their country, for one (1) year.

Scholarships for the categories b), c), d) and e) lead to non degree programmes.

Applicants may apply to study any subject area currently available at the Greek Universities.

Applicants are allowed to apply for only one category of scholarship.

A. REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should:

1. Be nationals of the Balkan and Eastern European countries (non-member states of the European Union), Asia, Africa and Latin America.
 2. Hold a graduate degree from a foreign University.
 3. Hold a first postgraduate degree from a foreign or a Greek University (Master's or equivalent). This postgraduate degree is not a prerequisite for those applying for:
 - a) specialization in the Fine Arts,
 - b) collection of research data or
 - c) for those who are legally residents in Greece whilst undertaking Ph.D. studies.
- Medical doctors should have either completed their speciality or hold a postgraduate degree. The scholarship is strictly offered for doctoral studies and not for work or internship in a state hospital.
 - For postdoctoral research studies, applicants must hold a doctorate (Ph.D.) degree. Their graduate degree should be from a foreign University.

- For further education in the following specific subject areas of study: Greek Language, Literature, Philosophy, History and Art, applicants should be professors in a Department of Greek studies of a foreign University; a validated certificate of the University Department abroad certifying their employment must also be submitted along with the other documents for this category of studies.
- 4. Have an excellent knowledge of English or French.
- 5. Not exceed thirty-five (35) years of age except for the medical doctors who must not exceed forty (40) years of age, the postdoctoral applicants who must not exceed forty five (45) years of age and the applicants for further education who must not exceed fifty five (55) years of age.
- 6. Have never been scholarship holders of the I.K.Y.
- 7. Have only foreign citizenship (not both foreign and Greek).

Priority will be given to applicants who:

- i) have already established a contact with a Greek University / Professor before applying.
- ii) have knowledge of the Greek language.

For all the above mentioned, applicants are required to provide supporting documentation.

B. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Applicants meeting the above requirements by the application deadline should submit through the Greek Diplomatic Authorities in their country of residence- or in a neighboring country in case of absence of a Greek Embassy or Consulate in their country - the following documents :

1. An application form (available from the relevant Greek Diplomatic Mission, or the I.K.Y., or download copies from the I.K.Y. website at: www.iky.gr) duly completed.
2. A complete curriculum vitae.
3. Transcripts of previous University studies and certified copies of the degrees.
4. A postgraduate studies prospectus of the University where they have completed their studies.
5. An official certificate from a Greek University Department (for those conducting a Ph.D. at a Greek University), certifying their doctoral status.
6. An official certificate from a foreign University Department (for those conducting a Ph.D. in their country), certifying that they are enrolled for a doctoral degree and the topic of their doctoral dissertation.
7. An official certificate indicating the excellent knowledge- both written and oral - of English or French, in case of non native speakers.
8. A recent state hospital certificate certifying that applicants are not suffering from any infectious disease .
9. A research proposal with a title (for postgraduate and postdoctoral applicants).
10. Three (3) letters of reference, two of which must be from Greek or a foreign University professor.
11. A validated photocopy of the passport.
12. A recent photograph.

Applicants who have been awarded a scholarship from another Greek source, have to include in their documentation a certificate from this other source specifying the purpose, the duration and the amount granted of this scholarship.

Applicants must already hold their degrees at the time of submission of their application files. Expected degrees not awarded by the specified deadline will not be taken into consideration.

Only applicants who are legally in Greece and hold a residence permit card may submit directly to the I.K.Y. all the above –mentioned documents, along with a photocopy of their residence permit card.

If documentation is not in English, French or Greek, a certified translation into Greek or English must be supplied. In addition, documents numbered 3, 6 and 8 should be officially validated by the Greek Diplomatic Authorities.

Only complete documentation requested will be processed. Incomplete, inaccurate, inadequate or illegible application files will not be taken into consideration. Applicants must submit only certified copies of the originals because the submitted documentation will not be returned. Please note that only the letters of reference may be submitted at a later date, and in any case no later than June 15, 2009 directly to the I.K.Y.

C. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION - EVALUATION

1. A complete file documentation (submission of all supporting documents, validations, translations, legibility).
2. Grade of the degrees.
3. Title and research proposal.
4. Acceptance by a Greek University / Professor.
5. Knowledge of the Greek language (and other languages).
6. Letters of reference.

D. SUBMISSION DATE

The submission deadline is **May 29, 2009**. You will be notified about the results of the outcome of your application after July 2009.

D. TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. a) For postgraduate - doctoral studies, specialization in the Fine Arts or collection of research data, the scholarship begins after the candidate's arrival in Greece, provided that he has (i) been accepted by a School of Modern Greek Language (the courses for Modern Greek Language usually start on 1st October); and (ii) been at least conditionally admitted by a Greek University to pursue postgraduate, doctoral, specialization or collection work - as proved by a formal letter issued by the relevant Department of that University.
 - b) For postdoctoral studies, the scholarship begins after the candidate's arrival in Greece, provided that a Greek University professor has accepted to cooperate with him during his postdoctoral research studies.
 - c) For further education in the Greek Language, Literature, Philosophy and Art, the scholarship begins after the candidate's arrival in Greece, provided that a Greek University professor has formally accepted to supervise him during his research work.
- In every case, the candidate is responsible for the commencement of his/her scholarship by submitting to the I.K.Y. the required documentation (indicating his/her acceptance for postgraduate/doctoral studies, postdoctoral research, further education, collection of research data or specialization in the Fine Arts studies).
2. Scholarship holders who have been selected for a postgraduate programme and by the beginning of their scholarship have already been awarded their Ph.D. degree, they can use this scholarship for postdoctoral studies. The duration and the financial provisions will be those of the postdoctoral category.
 3. No scholarship can start after the 1st of March and before the 1st of October.
 4. Candidates must notify the I.K.Y. -one month in advance- of the exact date of their arrival in Greece and their passport number plus the date of issue, so that all the necessary arrangements

concerning student VISA be made by this Foundation before their arrival in Greece. A tourist visa cannot be changed into a student visa in Greece; that's why candidates are advised not to come to Greece without having previously obtained a student visa.

5. The I.K.Y. is entitled to immediately end the scholarship in the event scholarship holders:
 - a) Have made a false statement on their application file.
 - b) Do not comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship.
 - c) Hold a scholarship from another source at the same time.
 - d) Have been subjected to disciplinary action by the University or have no prospect for academic achievement (e.g. failure to achieve a satisfactory level in the Greek language or in their major field of studies).
 - e) Leave Greece -regardless of the reason- without having previously informed in writing the I.K.Y.
6. Scholarship holders are not permitted to undertake paid employment.
7. Applicants who have been awarded a scholarship from any other Greek state source for the same purpose, in case of selection from the IKY, they will receive a scholarship the duration of which is going to be estimated in accordance with the duration of their previous scholarship.
8. Applicants who are or have been scholarship holders of this Foundation will be excluded from all future programmes of I.K.Y.

F. DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. The duration of the postgraduate and doctoral scholarship is annual and is renewable for two more years when pursuing postgraduate studies (a second Master's) and for three more years in case of doctoral studies. If a scholarship holder obtains the degree he is pursuing (Master or Ph.D.) before the maximum duration of this category of studies, the scholarship is interrupted and definitely terminated at the date of his/her graduation.
2. The duration of the postdoctoral scholarship and of the further education in the Greek Language, Literature, Philosophy, History and Art is six months initially and is renewable for another semester depending upon the programme of studies of the scholarship holder. The scholarship cannot exceed the total of one year.
3. The duration of the scholarship for collection of research data is strictly annual without any possibility for renewal.
4. The duration of the scholarship for specialization in the Fine Arts is annual and is renewable for one more year. The scholarship cannot be extended and cannot exceed the total of two years.

The duration of the total scholarship is for a consecutive period of time.

In case of a previous scholarship from any other Greek State source for the same purpose, the total duration of the I.K.Y. scholarship will not exceed the defined total duration mentioned in the I.K.Y. announcement for the relevant category of scholarships. In any case, the minimum duration of the I.K.Y. scholarship is of one year.

The scholarship is valid only for the academic year 2009-2010 or 2010-2011.

The renewal of the scholarship is decided upon by the Administrative Board of this Foundation according to the scholar's programme of studies and is subject to satisfactory progress (e.g. not to deviate from the programme of studies, to complete the Modern Greek Language course successfully, to obtain the relevant degrees, presenting satisfactory academic accomplishment etc.). In any case, the I.K.Y. examines and decides upon the total duration of each scholarship.

G. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

All scholarships provide:

- a. 600,00 euros plus taxes for initial expenses.
- b. Tuition fees plus taxes for the School of Modern Greek Language (provided only during the first year of the scholarship).
- c. Free medical care in public hospitals in case of emergency.

The scholarships for postgraduate, doctoral studies, specialization in the Fine Arts and collection of research data include a monthly allowance of 500,00 euros plus taxes for living expenses, whereas for postdoctoral and further education studies in the Greek Language, Literature, Philosophy and Art, a monthly allowance of 650,00 euros plus taxes.

The scholarships for doctoral studies include: a) up to 300,00 euros plus taxes to cover typing and reproduction costs of the Ph.D. dissertation at the end of the scholarship and b) up to 300,00 euros plus taxes to cover laboratory expenses, if such expenses are required by the scholar's programme of studies.

- No support is provided for travel, conferences, seminars, symposia or research activities.
- No additional assistance is provided for the spouse or other dependants of the scholarship holder.
- The scholarship will be withheld for periods spent outside Greece without the permission of this Foundation.

H. OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOLARS

Scholars have to submit to the I.K.Y. the following documents:

- i. A progress report on their studies signed by their supervisor (at the end of each semester).
- ii. An annual progress report for the Ph.D. students signed by the three members of the supervisory committee or an annual examination result transcript for Master students issued by the relevant University Department.
- iii. A certificate of having successfully completed the examinations in the modern Greek Language (before the end of the first year). This is a prerequisite for all the categories of scholarship holders except for postdoctoral and for further education scholars.

All the above-mentioned documents along with the application form to be submitted by the scholar are absolutely necessary for the renewal of the scholarship. Otherwise, the I.K.Y. has the right to proceed to the interruption of the scholarship.

- iv. Scholarship holders may spend a short period of time outside Greece for research purposes, always with the approval of their professor and after having received an official permit of the Administrative Board of this Foundation.

At the end of their programme of studies, scholarship holders must submit to the I.K.Y. a validated copy of the academic degree they have obtained, if any. The scholarship holders of the categories (b), (c), (d) and (e) must submit a detailed final report signed by their professor. The terms and conditions of the scholarship are mentioned in detail in the relevant contract of the scholar with the I.K.Y.

Athens, March 26, 2009.

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