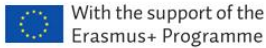


PhD Support Programme

„The European Union, Central Asia and the Caucasus in the International System“ (EUCACIS)



– Call for Applications –

What EUCACIS is

EUCACIS is a PhD support programme for postgraduates and doctoral researchers from Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus.

Funded by the Volkswagen Foundation and the Erasmus+ programme it offers scholarships for three years to excellent postgraduates who are working on a doctoral thesis in political science, contemporary history or economics on a topic related to the programme's thematic focus at a university or academy of sciences in the Southern Caucasus or Central Asia (including Afghanistan, the Kashmir region in India, and the autonomous region Xinjiang in China).

It provides intensive PhD research training and support until the programme participants submit their doctoral theses, and helps them establishing their own networks with other young researchers in the target regions and in Europe. Therefore, it uses the blended learning approach and combines conferences, workshops and a research training stay with online training.

The working language is English.

What we offer

To support its fellows in writing their theses and obtaining their doctorate, the EUCACIS programme offers scholarships and intensive PhD research training. That includes:

Scholarships:

- scholarships of 300 € per month for 3 years
- travel grants of up to 500 € for field research
- travel costs and accommodation for the following programme events

Programme events:

- four international conferences in Almaty, Berlin, Yerevan, and Bishkek
- three PhD schools in Berlin, Yerevan, and Istanbul
- one 3 week research training stay in Berlin

Further Programme Offers:

- mentoring by postdoctoral researchers
- continuous online coaching
- joint publications
- access to the EUCA(C)IS young researchers network
- up to 25 ECTS credits for active participation
- a certificate of participation

Who is Eligible?

Applicants have to be citizens of one of the following countries **and** they have to be enrolled as a doctoral researcher at a university in one of these countries/regions:

- **Afghanistan**
- **Georgia**
- **Tajikistan**
- **Armenia**
- **India (Kashmir)**
- **Uzbekistan**
- **Azerbaijan**
- **Kazakhstan**
- **Turkmenistan**
- **China (Xinjiang)**
- **Kyrgyzstan**

They have to work on their theses on a topic related to the programme focus to obtain a doctorate (PhD or equivalent academic degree in the third cycle of higher education) in:

- **political science**
- **economics**
- **a closely related field of studies**
- **international relations**
- **contemporary history**

The programme focus is the **EU, Central Asia and the Caucasus in the international system**; for a list of related topics see: http://www.cife.eu/en/4/programme-information_130-1.

What are the Application Criteria?

In addition, all eligible applicants have to fulfil **all** following requirements:

- advanced stage of doctoral studies
- university degree (second cycle of higher education)
- fluency in English
- approval of participating in the programme by the doctorate supervisor **and** employer(s)
- willingness to complete the doctoral thesis and write and publish an additional research/policy paper in English within the next three years
- willingness and availability to actively participate in all online and presence programme events during the next three years
- internet access
- availability to participate in the application process from May to August 2016

What is the Time Frame for Application?

16 May 2016: Deadline for application (earlier applications are welcome)

June 2016: Skype-based interviews

June-August 2016: Travel arrangements for applicants invited to the selection conference

End of August 2016: Selection conference

How to Apply?

Please send your complete application via email to info@eucacis.eu. It should be a single PDF file, not exceeding 10 MB.

Deadline for application **16 May 2016**

Required Documents:

- filled in application form
- Curriculum Vitae (Europass welcome)
- copies of all academic certificates obtained (original and translation into English)
- outline of the doctoral thesis in English (3,000 – 5,000 characters) including research question(s) and method(s)
- preliminary table of contents of the thesis
- list of literature for the doctoral project
- time schedule for the doctoral project until its completion, indicating its current state
- enrolment certificate as doctoral student (original and translation into English)
- letter of support by the doctoral supervisor
- letter of reference (*not* from supervisor)
- previous academic work in English (seminar paper, essay, or equivalent)
- scan of passport or ID card
- English language test certificates are welcome but not compulsory

For further details of the application process and the forms (application form and Europass CV) see: www.eucacis.eu

Organisers and Contact

Institut für Europäische Politik e.V. (IEP)

Since its founding (1959), the IEP has been a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of European integration. It is one of the first foreign and European policy research centres in the Federal Republic of Germany and serves as a forum for exchange between academia, politics, administration and political education.

www.iep-berlin.de

Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)

Established in 1954, CIFE is a private, non-profit international organisation, receiving support from the European Union and other organisations. CIFE has offices in Nice, Berlin, Brussels and Istanbul. The programmes of CIFE encompass educational and research activities concerning European integration, federalism, regionalism and changes within the structure of contemporary society in accordance with a federalist perspective.

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