

Short Term Conference and Travel Grant to Students and Young Academics in Armenia



**Requirements, Criteria
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Introduction

The Armenian Communities Department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation awards short term grants to enable qualified students, early-career academics and researchers based in Armenia to participate in international conferences, seminars, short term courses and research trips abroad that are related to their field of study.

The objective of the programme is to foster academic interaction and the exchange of knowledge and ideas. Grants are primarily awarded for short-term travel. In exceptional cases, longer research or study trips of up to three months may be considered.

The grant amount is fixed, regardless of the duration of travel, and is determined based on the table below. Applicants are expected to cover any shortfall using other sources of funding. The grant primarily covers the following expenses: registration fees, accommodation, travel costs and visa fees.

Traveling to	Up to
Europe (EU and neighbouring countries)	1.000 €
Americas (USA, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, etc.)	1.200 €
Middle East and East Asia (Turkey, Lebanon, Israel, etc.)	800 €
Ex-USSR countries (excluding Baltic Republics)	700 €
Far East (China, South Korea, India, Japan, Australia, etc.)	1.500 €
Going to Armenia from abroad	1.000 €



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ARTICLE 1.

Requirements for Eligibility

Applicants for the Short-Term Conference and Travel Grant for Students and Young Academics in Armenia must meet the following requirements:

1. Be currently studying or based in Armenia.
2. Be under 35 years old at the time of application.
3. Be either:
 - a) A master's or PhD student, or
 - b) A researcher from Armenia seeking to attend international conferences, seminars, short-term courses or research trips related to their field of study.

The grants are open to applicants from all research fields. We will prioritise applications from the humanities and social sciences, while also giving special consideration to research related to environmental sustainability and climate change.

ARTICLE 2.

Selection Criteria

Evaluation is based on the academic relevance of the proposed event or research trip to the candidate's field of study, the candidate's academic merit, the quality of his or her proposal, the international significance of the conference, seminar, short-term course or research trip, and the strength of the letters of reference.

ARTICLE 3.

Application Documents

1. A copy of the candidate's passport, ID or Citizen Card (main page with personal data).
2. Attested copies of university certificates in Armenian, English or French.
3. A full curriculum vitae including list of publications (if any) and conference presentations (if any).
4. If applying to participate in a conference: title and abstract of the paper accepted for presentation.
5. If applying for a research trip: research proposal (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.
6. Letter of acceptance by conference/seminar organisers/host university.
7. Motivation letter explaining why conference/seminar/ short term course/research trip is relevant to applicant's professional development.

8. Letter of support from supervisor(s). We may ask for additional references.

ARTICLE 4.

Application

Applications can be received throughout the year, no sooner than six months and no later than two months, before the forthcoming event and must be submitted online.

If the applicant cannot participate in the conference/seminar/course/research trip for any reason, including non-issuance of visas, the funds granted must be returned to the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

Applicants can be awarded one Short-Term Conference and Travel Grant to Students and Young Academics in Armenia per year and can receive a maximum of two grants overall.

The grant will be allocated and paid preferably in Euros.

Submitted applications will be evaluated monthly by the Selection Committee. The average time to provide candidates with a response is one month. But during certain times it may take longer.

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). Based on the Foundation's legitimate interest on granting scholarships, the Foundation may communicate some of the personal data of the applicant to other institutions to validate information regarding the application.

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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