

OSI/FCO CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS 2007-2008

University of Oxford & University of York

Master's Scholarships

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS



THE SCHOLARSHIPS

The OSI/FCO Chevening Scholarships, which are jointly funded by the Open Society Institute and the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 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 a Master's degree course for up to one year, travel to and from the UK, and basic living expenses for a single person.

• **OPTION ONE: One-year Scholarships to read for a Master's Degree at the University of Oxford**

Fifteen scholarships are available to scholars wishing to read for one of the following degrees (the courses are for either nine, ten or twelve months' duration):

Byzantine Studies M.St.	Management Research M.Sc.
Comparative Social Policy M.Sc. or Evidence Based Social Work M.Sc.	Jewish Studies M.St.
Criminology and Criminal Justice M.Sc.	Magister Juris M.Jur.
Economic and Social History M.Sc.	Management Research M.Sc.
Economics for Development M.Sc.	Modern History M.St.
English M.St.	Modern Jewish Studies M.St.
Environmental Studies:- Biodiversity, Conservation & Management M.Sc., Environmental Change and Management M.Sc., Nature, Society & Environmental Policy M.Sc., Water Science, Policy & Management M.Sc.	Oriental Studies M.St.
	Philosophical Theology M.St.
	Science & Religion M.St.
	Slavonic Studies M.St.
European Literature M.St.	Social Anthropology M.Sc.
Forced Migration M.Sc.	Sociology M.Sc.
General Linguistics and Comparative Philology M.St.	Theology M.St.
Global Governance & Diplomacy M.St.	Women's Studies M.St.
Greek/Latin Languages and Literature M.St.	

Scholars wishing to apply for these scholarships should obtain information about the relevant degree and its requirements by consulting the University's Graduate Studies Prospectus, which is available online at <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/gsp/>. It is also available in printed form from the local OSI/Soros Foundation office.

All applicants for this option must also apply directly to the University for graduate admission.

Application forms are available from the Oxford University website, which also gives details on how to apply. It is essential that all Master's graduate admission forms **arrive at the Graduate Admissions Office of Oxford University by noon on January 12th at the very latest** (with the required supporting materials); any applications received after this date will be disqualified from the Scholarship competition. It is recommended that applicants submit their applications in time to meet the earlier deadline of **24th November**, where possible. It is important to note that the Scholarship will not be available for study leading to any other degree or diploma at the University of Oxford than those listed above.

• **OPTION TWO: Twelve-month scholarships to read for an MA in Political Philosophy (The Idea of Toleration) at the University of York.**

Scholars wishing to apply should obtain further information about the degree course either from the University of York website (<http://www.york.ac.uk/depts/poli/gsp/polphil/tolmenu.htm>) or from the local OSI/Soros Foundation office/Educational Advising Centre (*applicants for this option do not need to apply directly to York*).

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be citizens of and resident in one of the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic of), Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Ukraine or Uzbekistan.
2. Applicants should be planning to return to their home country at the end of the period of study.
3. All applicants must have completed at least four years of university study and have obtained, or expect to obtain, the appropriate degree(s), **not later than September 2007**.
4. Applicants must be over 23 and under 35 years of age on 1 October 2007.
5. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously studied outside of their home country.
6. Applicants must demonstrate the potential to become leaders, decision makers, and opinion formers in their home country. **This requirement will be treated as of considerable importance in the selection process, and applicants should be sure to complete Section 9 of the application form fully and appropriately.**
7. Applicants will be required to have passed an English proficiency test (TOEFL or IELTS) before being offered a Scholarship. The minimum requirement for Option Two (York) is TOEFL 570 (230 in the computer-based test, 88-89 in the internet based test [iBT]) or IELTS 6.5. The minimum requirement for some of the courses available in Option One is TOEFL 600 (250 in the computer-based test or 100 in the Internet based test [iBT]) or IELTS 7.0; however most courses require the higher minimum requirement of IELTS 7.5, and some (courses such as those in the area of Oriental Studies) require IELTS 8.0. Please refer to the University of Oxford Graduate Studies Prospectus for further details; some departments only accept the IELTS.
8. Applicants applying for the 9 or 3-month Research Scholarships may not apply for the Oxford or York Master's Scholarships.
9. Employees, employee's relatives (or former employees who have left employment less than 2 years before) of FCO (including FCO Posts), the British Council, the Educational Advising Centers or other OSI-NSP representations in the region, the participating Universities will not be eligible to apply for these awards.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS

Application form

Applicants for all the above-mentioned scholarships should complete the enclosed Scholarship application form and return **two copies** of it to the local OSI/Soros Foundation Office or Education Advising Center, along with the required supporting materials listed below by November 24th, 2006.

Those applying for Option One must also ensure that they submit the Oxford University Graduate Admissions form (along with all the required supporting materials) in time for the deadline of noon on 12th January, 2007. Applications that arrive **after** this date will be rejected for the scholarship.

Please note that you may only apply for **one** option.

Supporting materials:

Two copies of the following documents should be included with the application:	Required for:
• Official Diploma	Both Options
• Official academic transcript with grades (<i>original and one copy</i>)	Both Options
• Certified English translation of academic transcript	Both Options
• Summary of Diploma dissertation If your degree course does/did not require a dissertation, please indicate this in section 22 of the application form. Please note that we expect applicants to include a summary even if the dissertation has not yet been submitted.	Both Options
• TOEFL or IELTS certificate (IELTS preferred) Applicants who already have a valid certificate should send copies with the application. Local OSI/Soros Foundation/Educational Advising Centers will arrange tests for short-listed candidates after the interviews in April, if applicants have not already successfully taken a test in the 2 years prior to the interview. For Option One, test certificates must be sent to the Graduate Admissions Office at Oxford University. Depending on the course applied for; applicants may be disqualified if this information is not submitted by the application deadline; however in some cases the test results may be submitted at a later date. Please refer to http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/gsp/ for further details.	Both Options

Applicants should arrange:

• Two confidential references Applicants should ask the referees named on their application form to complete a copy of the confidential reference form and return it to the local OSI/Soros Foundation office/Educational Advising Center by 24 November 2006 . For Option One, applicants may ask the same person to write the separate references for both the scholarship application and the University application.	Both Options
• Graduate Application Form Application forms are available from the Oxford University website http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/gsp/ , which also gives details on how to apply. It is essential that all Master's graduate admission forms arrive at the Graduate Admissions Office of Oxford University by noon on January 12th 2007 at the very latest. Applicants are advised to apply in time for the earlier University deadline of 24th November.	Option One

Timetable

The closing date is **24 November 2006**. Scholarship applications must be received by the local OSI/Soros Foundation Office/Educational Advising Center **NO LATER THAN THIS DATE**. Interviews of short-listed applicants will be held in March or April and final decisions on the award of scholarships will normally be made at the end of June.

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



(Print name and country clearly on back).

DO NOT STAPLE OR FASTEN ANY DOCUMENTS. COMPLETE IN BLACK INK OR TYPESCRIPT

<p>OPTION ONE: One-year Scholarship for a Master's Degree</p> <p>Precise Course Title:-</p> <p><i>NB Please ensure that you also apply directly to Oxford for entry on to the course</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>OPTION TWO: M.A. Political Philosophy, York University</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1. FAMILY NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS):	2. FIRST NAME(S) (BLOCK CAPITALS):
3. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP:	4. SEX: MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>
5. PLACE OF BIRTH:	6. DATE OF BIRTH: DAY:..... MONTH:..... YEAR:..... <small>(applicants born before 2 October 1972 or after 1 October 1984 are ineligible)</small>
7. ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE: Telephone No.: Fax No.: E-Mail address:	8. PERMANENT ADDRESS (if different):
9. One of the criteria for the award of the scholarships is that applicants should demonstrate the potential to become leaders or opinion formers in their country. Please give an outline of your future career plans or intentions, and comment on ways in which you fulfil this criterion:	

10. ARE YOU APPLYING TO ANY OTHER UNIVERSITIES OR FOR ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS? YES / NO
If yes, please give details, and state the position of this application in your order of preference:

11. DETAILS OF YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION (from age 18): (Give details in date order, earliest first.)

Institution	Dates		Qualification obtained or expected (please be as precise as possible)	Main subject	Class, division or grade, if known
	From (m/y)	To (m/y)			

12. VISITS TO FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES (if any): (Give exact dates of stay, and include visits you intend to make before October 2007.)

Host institution, country:	Reason for visit:	Dates	
		From (d/m/y):	To (d/m/y):

13. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AND PRESENT APPOINTMENT (if any): (Please include dates.)

14. ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN YOUR COUNTRY? YES / NO
ARE YOU A JUNIOR FACULTY MEMBER AT A UNIVERSITY OR EQUIVALENT INSTITUTION? YES / NO

If you are registered for a doctoral degree, please give the following details: Institution: Department: Name of degree and subject: Date of commencement: Expected completion date:	If you answered NO to BOTH of the above, please give specific information about your intentions in respect of doctoral studies: Institution at which you intend to register: Proposed course/subject: Expected dates of commencement: Expected date of completion:
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15. REFEREES Please give the names of the **two** people (with their titles, occupations, institutions and email addresses) whom you have asked to complete the reference form in support of your application:

(i)	(ii)

16. STATEMENT OF STUDY PLANS All applicants should set out below a statement of their reasons for wishing to pursue the course for which they are applying. You should include a brief account of any relevant research you have already undertaken, but please **do not** include a curriculum vitae. Please use whatever technical terms you wish, as your statement will be read and judged by specialists. (Please use a separate sheet if you prefer.)

17. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS: (Please describe briefly, mentioning any formal or informal organisations, groups etc. in which you have been active or held positions of responsibility.)				
18. Will you be accompanied in Oxford by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a partner / spouse? YES / NO • children? YES / NO If yes, how many children? _____ If you intend to live with your spouse/family in Oxford, how will you support them? (The Scholarship is intended for an unaccompanied person and is not sufficient to support a spouse or family)		19. PERSON TO BE CONTACTED IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: Name: Address: Telephone number: Relationship to you:		
20. Where did you first hear about the OSI/FCO Chevening Scholarships?				
21. SUPPORTING MATERIALS Please refer to the Notes for Applicants, which explain exactly what you need to send. Have you included two copies of:				
	Required for:	Yes	No- will be sent later	No - not required
• Official Diploma (<i>Send later option only for students currently in final year of degree course</i>)	Both Options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Official academic transcript with grades (<i>original and one copy</i>)	Both Options	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Certified English translation of academic transcript	Both Options	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• Summary of Diploma dissertation	Both Options (<i>Please state if not a requirement of your Diploma</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
• TOEFL or IELTS certificate	Both Options (<i>Applicants for Option One must submit certificates to the Graduate Admissions Office at Oxford as part of their application for admission.</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you also arranged to have sent:				
• Two confidential references	Both Options	<input type="checkbox"/>		
• A separate application for admission to the Master's course of your choice to the Graduate Admissions Office, University of Oxford (<i>see overleaf for further details</i>) Applicants will have to provide an additional set of supporting materials for their University application; it is suggested that applicants request duplicates for this purpose to save time.	Option One only <i>Your scholarship application will NOT be considered unless you apply and get accepted to the Master's degree course indicated on the next page.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> (deadline 12th January 2007)	

I certify that the information contained in this form is correct and no relevant facts have been omitted. I understand that information provided on this form will be held on the University's administrative computer system for the purposes of student administration, subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act (1998). I agree that this application form, academic transcripts, dissertation summary and references may be passed to colleges, to the OSI, and to the UK FCO and British Council.

Signature:..... Date:

APPLICANTS FOR OPTION ONE MUST COMPLETE PART 2 OVER THE PAGE ↩

PART 2 – OPTION ONE ONLY

This part of the application should **ONLY** be completed by those wishing to apply for Scholarship Option One (One-year Scholarships to read for a Master's Degree at the University of Oxford).

**DO NOT FORGET TO APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE UNIVERSITY FOR ADMISSION IN ADDITION TO THIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION. THESE GRADUATE ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS MUST ARRIVE IN OXFORD BY NOON ON JANUARY 12th 2007. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE TO BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD WEBSITE:-
www.ox.ac.uk**

IF YOUR ADMISSION APPLICATION ARRIVES LATER THAN THIS DATE (OR IT IS INCOMPLETE) YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REJECTED.

<p>PROPOSED STUDY</p> <p>Please indicate (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) which degree you are applying for:- (Applicants may only apply for one subject)</p>	<p>Please specify your preferred options as requested (please refer to the Graduate Studies Prospectus before completing this section):</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Byzantine Studies M.St.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Social Policy M.Sc. or <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence Based Social Work M.Sc.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminology & Criminal Justice M.Sc.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic & Social History M.Sc.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Economics for Development M.Sc.	Reminder: GRE required
<input type="checkbox"/> English M.St.	650-1550 <input type="checkbox"/> ; 1550-1780 <input type="checkbox"/> ; 1780-1900 <input type="checkbox"/> and 1900-present <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity, Conservation & Management M.Sc. <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Change and Management M.Sc. <input type="checkbox"/> Nature, Society & Environmental Policy M.Sc. <input type="checkbox"/> Water Science, Policy & Management M.Sc.
<input type="checkbox"/> European Literature M.St.	(i) Literature: (ii) Medieval <input type="checkbox"/> ; Renaissance <input type="checkbox"/> ; Modern Literary Studies <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Forced Migration M.Sc.	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Linguistics & Comparative Philology M.St.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Greek/Latin Languages & Literature M.St.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Global Governance & Diplomacy M.Sc.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magister Juris (M.Jur.)	NB Only those with outstanding first law degrees are admitted.
<input type="checkbox"/> Management Research M.Sc.	Reminder: GRE or GMAT required
<input type="checkbox"/> Modern History M.St.	(i) European <input type="checkbox"/> ; British <input type="checkbox"/> ; British Commonwealth <input type="checkbox"/> ; South Asian <input type="checkbox"/> ; United States <input type="checkbox"/> . (ii) Period:
<input type="checkbox"/> Modern Jewish Studies M.St.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oriental Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Oriental Studies M.St. <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Studies M.St. <input type="checkbox"/> Korean Studies M.St.
<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophical Theology M.St.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Science & Religion M.St.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Slavonic Studies M.St.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Anthropology M.Sc.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sociology M.Sc.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Theology M.St.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Studies M.St.	