

Emergency Scholarship for Armenian University Students in Lebanon

Requirements, Criteria and Conditions

The severe economic crisis in Lebanon since 2019 has had a detrimental impact on many Armenian university students and their families. To alleviate the financial burden, the Armenian Communities Department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (CGF) has launched an **exceptional needs-based scholarship** category for students hit the hardest by the crisis, so that they can continue (or complete) their studies during the current academic year.

The Scholarship is for the current 2022-2023 academic year **only**, and is a one-off non-renewable award for students already enrolled in university and facing difficulties in meeting their educational expenses. Candidates in Lebanon wishing to apply for CGF's merit-based Higher Education Scholarships for Armenian Students in/from Developing Countries for the next academic year (2023-2024) should consult the conditions of these two distinct scholarship categories attentively before applying. Students already receiving scholarships from CGF for the 2022-23 academic year are **not eligible** to apply to this category. It is possible to apply to this category for 2022-23 and the merit-based Higher Education Scholarship for 2023-24.

CGF will grant up to 40 scholarships in the amount of 2,500 Euros each.

Requirements for eligibility

Candidates wishing to apply for this specific Scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- Be of Armenian origin.
- Be enrolled at a university in Lebanon duly recognized by the Lebanese national authorities.
- Be in a difficult economic situation.
- Be no more than 25 years old at the time of the application.
- Have passing grades in their university courses.

This scholarship category is principally for undergraduate students, but Masters students meeting the requirements will also be considered. Preference will be given to undergraduate students in their final year of study.

If you do not meet these requirements, you will unlikely succeed in your application.

Application documents

- ✓ A copy of the candidate's passport (main page with personal data). It is legally required to provide the following data: complete name, date of birth, identification number, fiscal number and permanent address.
- ✓ Birth or baptism certificate or an equivalent document attesting to the Armenian heritage of the applicant.
- ✓ Certificate of enrolment at a university in Lebanon in the academic year 2022-2023.
- ✓ Attested copies of transcripts (academic year 2021-2022 and first semester of 2022-2023).
- ✓ A brief letter (max. one page) explaining why the student is applying for this Scholarship.
- ✓ A brief *curriculum vitae*.
- ✓ Statement/invoice from the University attesting to the fees owed to it (or payments already made for the spring semester 2022-2023).
- ✓ A statement outlining the applicant's commitment to contribute to the Armenian community during his/her studies and/or upon graduation.

Application

Applications must be filled out and submitted online directly to CGF through the "myGulbenkian" portal. The application process will open on **4 April 2023**; the **application deadline is 1 May 2023** (midnight, Lisbon time). Applicants will be informed of the decision during the second half of May 2023.

Selection procedure

Applications will be assessed by a Lebanon-based selection committee composed of members of the Union of the Social Workers of the Armenian Community in Lebanon and a CGF representative. The selection process may include an interview with the applicants.

Under Data Protection Laws and exclusively for assessment purposes, CGF reserves the right to share the applications received with the evaluation committee members.

For questions and further information, please contact: carmenias@gulbenkian.pt

Note: The Armenian Communities department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation understands that the 2022-2023 academic year is coming to a close. While decisions will be conveyed in May and funds transferred soon after, the intention is to alleviate the financial burden of students and families currently in need.

Data Protection

All personal data provided in the application process or during project implementation shall be treated exclusively to manage the Emergency Scholarship for Armenian students in Lebanese universities by Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (CGF), as the entity acting as a controller for processing the data.

The CGF may be contacted regarding any questions related to data processing carried out in this context and for these purposes through privacidade@gulbenkian.pt.

The subject's personal data shall be kept for the period necessary for the management of the grant, except in cases where another period is required by applicable law. Some data (i.e., the name of the subject, date of application, terms and duration of the grant and personal data potentially included in the works and final publications) will be kept indefinitely by the CGF for the purpose of conservation of relevant information in the context of its relevant cultural assets.

The subject may, at any time, withdraw their consent for processing their personal data, following the applicable legislation, without prejudice to the validity of the processing made based on the consent previously given. The withdrawal of the consent implies that the CGF cannot treat their personal data for the purposes consented to and may result in the impossibility of the applicant continuing as such in the application.

The controller guarantees the subjects the exercise of their rights in relation to their personal data, such as the right of access, rectification, erasure, opposition, limitation of treatment and portability, according to the applicable legislation. The controller implements all security measures necessary and adequate for the protection of the personal data of the subjects, either when the data is processed directly by them or when the data is processed by entities subcontracted by it.

The controller may treat personal data collected in this context directly and/or through subcontractors to manage the grant. In such cases, appropriate contracts shall be entered into with such subcontracting entities, per the applicable legislation.

In the scope and to manage the grant, the CGF may communicate the subject's data to partner entities for publications and institutional communications. These entities may be located within the territory of the European Union or abroad. In the latter case, appropriate mechanisms under the applicable legislation to safeguard the security of personal data processed shall be used at all times.

The subjects may file a complaint to the Portuguese National Authority ("Comissão Nacional de Proteção de Dados") if they believe that there is a breach of data protection incurred by the joint controllers.