

# **OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS**

## **2012 SOUTH ASIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**FOR GRADUATE LEVEL STUDY IN INDIA**

**Deadline: JANUARY 5, 2012**

**Application Form is Free and can be Duplicated**

**Apply Online at <http://www.soros.org/grants/oas>**

**Paper and Online Applications are Equally Evaluated**

### **Introduction**

The Open Society Scholarship Programs is pleased to announce the South Asia Scholarship Program for Afghanistan and Nepal. The program provides opportunities and scholarships for high quality post-graduate study for individuals from Afghanistan and Nepal who demonstrate both academic and professional excellence and the potential to become leaders in the field of Sustainable Development Practice

The Program also introduces students from the participating countries to colleagues from the region and encourages cross-national dialogues among professional communities. Approximately 10 awards (up to 5 per country) will be granted in 2012.

Fellows will be placed at TERI University ([www.teriuniversity.ac.in](http://www.teriuniversity.ac.in)) in India for two-year graduate programs in Sustainable Development Practice beginning in July 2012 and concluding in May 2014.

### **Eligibility**

The Program does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, or disability. The competition is merit-based and open to those meeting the following criteria:

1. Hold an undergraduate degree at the time of application deadline with an excellent academic record;
2. Be a legal resident of and currently living in home country (Afghanistan or Nepal);
3. Have experience working in home country;
4. Be proficient in English;
5. Be committed to returning to home country after completion of the program to continue work and impart knowledge gained during studies.

### **Selection of finalists**

Competition for the South Asia Scholarship Program is open, merit-based, and relies on a combination of an applicant's suitability towards the program's objectives and host university

admissions criteria. Selection is made on the basis of academic excellence, professional aptitude, leadership potential in the field of specialization, proven commitment to open society values, long-term commitment to furthering the profession in applicants' home country, and English language proficiency.

- **Pre-selection and Testing:** Submitted applications will be screened by representatives from OSF and Host University. Applicants chosen to continue in the competition as semifinalists will be required to take the TOEFL or ITP.
- **Interviews and Final Selection:** Semifinalists will be interviewed in-person or via videoconference by a committee of representatives from OSF and potential Host University. The committee will recommend finalists for placement at host universities.

### **Expectations of MA Fellows**

- Fellows must uphold the academic standards of their host institution and undertake full-time study for the duration of the Program. Failure to do so will result in dismissal.
- All fellows are expected to earn an MA within the standard 2-year program period.
- Fellows must comply with the visa regulations of the host country and may be subject by the terms of the visa to a home residency requirement upon completion of the Program.
- OSF expects that Fellows will return to their home countries after completing the degree and take up meaningful posts in their field.
- Fellows are given the Program's "Terms and Conditions" with detailed information on the rules & policies that must be followed during the Program. These requirements will be reviewed in detail with all grantees prior to the beginning of the fellowship.

### **Instructions**

Read all instructions and information carefully before completing the application. All forms are to be completed in English. Answer every question and write "Not applicable" if a question does not apply to you. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants can submit applications via the Internet at <http://www.soros.org/grants/oas> (available in late November), or to one of the addresses listed below:

#### **Residents of Afghanistan:**

Open Society Foundation Afghanistan  
House No. 53 Shahre-Naw  
Kochea Kasabi  
Kabul, Afghanistan

Contact: Mr. Mohammad Yusuf  
Email: [yusufm@osafg.org](mailto:yusufm@osafg.org)  
Phone: +93 (0) 784 609 868

#### **Residents of Nepal:**

Alliance for Social Dialogue  
GPO Box 25334  
Ramchandra Marg, Battispatali  
Kathmandu, Nepal

Contact: Ms. Richa Shivakoti  
Email: [scholarship@asd.org.np](mailto:scholarship@asd.org.np)  
Phone: +977 1 4472807

Applicants wishing to apply in paper may do so by downloading a paper application at [http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship/focus\\_areas/south-asia/guidelines](http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship/focus_areas/south-asia/guidelines). Application forms are free and can be duplicated, and paper and online applications are evaluated equally.

**Attachments:** Attach the following items to your application in the order given below.

1. Essay. Should not exceed two typed pages or approximately 500 words.
2. Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV), in English. Your educational and professional history.

**Additional Documents:** Mail all of the additional documents to the Open Society Foundations Afghanistan if you are a resident of Afghanistan, and the Alliance for Social Dialogue if you are a resident of Nepal, in the order given below. Translations must have the stamp or seal of the English language faculty or notary or translating service confirming the accuracy of the translation. Applicant may not write or certify his/her own translation.

1. Two recommendation letters. Must include the stamp or seal of the organization or university or be written on letterhead. Recommendations in the local language must have a certified English translation.
2. Official copies of all university transcripts in original language. Official transcripts must bear the stamp or seal of the department or faculty of the university that issued it. For the purposes of this program, a transcript is a list of every course taken to receive a diploma, and the grade received in each course.
3. Certified English translations of university transcripts. English language transcripts must bear the stamp or seal of the department or faculty of the university that issued it.
4. Official copies of all diplomas in original language. Official diploma must bear the stamp or seal of the department or faculty of the university that issued it.
5. Certified English translations of diplomas. English language diplomas must bear the stamp or seal of the department or faculty of the university that issued it.
6. Photocopy of passport photo page (if available)

**Verification:** The Program reserves the right to verify all information submitted as part of an application. In the event that there is a discrepancy or information is found to be false, the applicant will be declared ineligible.

**Deadline: Thursday, January 5, 2012**

**Submission: Documentation (applications, attachments or additional documents) received after the deadline will not be considered. Documentation may not be submitted via email/fax nor enclosed in plastic covers/binders. Documentation will not be returned. Please include "South Asia Scholarship Program" on the envelope addressed to the local partner office in Afghanistan or Nepal listed above.**

- *Paper applications:* Please type or print in dark ink. Staple attachments and additional documents to your application in the above order. Submit one original and two copies of

your application with all attachments and additional documents to the local partner office in Afghanistan or Nepal listed above.

- *Online applications:* Submit your application, essay and CV via the Internet. Print the additional documents cover sheet from OAS and include it with the additional documents. Submit one original and two copies of the additional documents to the local partner office in Afghanistan or Nepal listed above.

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