

Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies



**Requirements, Criteria
and Conditions 2026**



Introduction

The Armenian Communities Department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is giving the possibility to qualified students, academics and researchers in Armenian Studies to participate in activities related to their field of studies/research, encouraging academic interaction and exchange of knowledge and ideas. The grant amount is based on proposals received. The maximum amount is 5.000 Euros in this category of scholarship.

Note that “Armenian Studies” is understood in a broad sense and is not confined to “Area Studies”. It includes politics, sociology, cultural studies, archaeology, history and other disciplines within the social sciences and humanities.

Requirements, Criteria and Conditions

ARTICLE 1.

Requirements for Eligibility

Candidates wishing to apply for a Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies must meet the following requirements:

1. Be (i) a Master or PhD degree student or (ii) a researcher in the field of Armenian Studies, wishing to conduct field research or pursue small research projects, or to engage in other relevant activities related to their work (including international conference attendance or summer school participation).
2. The maximum duration of stay or length of project is three months. There is no age limit, but preference is given to younger scholars.

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

ARTICLE 2.

Selection Criteria

Applications are evaluated on a case by case basis, as is the amount and duration of the grants. The academic relevance of the proposed event or research trip is taken into account, as is its relationship to the candidate's expertise, his/her merit, the quality of his/her proposal, the international importance of the conference/seminar, and the reference letters. The Foundation may seek the opinion of the applicant's institution in the evaluation of the application.

ARTICLE 3.

Application Documents

1. 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.
2. Attested copies of university certificates, translated into English, if originals are not in English or French or Portuguese.
3. A full curriculum vitae including list of publications (if any).
4. Letter of support from supervisor(s) or referees.
5. Additional references may be asked for.

If a conference

6. Title and abstract of the paper accepted for presentation (proposal).
7. Letter of acceptance by conference/seminar/activity organizers.
8. A brief description of the conference/seminar/activity and its relevance to the applicant's research.

If a research trip or project,

9. A complete research proposal, with abstract (max. 5 pages) describing the research problem, the framework of the research, a description of the way in which the problem will be approached and the proposed research methodology, the scientific scope, a prospective timeline, as well as the theoretical and empirical sources used.
10. Invitation letter from host institution (if applicable).

In all cases, a proposed budget should be included as part of the application.

ARTICLE 4.

Application

Applications can be received throughout the year for forthcoming events/projects and must be submitted online from 19 January until 4 December 2026 (23h59, Lisbon time). Applications can be submitted in English, French, Armenian or Portuguese.

The evaluation of completed applications received until the last day of each month occurs during the first 10 days of the following month. Decisions will be conveyed to candidates through “mygulbenkian” within six weeks of submission. If the applicant cannot participate in the conference/seminar/activity for any reason, including non-issuance of visas, the funds granted must be returned to the Foundation.

Applicants can receive a maximum of two grants. Exceptions could be made if a reasonable period of time has passed between grants. In such cases, applicants should write to the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in advance to seek permission. However, two grants cannot be given in the same calendar year.

Questions should be submitted to the following email address: carmenias@gulbenkian.pt.

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

All personal data provided in the application process or during the execution of the scholarship shall be processed by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, as the data controller, for the purposes of managing and execution the scholarship process based on the acceptance of the data subject of the terms and conditions of the scholarship (pre-contractual diligence and subsequent contractual execution).

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

The data subject may exercise the right of access, rectification, erasure, opposition, limitation and portability, according to the applicable legislation, through email directed to privacidade@gulbenkian.pt

The Foundation 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 Foundation may process the data directly and/or through processors for the purpose of managing the scholarship. In such cases, appropriate contracts shall be entered into with such processors, in accordance with the applicable legislation.

For the purposes of disseminating the activity of the Foundation, based on its legitimate interest in promoting its initiatives, the Foundation 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.

Data 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 Foundation.

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To be able to process applications for scholarships and support, the Foundation will necessarily process the personal data requested from Users at the time of application, as well as during the monitoring, by the Foundation, of a scholarship or support granted by it. Collection of this data is necessary for the Foundation to be able to review your application and award the scholarship or support. The Foundation processes this data for purposes of pre-contractual diligence and subsequent contractual execution. For the purposes of submitting the application, it will be necessary to create an account as described in the preceding point.

Information and contacts

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