

2013 GLOBAL FACULTY GRANTS PROGRAM

Research/Publication Support

Deadline: April 1, 2013

The **Research/Publication awards of the Global Faculty Grants Program** offers Fellows the time, space and resources necessary to conduct research leading to publication in an internationally-recognized peer reviewed journal. The program aims to promote original research within the social sciences and humanities and to increase the international mobility of scholars in countries of focus. The program supports **well-established scholars** who occupy responsible and influential positions at home universities to pursue research visits of up to 5 months to any accredited higher education institution worldwide.

ELIGIBILITY

These awards are offered to academics in **Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mongolia, Nepal, Palestine, Syria, Tajikistan, and Tunisia**. The Program does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, or disability, and is offered to well-established scholars with the following profile*:

- holding a doctorate (PhD) or its equivalent;
- occupying a full-time position at a university with regular teaching responsibilities;
- demonstrating language ability sufficient for the desired university placement;
- having an established record of academic achievements, including publications in area of specialization within the social sciences and humanities;
- able to propose a persuasive and well-planned research project to be completed during the fellowship; and,
- be able to secure an invitation letter from hosting university scholar.

* Employees of the Open Society Foundations and employees of local administering organizations (and their immediate family members), who are directly involved in the administration of scholarships are not eligible; nor are individuals receiving other Open Society Foundations--funded fellowship support.

RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Applicants are required to submit a project proposal (no more than 10 pages), which should focus on a specific research question in the social sciences/humanities. The proposal should include a well-defined research hypothesis and should explain how the study will contribute to the academic discipline both in local and international contexts. Applicants must also justify the choice of hosting environment and proposed duration of support (up to 5 months). The proposal should include an

annotated time-line for plans to complete and publish the research article, even if that timeline might extend beyond the duration of the grant.

Collaborative research projects, in which the guest scholar participates in an ongoing research project at the host institution, are strongly encouraged.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The expected outcome of the fellowship is significant progress made toward the submission of an article to an international peer-reviewed journal. Fellows are also expected to present a public lecture to their host department as well as the home university community.

Fellows will be required to submit a final narrative report, describing the progress made on their research project and outlining further steps required to bring the project to completion and publication. This report will be included in any renewal applications.

SELECTION

Competition is open and applications are evaluated on the academic merit of the proposed research project as well as the applicant's academic record. Other factors include the applicant's leadership potential, long-term commitment to a career in higher education in home country, and language ability sufficient for the host university setting.

All completed applications are reviewed and evaluated by a committee of university representatives and OSF staff. Selection committees comprised of academic specialists will evaluate the merits of the research proposal, as well as the logic of the proposed destination and duration of the proposed research visit.

HOST UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT AND ACTIVITIES DURING FELLOWSHIP

In addition to completing the program application form, applicants are expected to submit a detailed study plan describing their proposed project, activities, and goals to be achieved while on program.

Applicants will be expected to obtain **their own invitation by an academic colleague** in the hosting department along with the endorsement of both the hosting institution and home university administration. *OSF plays no role in brokering placement of applicants at host universities.*

The hosting institution must be capable of offering appropriate resources such as a workplace, access to libraries and the Internet, and other hospitality as needed at the host institution, at no cost to the program. For collaborative projects, written confirmation by the lead investigator of the research agreement, including express reference to the applicant's project, must be included with the application materials.

Research/Publication Fellows must uphold the academic standards of the host institution and are expected to be in residence at the host university for the duration of the fellowship. Failure to maintain academic and professional standards as defined by the host university may result in dismissal from the program. Failure to follow the laws governing foreign students in the host country will result in dismissal from the program.

The program is focused on research support, but grantees are encouraged to take advantage of the full range of resources in the host environment, such as administrative structures and student-related services, which may be applicable to the home institution. Specific additional activities may include:

- Giving guest lectures or helping to teach a course;
- Pursuing further collaboration between colleagues at home and host institutions;
- Attending departmental and university faculty meetings;
- Participating in the OSF Academic Webfolio Project (www.academicwebfolio.org), which provides opportunities for networking and peer review/feedback.

FELLOWSHIP TERMS

Research/Publication fellowships last up to 5 months and are renewable once, after the grantee has spent at least one (1) year back in the home country. The fellowship provides:

- monthly stipend for room, board, and other living expenses;
- reimbursement for visa-related expenses;
- program-related travel;
- accident and sickness insurance during the program;

The fellowship does NOT provide funding for dependent family members or administrative fees for the hosting institution.

For more information on the program requirements, as well as instructions for submitting applications locally, please contact:

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