



ONASSIS
FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HELLENES

REGULATION

2017

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The Onassis Foundation grants scholarships for postgraduate studies in Greece and abroad to individuals with Greek nationality or citizenship, who have successfully completed their undergraduate studies and possess all the necessary qualifications to pursue postgraduate studies.
- In case of candidates with similar credentials, the Board of Directors takes into consideration the individual socioeconomic criteria of the candidates in the selection procedure.
- The scholarship programs, prescribed in this Regulation, are announced annually by the Board of Directors of the Foundation and are both publicized in the Press and posted online.
- Scholarships are awarded only for full time studies. Applications for long-distance or part-time studies are not accepted.
- Scholarships can also be awarded to candidates who have already commenced their studies, provided that the remaining time for the completion of their studies is: a) for candidates of the Program for Postgraduate or Doctoral Studies Abroad: at least 9 months, and b) for candidates of the Program for Postgraduate Studies in Greece: at least one academic semester for a master's degree and one academic year for a doctorate.

SPECIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

A. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

I. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE.

Scholarships are awarded to bachelor degree holders from Universities in Greece and other countries worldwide or Accredited Colleges, Conservatories and Art Academies, who qualify according to the terms and conditions of the corresponding scholarship announcement.

1. Postgraduate Studies for Master's degree or other equivalent degrees (Master, MPhil., Master1, Master2 etc.)

Scholarships are awarded to candidates in all subjects and specialisations apart from the following:

- Translation/Interpretation
- Archiving and Library Science
- Conservation of Artworks, Antiquities, Books, Fabric.

2. Postgraduate Studies for Doctorate (PhD, MPhil/PhD, MRes/PhD, Doctorat or other equivalent degrees)

Scholarships are awarded to candidates, providing that they have successfully completed their Bachelor's and Master's degrees and are clearly orientated towards an academic career or research, in all subjects and specialisations apart from the following:

- Translation/Interpretation

- Archiving and Library Science
- Conservation of Artworks, Antiquities, Books, Fabric.

II. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN GREECE

Scholarships are awarded for postgraduate studies in Greece in Public Universities, to bachelor degree holders from Universities in Greece and other countries worldwide who qualify according to the terms and conditions of the corresponding scholarship announcement.

1. Postgraduate Studies for Master's degree

Scholarships are awarded to candidates in all subjects and specialisations apart from the following:

- Translation/Interpretation
- Archiving and Library Science
- Conservation of Artworks, Antiquities, Books, Fabric.

2. Postgraduate Studies for Doctorate

Scholarships are awarded to candidates, providing that they have successfully completed their Bachelor's and Master's degrees and are clearly orientated towards an academic career or research, in all subjects and specialisations apart from the following:

- Translation/Interpretation
- Archiving and Library Science
- Conservation of Artworks, Antiquities, Books, Fabric.

III. SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE SEAMEN AND THE EMPLOYEES OF THE ONASSIS GROUP:

- Scholarships are awarded to the children of the Seamen and the Employees of the Onassis Group in recognition of the services rendered. The Seamen must have 15 years of actual marine service and all other employees must have 20 years of service at the Onassis Group.
- These scholarships are awarded for undergraduate studies in Universities/Technical Universities and in special cases to Private Colleges and Public or Private Institutes in Greece, providing that they collaborate with accredited Universities abroad and that their program of study is characterized by academic excellence.
- The Foundation accepts applications for undergraduate studies in other countries worldwide apart from Greece, only in cases where the employees reside permanently outside Greece.
- Scholarships are also awarded for postgraduate studies in Greece and other countries worldwide, according to the terms and conditions of the corresponding scholarship announcement.

B. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- The annual announcement states all the supporting documents required for the submission of an application.
- A candidate cannot submit an application for more than one scholarship program or specialization.
- An application cannot be accepted only on the grounds that it is submitted.

- The applications are checked by the Scholarship Department of the Foundation. All the supporting documents of the application (degrees, certificates etc.) should be submitted within the specific deadlines mentioned in the annual announcement.
- All eligible applications proceed to the evaluation and selection process.
- After the announcement of the results, the successful candidates who have been granted a scholarship, cannot alter their proposed program of study if they fail to be admitted in the program for which they have been assessed.
- All candidates for studies in countries worldwide should submit a signed statement mentioning the cost of study and living expenses and their ability to cover the total cost of tuition and living expenses throughout their studies. If the applicant receives scholarships or grants from other foundations, universities or organisations they should submit all relevant documentation.
- The scholars of the Foundation who wish to pursue further studies (i.e. from Master's Degree to Doctorate) should submit a new application with all the supporting documents within the specific dates mentioned in the annual announcement.

C. EVALUATION PROCESS

- The Board of Directors of the Foundation assigns the review and comparative assessment of all eligible applications to Committees of Academic Advisors, consisting of University Professors, Academicians, specialized Scientists and renowned artists.
- The eligible applications, according to the terms and conditions of the annual announcement, are classified per specialization and level of studies and are thus assessed by the corresponding Academic Advisors.
- The evaluation criteria set by the Foundation are purely academic. In particular, the following factors are important:
 1. The General Point Average, the candidate's ranking and the grades of all individual courses relevant to the candidate's prospective field of study, as well as the ranking of the University from which the candidate has graduated.
 2. The institutional status, ranking and reputation of the chosen University.
 3. The institutional status, ranking and reputation of the preferred course.
 4. Regarding doctoral candidates, the subject of their thesis. The originality of the subject chosen, its special scientific interest and how the findings of the research may prove socially beneficial for Greece are factors taken into consideration in the evaluation. Furthermore, publications in scientific journals and presentations in conferences will play an important role in the evaluation procedure.
 5. The candidate's statement of purpose, where they are requested to justify their choice of field of study, specialization, preferred program of study and especially for doctoral studies, their choice in supervisors, as well as their future plans.
 6. The letters of reference and the academic reputation of the referees.
 7. The level of knowledge of foreign languages, especially if it is a requirement for the course.
 8. In the field of Architecture and in all other art forms, the candidates' portfolios.
 9. Any existing working experience (including internships, residencies, volunteer work).
- It is compulsory for candidates to participate in auditions or interviews at the potential request of the Academic Advisors.

- The Board of Directors of the Foundation awards the scholarships, taking into account the evaluation of the Academic Advisors and after considering all the parameters regarding the entirety of the eligible candidates. The Board of Directors has the right to reject any application, even if it is eligible. The Board of Directors does not have to justify its decision for rejecting or accepting an application.
- The results are announced individually to all candidates through the Foundation's website: www.onassis.org → Scholarships → Scholarships for Hellenes. The decisions of the Board of Directors of the Foundation are final and there is no provision for appeal or re-evaluation of the applications.
- Eligible candidates who are not awarded a scholarship can submit a new application with all supporting documents in the next academic year, assuming they still qualify according to the terms and conditions of the corresponding announcement.

D. DURATION / LENGTH OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- The duration of each scholarship is calculated on a monthly basis. The date of commencement of studies is October 1 (with the exception of the U.S.A. and some other countries where the date of commencement is September 1) of each academic year. The total length of the scholarship cannot exceed the period of studies as it is outlined in the regulations of the University or School in Greece or in other countries worldwide.
- The maximum length of scholarship is determined by the Board of Directors of the Foundation as follows:
 - 24 months** for postgraduate studies in Greece or other countries worldwide or 36 months, only in cases where it is required by the course program, without any provision for extension.
 - 36 months** for doctoral studies in Greece or other countries worldwide, with the possibility of a 12-month extension, assuming that the scholar has not been enrolled in the program for more than 4 years or in case the program's minimum duration is more than 4 years.
 - Regarding the Special Program for the children of Seamen and Employees of the Onassis Foundation the length of the scholarships is determined according to the course program of each School.
- The duration of the scholarship for candidates who are already enrolled in a program is determined upon the minimum remaining months of study starting from the academic year the scholarship grant corresponds to.
- The scholarship grant can be suspended, at the scholar's request, for a period of a few months and up to one academic year, should there be serious justification. In case of further delay in commencing or continuing their studies, the Board of Directors can grant a new suspension only for very serious and unforeseeable circumstances. The scholar is obligated to submit official supporting documents to justify his/her request for suspension as well as a signed certificate from the University that states the scholar's right to request a suspension, according to its regulations, the reasons and the period of the suspension.

Suspensions cannot be granted in the case of scholars who are not admitted to the program of study for which they have been evaluated or in case the University itself does not grant suspension/leave of absence.

The Foundation does not grant any other extensions of the approved scholarships, with the exception of the aforementioned extensions of doctoral studies.

-For scholars studying in countries worldwide (apart from Greece):

The supporting documents for the application of scholarship extension include a progress report from the supervisor, scores (if applicable), a copy of the part of the Course Handbook which refers to the duration of the course, a detailed timetable for the completion of studies and a signed statement regarding the cost of study for the period of the extension.

-For scholars studying in Greece:

The supporting documents required for the application of scholarship extension of doctoral studies is a progress report from the supervisor, co-signed by the members of the committee of the viva examination, a copy of the part of the Course Handbook which refers to the duration of the course, a detailed timetable for the completion of studies and a signed statement regarding the cost of study for the period of the extension.

- The Foundation has the right to decide upon the suspension or cancellation of the scholarship when imposed by serious reasons (scholar's progress, employment, behavior, ethics etc.)

E. TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

- The scholarship is in the form of a grant.
- For Scholars studying in countries worldwide the monthly amount of scholarship is EUR 1,000 for the countries in the European Union or elsewhere in Europe (apart from Greece), GBP 800 for the UK and USD 1,200 for the U.S.A. and other countries outside Europe. Scholars may also receive an additional allowance to cover part of their tuition or relocation expenses. The additional allowance amounts to EUR 5,000, GBP 3,500 and USD 5,000 respectively.
- For Scholars studying in Greece, the monthly amount of the scholarship is EUR 300 for those whose main residence is located within 40 km. from the University and EUR 600 for those whose main residence is further than 40 km from the University. For scholars who pay tuition fees or have relocation expenses, an additional allowance of up to EUR 3,000 may be granted.
- The scholarship commences or continues each academic year once the scholar submits a registration certificate.
- For Scholars in countries worldwide, the scholarship for the months of July, August and September is paid in full, only to those who remain at their place of study, as part of their academic requirements or if they are absent for up to a month.
- The Scholars of the Special Program for the children of Seamen and other Employees of the Onassis Group pursuing undergraduate studies are not paid during the summer months (July/August).
- Apart from the approved scholarship, the Foundation does not award grants for travel expenses, participation in conferences, purchase of books, PCs etc. The scholarship does not cover additional family costs (wife and/or children).
- The scholar is obliged to submit a signed statement to the Foundation mentioning any other grants, salary, stipend or compensation they might receive from the University, the School or any other

source (scholarship, tuition waiver, stipend, salary, award etc.). The Foundation then decides upon the continuation, reduction, suspension or cancellation of the scholarship, taking into account the needs of the scholar at the place of study.

- The Foundation may grant, by special approval, the amount of up to EUR 2,000 to scholars pursuing Doctoral studies to cover the printing expenses of their Thesis in a limited number of copies, according to the requirements of the relevant University regulation. The scholar should submit an application after the completion of their studies and submit the relevant receipts.

F. SCHOLARS' OBLIGATIONS

- The scholar should devote to their studies and uphold the obligations mentioned in this Regulation, in the form entitled "Scholars' Obligations" and in the contract they sign with the Foundation.
- The scholars should not take up any full-time employment for the duration of the scholarship.
- Only in special cases, the Foundation may permit a scholar studying in Greece to take up full-time employment, assuming that their progress is satisfactory.
- If scholars complete their studies before the end of the scholarship, they have to notify the Department of Scholarships for Hellenes and ask for the discontinuation of their scholarship. Otherwise, they have to return the amount of money paid after the completion of their studies. A scholar is considered to have completed their studies, when they successfully pass their viva examination for a PhD or Master Thesis or successfully pass all examinations and complete all requirements in order to obtain the title. The date of graduation is not considered as an official end of the studies.
- Scholars, who continue their studies even after the end of their scholarship, should keep sending progress reports (their personal and their supervisor's reports) every semester until the completion of their studies.
- Should a scholar fail to uphold the terms and conditions of the contract signed with the Foundation and, in particular, if they fail to complete or terminate their studies before graduating, they are obliged to return the amount of money received during their scholarship. This obligation is waived only in cases of serious health problems or force majeure, which will be examined by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.
- Scholars should notify the Department of Scholarships for Hellenes for any change of address, phone number or bank account details.
- Every semester, scholars should submit personal progress reports regarding their studies to the Department of Scholarships for Hellenes. The scholars should also ensure that their supervisors send progress reports directly to the Foundation. Failure to send the reports within the deadlines may result to suspension and/or cancellation of the scholarship, especially if the scholars fail to respond to relevant notifications from the Department of Scholarships for Hellenes.
- Concerning doctoral studies in Greece, in particular, the continuation of the scholarship for each subsequent academic year depends upon the affirmation of the Supervisor and the Committee, that the scholar's progress is satisfactory and within the time schedule set upon the commencement of their studies.
- Scholars have to mention that they are recipients of the Foundation's scholarship in their curriculum vitae and every publication.

- Upon completion of their studies scholars are obliged to submit a photocopy of their diploma, the cover of their master or PhD thesis, and the acknowledgements' page, where they have to mention their status as scholars of the Foundation.
- Scholars can enroll in the Scholars' Association of the Onassis Foundation after having successfully completed their studies.
- Scholars are invited to render their services and offer their knowledge for the benefit of their country of origin.
- Scholars are invited to voluntarily participate and assist in activities of the Onassis Foundation and the Onassis Foundation Scholars' Association, relative to their discipline, both during and after the end of their scholarship contract, if they wish to. Furthermore, scholars are invited to participate in promotional activities of the Foundation, with the purpose of highlighting the importance of scholarships within the educational framework.
- Scholars should also inform the Foundation in writing regarding their academic pursuits and career for a period of at least five years after the completion of their studies.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ONASSIS FOUNDATION

RESERVES EVERY RIGHT TO CHANGE OR AMMEND THIS SCHOLARSHIP REGULATION

AT ANY GIVEN TIME AND ACCORDING TO THEIR WILL.