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****Call for Applications****

Civil Society Scholar Awards (2014 -2015)

The Open Society Foundations Scholarship Programs are pleased to announce the **Civil Society Scholar Awards (CSSA)** for the 2014 – 2015 academic year.

Purpose

Civil Society Scholar Awards (CSSA) support international **academic mobility** to enable doctoral students and university faculty to access resources essential to their professional development as a scholar, teacher, or public intellectual. The awards support innovative projects that will enrich research, facilitate the exchange of ideas, and help build international networks.

Who may apply?

- Doctoral students of eligible fields studying at accredited universities inside or outside of their home country;
- Full-time faculty members (Master's degree required) teaching at universities in their home country.

CSSA is available to citizens of the following countries:

o **Afghanistan**	o **Ethiopia**	o **Serbia**
o **Azerbaijan**	o **Haiti**	o **Tajikistan**
o **Albania**	o **Kosovo**	o **Tunisia**
o **Belarus**	o **Laos**	o **South Sudan**
o **Bosnia and Herzegovina**	o **Macedonia**	o **Sudan**
	o **Moldova**	o **Syria**
o **Burma/Myanmar**	o **Mongolia**	o **Turkmenistan**
o **Cambodia**	o **Nepal**	o **Uzbekistan**
o **Egypt**	o **Palestine**	

The program does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.

Students or faculty currently enrolled in **Master's degree programs** are **NOT** eligible to apply.

Which activities may be supported?

International academic activities, such as: fieldwork (data collection); research visits to libraries, archives or universities; course/curriculum development; and international collaborations leading to peer-reviewed publication. **Applicants must be currently affiliated with an academic institution, and projects must be clearly linked to current research and teaching responsibilities.**

Most projects will last between 2 and 10 months. Requests for funding for doctoral students should not exceed $10,000; for faculty projects the maximum considered will be $15,000.

Please note that applicants chosen as semi-finalists will be required to submit a detailed application form, budget, and additional documents as outlined in the application form.

Requests for support for first year tuition and fees will be considered on the basis of clearly demonstrated need from doctoral students who have gained admission to universities outside of their home country.

Travel grants for conference attendance unrelated to the proposed project will not be considered.

Which subject areas are eligible?

Proposals for any subject area within the **social sciences and humanities** are welcome, particularly those related to: **law, justice, and governance; sustainable development and natural resource management; economic rights and empowerment of the poor; public health, social work and community development; new media law and policy; inclusive education; post-conflict studies; and human rights.**

Ineligible fields include: *Business Administration, Management Training, Computer Science, Finance/Banking, Marketing, Engineering, Hard Sciences (Physics, Biology, Chemistry, etc.), Mathematics, Medical Sciences or Teaching English as a foreign language/language instruction.*

How to Apply

Further details regarding the program, application guidelines, and a downloadable paper application may be found by visiting www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants/civil-society-scholar-awards.

Competition for these awards is merit-based; selection will be made on the basis of proven academic excellence; a clear and justifiable need for international travel to complete the research project; and relevance of the project to the development of open society in the applicant's home country.

All applications received at the OSF London and New York offices will be reviewed by a selection committee composed of OSF staff. **Those applicants chosen to progress to the semi-finalist stage will be requested to submit additional documents as more fully outlined in the application form.**

Deadline

The deadline for completed initial short application materials is **April 27, 2014**. Late applications will be automatically disqualified.

Completed paper applications are available from and can be submitted in hard-copy format to your **local Educational Advising Center**.

Alternatively, applications may be emailed to: **cssa@infoscholar.org**

More details are available in the **Preliminary Application Form.**