ONASSIS FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HELLENES

REGULATION

2019

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The Onassis Foundation announces annually its program of scholarships for studies in various countries, fields and levels of study, depending on the strategic planning of the Foundation.
- The annual scholarship announcement stipulates the terms and conditions for awarding a scholarship and it is posted on the Foundation's official website and published in the Media.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- The annual announcement specifies all the supporting documents required for the submission of an application within the specific deadlines, according to the relevant announcement.
- A candidate cannot submit an application for more than one specializations per field of study.
- An application cannot be accepted only on the grounds that it is submitted.
- The Scholarship Department of the Foundation reviews all the submitted applications. All the eligible applications according to the scholarship announcement proceed to the comparative evaluation and selection process.
- After the announcement of the results, the successful candidates who have been granted a scholarship, cannot change their proposed program of study, if they fail to be admitted in the program for which they have been assessed.
- The scholars of the Foundation who wish to pursue further studies (i.e. from Master's Degree to Doctorate), always according to the valid announcement, should submit a new application with all the supporting documents within the specific deadlines mentioned in the relevant announcement.

EVALUATION PROCESS

- The Board of Directors of the Foundation selects and assigns the review and comparative assessment of all eligible applications to renowned University Professors, Academicians and Scientists, who serve as Academic Advisors. The evaluation criteria set by the Foundation are purely academic and are clearly stated in the relevant announcement.
- The eligible applications, according to the terms and conditions of the relevant announcement, are classified per specialization and level of studies and are thus assessed by the corresponding Academic Advisors.
- Candidates from all fields of study may be asked to participate in interviews over the phone, at the potential request of the Academic Advisors.
- The Board of Directors of the Foundation awards the scholarships at its fullest discretion, taking into account the evaluation of the Academic Advisors and after considering all the parameters regarding the entirety of the eligible candidates. The Board of Directors has the right to reject any application, even if it is eligible. The Board of Directors does not have to justify its decision for rejecting or accepting an application.
- The results are announced individually to all candidates through the Foundation's website: www.onassis.org → Scholarships → Scholarships for Hellenes. The decisions of the Board of Directors of the Foundation are final and there is no provision for appeal or re-evaluation of the applications.

- Eligible candidates who are not awarded a scholarship can submit a new application with all supporting documents in the next academic year, assuming they still qualify according to the terms and conditions of the corresponding announcement.

DURATION / LENGTH OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- The duration of each scholarship is calculated on a monthly basis. The date of commencement of studies is October 1st (with the exception of the U.S.A. and some other countries where the date of commencement is September 1st) of each academic year. The total length of the scholarship cannot exceed the period of studies, as it is outlined in the corresponding University's regulation.
- The maximum length of scholarship is determined by the Board of Directors of the Foundation as follows:

  -24 months for graduate (master) studies in countries worldwide or 36 months, only in cases where it is required by the program of study, without any possibility of an extension.

  -36 months for doctoral studies with the possibility of a 12-month extension, assuming that the scholar is in excellent standing and has not exceeded the period of 4 years since the first enrolment to the program or assuming the program's minimum duration is more than 4 years.

- The duration of the scholarship for candidates who are already enrolled in a program is determined upon the minimum remaining months of study starting from the academic year of the scholarship's commencement.
- The scholarship grant can be suspended, at the scholar's request, for a period of a few months and up to one academic year, should there be serious justification. In case of further delay in commencing or continuing their studies, the Board of Directors can grant a new suspension only for very serious and unforeseeable circumstances. The scholar is obligated to submit official supporting documents to justify his/her request for suspension as well as a signed certificate from the University that states the scholar's right to request a suspension, according to its regulations, the reasons and the period of the suspension.
- Suspensions cannot be granted in the case of scholars who are not admitted to the program of study for which they have been assessed or in case the University itself does not grant suspension/leave of absence.
- The Foundation does not grant any other extensions of the approved scholarships, with the exception of the aforementioned extensions of doctoral studies.
- The supporting documents for the application of scholarship extensions include: a personal letter to the Onassis Foundation, a progress report from the supervisor, a recent registration certificate and academic transcripts (if applicable), a copy of the part of the Course Handbook which refers to the duration of the course, a detailed timetable for the completion of studies co-signed by the supervisor and a signed statement regarding the cost of study for the period of the extension.
- The Foundation has the right to decide at its fullest discretion upon the suspension or cancellation of the scholarship when imposed by serious reasons (scholar's progress, employment, behavior, ethics etc.)

TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

- The scholarship is in the form of a grant, which is determined in the relevant announcement.
- The scholarship commences once the scholar submits a valid registration certificate and signs the relevant Scholarship Agreement.
- During the summer months, the scholarship is paid in full, only to scholars who remain at their place of study, as part of their academic requirements or if they are absent for up to a month.
- Apart from the approved scholarship, the Foundation does not award grants for travel expenses, participation in conferences, purchase of books, PCs etc. The scholarship does not cover additional family costs (wife and/or children).
- The scholar is obliged to submit a signed statement to the Foundation mentioning any other grants, salary, stipend or compensation they might receive from the University, the School or any other source (scholarship, tuition waiver, stipend, salary, assistantship, award etc.). The Foundation reserves the right to decide upon the continuation, reduction, suspension or cancellation of the scholarship, taking into account the needs of the scholar at the place of study.
- The Foundation may grant, by special approval, the amount of up to EUR 1,000 to scholars pursuing Doctoral studies to cover the printing expenses of their Thesis in a limited number of copies, according to the requirements of the relevant University regulation. Moreover, it may grant the amount of up to EUR 2,000 to scholars pursuing Doctoral studies to cover the expenses of publication of their thesis in a limited number of copies, only if it is a prerequisite in order to obtain the PhD title according to the University's Regulation. The scholar should submit an application after the completion of their studies and submit the relevant receipts.

SCHOLARS' OBLIGATIONS

- The scholar should devote to their studies and uphold the obligations mentioned in this Regulation and in the Scholarship Agreement.
- The scholars should not take up any full-time employment for the duration of the scholarship.
- If scholars complete their studies before the end of the scholarship, they have to notify the Department of Scholarships for Hellenes timely and ask for the discontinuation of their scholarship. Otherwise, they have to return the amount of money paid after the completion of their studies. A scholar is considered to have completed their studies, when they successfully pass their viva examination for a PhD or Master Thesis or successfully pass all examinations and complete all requirements in order to obtain the title. The date of graduation is not considered as an official end of the studies.
- Scholars, who continue their studies even after the end of their scholarship, should keep sending progress reports (their personal and their supervisor's reports) every semester until the completion of their studies.
- Should a scholar fail to complete their studies or terminate their studies before graduating, they are obliged to return the amount of money received during their scholarship. This obligation is waived only in cases of serious health problems or force majeure, which will be examined by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.
- Scholars should notify the Department of Scholarships for Hellenes for any change of address, phone number, e-mail address or bank account details.
- Every semester, scholars should submit via e-mail personal progress reports regarding their studies to the Department of Scholarships for Hellenes. The scholars should also ensure that

their supervisors send via e-mail progress reports directly to the Foundation. Failure to send the reports within the deadlines may result to suspension and/or cancellation of the scholarship, especially if the scholars fail to respond to relevant notifications from the Department of Scholarships for Hellenes.

- Scholars should mention that they are recipients of the Foundation's scholarship in every publication or presentation. The content of the scholarship reference shall be agreed with the Foundation prior to the publication or presentation. Moreover, scholars have to send a copy of the publication or presentation via e-mail to the Department of Scholarships.
- Within three months after the completion of their studies, scholars are obliged to submit a photocopy of their diploma or an official certificate from the University stating that they have successfully completed their studies, final transcript and/or G.P.A. (if applicable) and a copy of their master or PhD thesis, where they have to mention their status as scholars of the Onassis Foundation.
- Scholars can enroll in the Scholars' Association of the Onassis Foundation after having successfully completed their studies and submitted all relevant documents to the Foundation.
- Scholars are invited to render their services and offer their knowledge for the benefit of their country of origin.
- Scholars are invited to voluntarily participate and assist in activities of the Onassis Foundation and the Onassis Foundation Scholars' Association, relative to their discipline, both during and after the end of their scholarship Agreement, if they wish to. Furthermore, scholars are invited to participate in promotional activities of the Foundation, with the purpose of highlighting the importance of scholarships within the educational framework.
- Scholars should also inform the Foundation in writing via e-mail regarding their academic pursuits and career for a period of at least five years after the completion of their studies.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ONASSIS FOUNDATION

RESERVES EVERY RIGHT TO CHANGE OR AMMEND THIS SCHOLARSHIP REGULATION

AT ANY GIVEN TIME AND AT ITS FULLEST DISCRETION.