

Higher Education Scholarships for Armenian Students in/from Developing Countries 2024

REQUIREMENTS, CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS

ARMENIAN COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION

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● INTRODUCTION

The Armenian Communities department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation encourages students of Armenian origin in/from less developed countries (mainly Lebanon and other Middle East countries) to obtain higher education degrees in any field at a recognized university in their own country of residence or abroad. Up to 30 new scholarships will be provided per year for a maximum of three years. Each scholarship will be for a fixed sum of 4000 EUR. Degrees in the social sciences will be privileged in 2024.

This scholarship category is principally for undergraduate students. Up to five master's students will also be considered.

Undergraduate students studying in Armenia do not qualify for this scholarship category.

● REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Candidates wishing to apply for a Calouste Gulbenkian Higher Education Scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- Be of Armenian origin.
- Be no more than 25 years old at the time of the application.
- Have outstanding examination and/or school results.
- Be enrolled or accepted in a higher education institution, duly recognized by the local national authorities.
- Experiencing financial hardship.
- Candidates must declare to the Foundation if they receive other scholarships to obtain their degrees.

If you do not meet these requirements, then you are unlikely to be successful in your application.

● SELECTION PROCEDURE

The students will be selected by the staff of the Armenian Communities Department through a competitive process, based on merit and financial need. The selection committee or agents representing the committee, may interview applicants.

● CONDITIONS FOR MAINTAINING THE CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded for one academic year paid in a single instalment. Students must apply for the renewal of the scholarship — if the letter of agreement so stipulates — on a yearly basis, for a maximum period of three academic years, if satisfactory progress is made in the chosen studies. Students must submit transcripts and/or reports of progress attesting to the advancement of their studies.

The scholarship may be terminated for the breach of the terms of the agreement to be signed by the successful applicants with the Foundation. In this case the candidate must reimburse the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation the amount received.

● 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, translated into English, if the original is not in English, French or Portuguese.
- Attested copies of academic certificates obtained and grade-sheets (last available two semesters), translated into English, if originals are not in English or French or Portuguese.
- A motivation letter (max. one page), including why the applicant chose his/her respective field of study.
- A brief curriculum vitae.
- A statement outlining the applicant's commitment to contribute to the Armenian community during his/her studies and/or upon graduation.
- An explanation (max. one page) of the financial circumstances of the applicant.
- Other documentation relevant to candidate's application such as:
 - a) Details of any scholarship(s) awarded
 - b) Evidence of any benefits received
 - c) Pay slips (if any)
 - d) Bank account statements (for last three months)
 - e) Reference/attestations
 - f) Other

● APPLICATION

Applications must be submitted online. The application process for the 2024-2025 academic year will open on **1 May 2024** and the deadline for applications is **30 June 2024** (23h59, Lisbon time).

We strongly advise candidates not to wait until the last few days before applying. Applicants will be informed of the decision during the month of July 2024.

Questions and further information: carmenias@gulbenkian.pt

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Data Protection (this section is included as per European legal requirements)

All personal data provided in the application process or during project implementation shall be treated exclusively for the purpose of managing the Higher Education Scholarship by Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (CGF), as the entity acting as joint 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 personal data of the subject shall be kept for the period of time 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 his/her consent for the processing of his/her personal data, in accordance with 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 his/her personal data for the purposes consented to and as such 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 for the purpose of managing the grant. In such cases, appropriate contracts shall be entered into with such subcontracting entities, in accordance with the applicable legislation.

In the scope and for the purposes of managing the grant, the CGF may communicate the data of the subject to partner entities for publications and institutional communications. These entities may be located within the territory of the European Union or abroad, and 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.

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