

18th Foreigners' Fellowships Programme 2012-2013

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Am I eligible to apply for a scholarship?

Yes, only if:

- you are **not Greek** by nationality or citizenship (see also Q. 12)
- your **field of research** is included among the fields covered by the Programme (see Q. 2)
- your age is within the **age limits** for each category (see Q. 8)
- you wish to come **to Greece** for the research you propose
- you fulfil the particular requirements for each category (see Q. 3)

2. Is my field of research covered by the Foreigners' Fellowships Programme?

The fields covered are:

- Humanistic Sciences: Literature, Classics, Modern Greek, Byzantine literature, Linguistics, History, Archaeology, Theology, Philosophy, Education, Psychology
- Social Sciences (Law sciences excluded): Political Science, Sociology, International Relations
- Fine Arts: Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theatre, Photography

Please note that the exact sciences (eg. Mathematics, Physics etc.), agricultural sciences and all medical sciences, are NOT covered.

3. There are two categories of grants – which one is the right one for me? (please also refer to question no. 8)

If you are:

- a. University Full Professor (Ph.D. holder): Category A
- b. University Full Professor (but do not hold a Ph.D.): see case (e) below
- c. Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor (Ph.D. holder): Category A (also see age limits, q.8)
- d. Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Full Professor (but do not hold a Ph.D. title yet): If you are currently a Ph.D. candidate and under 40, you can apply for a Category C scholarship. Otherwise, you are unfortunately not eligible to apply for a grant at all, unless you are an artist.
- e. Post-doctoral researcher : Category A
- f. Artist (Painter, Sculptor, Photographer, Visual artist, Dancer, Musician) – Category A. Kindly note that you have to be a professional artist with much experience and work behind you.
- g. Already a Postgraduate Student – Category C
- h. Already a Ph.D. Candidate – Category C
- i. Ph.D. Candidate who will have obtained the Ph.D. title by the end of February 2012 – Category A [but note that your application will only be examined after you submit an official copy of your title]
- j. Ph.D. Candidate who will obtain the Ph.D. title after the end of March 2012 and before 31 Dec. 2013 – Unfortunately, you will have to wait until next year's announcement is out before you submit your application for a Category A grant
- k. Applicant for a Postgraduate/Ph.D. programme at a university in Greece or abroad – Category C [but note that your application will only be examined after you submit an official copy of the acceptance letter by the university]
- l. Postgraduate Student or Ph.D. candidate who does not wish to come to Greece for research : You are **NOT** eligible to apply; research conducted OUTSIDE GREECE is not covered by the Programme

4. Which is the period covered?

The 18th Foreigners' Fellowships Programme covers the academic year October 2012 – September 2013. The use of the grants/scholarships cannot be deferred for any other academic year. For categories A, and C **August** is **not** covered (see the application form for the dates).

5. Can I conduct my research in another country?

Your research can begin and end in another country, but the Onassis scholarship only covers the PART of the research conducted in Greece. This is the most important condition for participation in the Programme. If you do not plan to conduct a part of your research **in Greece**, you are unfortunately NOT eligible to apply for a grant or scholarship.

6. Where can I get the application form?

- By e-mail – please write to ffp@onassis.gr, indicating the Category of grant/ scholarship you wish to apply for and we will send it to you as an attachment in PDF form (you need Acrobat Reader to open the file).
- By the post – please give us your address in writing by post, fax (0030 210 3713013) or e-mail (above). The Foundation is not responsible for any delays caused by the post delivery.
- In person – you can visit our offices at 7, Aeschinou Street, Plaka, Athens centre (Akropolis Metro Station) tel. 0030 210 3713 000 (opposite Hadrian's Arch on Amalias Ave.) and collect the application form. Office hours: 10.00 – 14.00 daily.
- You can also download the application form from the Onassis Foundation website at www.onassis.gr

7. When is the deadline?

- You can submit your application online. In that case, all additional documents must be sent separately until **February 29, 2012**, the latest.
- **February 29, 2012**. The date taken into account is the date appearing on the post-stamp of the post-office in YOUR country. This means that if you go to your post-office on the 29th of February 2012 and send us your file, it will be considered “duly submitted”, even though it will arrive to our offices at a later date. There is **NO DIFFERENT DEADLINE FOR THE RECOMMENDATION LETTERS**. The letters have to be submitted before or on February 29, 2012 too. **Your referees can send their letters directly to the Onassis Foundation (see Q.14), if they prefer to do so, or they can hand them to you so you can include them in your file.**

8. What are the age limits?

Category A – if you are a **Full Professor**, you have to be over 35. If you are **Associate Professor**, you have to be over 30. There are no age limits for all other candidates for this grant.
Category C – all candidates have to be under 40.

9. I do not speak any Greek at all – is this a problem?

NO, if you are an applicant for a **Category A**. And **YES**, if you are an applicant for a **Category C** educational scholarship, but only if the course/research you wish to follow/conduct requires knowledge of the language. If the classes that you wish to follow are offered in English, or your research deals with archives and other material in English, your not speaking Greek is not a problem, but you have to somehow prove one of the two conditions above (explain this in your letter or have your professor include this in his/her recommendation letter).

10. I am not enrolled for a postgraduate/Ph.D. course yet / I do not have any contacts with Greek universities – can you help me?

Please note that in order for your application to be examined, you have to prove that you will be a postgraduate/Ph.D. student during the academic year 2012-2013. If you are not enrolled for this course yet, you have to bring us the acceptance letter from the university you applied to, by March 31 at the latest. If you don't have a positive answer from the University, please bring us a letter from the Professor who will supervise your MA/Ph.D. If you cannot present any of the above, I am afraid that you cannot apply for a scholarship yet. As for your contacts with Greek universities, we are afraid that the Foundation cannot provide any help. You could visit the Greek universities' web sites, (for example, www.uoa.gr-University of Athens, www.panteion.gr –Panteion University of Athens, www.aueb.gr – Athens University of Economics, - www.auth.gr - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, www.uoi.gr, University of Ioannina, www.upatras.gr – University of Patras etc.) or the Greek Ministry of Education web site at www.ypepth.gr, which provides a list of all the Greek Universities.

11. I do not know anyone in Greece who could provide me with recommendation letters – what should I do?

This is not a problem. You can have four recommendation letters from persons from your own country or from another country.

12. I am a second generation Greek / I am a Cypriot citizen– am I eligible to apply for a grant or scholarship?

Yes. As stated in the Announcement, if you are of **Greek descent** (second generation and on) you are also eligible, provided that you are permanently residing and working abroad. If you are an applicant in Categories A, you should have a professional academic career of at least ten (10) years in a University or Research Institute abroad. **Cypriot citizens** are eligible to apply for grants of category A on two conditions: (a) that they fulfill the requirements (age etc.) of category A and (b) that they are living and working permanently outside Greece. **Cypriot postgraduate students** should address their inquiries to the department of Scholarships for **Greeks** (fph@onassis.gr, tel. ++30 2103713000).

13. I finished my undergraduate / postgraduate studies in Greece – I am still eligible?

Yes. If you are not Greek you are eligible to apply for a scholarship. You would not be eligible only if you had finished primary/secondary schooling in Greece too.

14. Which is the best way to send my application?

- **Online.** This is the easiest and shortest way to apply.
- If you are currently in Athens, you could bring it **in person** to our offices, at ARIONA S.A., the Representative of the Onassis Foundation in Greece (see address below). This would give us a chance to discuss any problems ad hoc.
- From outside Athens, the safest and fastest way is a **courier service**. If you prefer the post, please send your file by **Registered Mail**. Please send your application **directly** to the Foundation and avoid sending it by regular post or through other organisations or institutions (eg. universities, embassies, consulates, ministries etc.). In all cases, please use the following address:
ARIONA S.A.
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ALEXANDER S. ONASSIS PUBLIC BENEFIT FOUNDATION
FOREIGNERS' FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME
7, AESCHINOI STREET
GR 105 58 ATHENS
GREECE

15. All supporting documents should be submitted in copies legalised by a public authority – what does this mean?

Please note that the supporting documents you include in your application will NOT be returned to you. For this reason, **please do not send us any originals** (degrees etc), except, of course, for the recommendation letters. All applications are only kept in our archives for one year. Please make photocopies of your degrees, marks, certificates etc. and have them stamped by the organisation that provided them to you in the first place. For example, the University secretariat should stamp your degree photocopy, the greek language center should stamp your greek language certificate and so on. Please also note that documents sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

16. What are my chances?

This programme is highly competitive – there are hundreds of worthy applications every year and the Foundation cannot satisfy them all. Statistics could provide an answer to your question: about one out of ten applicants gets the grant.

17. Are there any runner-ups?

No. If a grantee/scholarship recipient decides to give up the grant or scholarship, his/her position will not be offered to any other person.

18. I just found out about the Programme and I missed the deadline – can I still apply for a grant / scholarship?

If today is later than the 29th of February, 2012, it is, unfortunately, too late. No applications sent to the Foundation after the deadline will be accepted for examination.

19. I read the FAQs and ANSWERS but some things are still not clear for me.

Please contact the department of the Foreigners' Fellowships Programme directly, by e-mail (Mrs. F. Hadgiantoniou at fhadgiantoniou.ffp@onassis.gr or Mrs. M. Pagoni at mpagoni.ffp@onassis.gr) fax (0030 210 3713013) or telephone (+302103713000). We will be happy to help you and answer your questions. Please do not address your inquiries to **other institutions, such as Embassies, universities, etc since they are not fully aware of the conditions and prerequisites of the Programme.**