Tuition Fee and Scholarships

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The registration fee for the Master degree in Electoral Policy and Administration amounts at 10,000 EUR. While students are ultimately responsible for financing their graduate education, there are several sources of financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants and loans.

The Scuola Sant’Anna, International IDEA and UNITAR provide information on scholarships and funds from outside sources. Most awards are offered by charitable foundations, national or local governments, or professional associations and organizations. Because these awards are dependent on third parties, we encourage everyone to apply as soon as possible.

Scholarship Awards

The following external funds and scholarships provide support for post-graduate studies. These scholarships are distributed to students of exceptional ability and talent. To find out more about each award, click on the title of the scholarship to connect to the organization’s webpage.

**The Aga Khan Foundation**

The Aga Khan Foundation provides scholarships to outstanding students from developing countries who have no other means of financing their studies. Scholarships are awarded on a 50 percent grant/ 50 percent loan basis through a competitive application process once a year in June or July. The Foundation gives priority to requests for Master's level courses.

**Australian Federation of University Women (AFUW)**

Australian Federation of Graduate Women Inc (AFGW), its States and Territories and their Branches place the highest priority on providing financial assistance for women to undertake university studies. They offer a number of Fellowships, Grants and Bursaries. AFGW State and Territory Associations and some of their branches also award various scholarships, awards and prizes. Information about the various scholarships, awards and prizes offered by the individual State and Territory associations and branches can be obtained directly from individual Associations.

**Bank of Bermuda**

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The Bank of Bermuda Foundation offers a number of scholarships, all of which are awarded annually. Applications for these awards are invited each year.

**Canton de Genève**

Canton de Genève manages two private funds supporting postgraduate students who wish to undertake further professionalization. The Boninchi Foundation helps young people, including apprentices complete their training once obtained their professional degree. Candidates must be Swiss citizens and holders of federal certificate (CFC). The Tronchet Foundation encourages, promotes and supports the initial training and ongoing projects. Scholarships are awarded annually to a group, apprentice, student or professionals, by decision of the committee.

**The China Scholarship Council**

The China Scholarship Council (CSC) is a nonprofit institution with legal person status affiliated with the Ministry of Education. The objective of the CSC is to provide, in accordance with the law, statutes and relevant principles and policies of China, financial assistance to the Chinese citizens wishing to study abroad and to foreign citizens wishing to study in China in order to develop the educational, scientific and economic and trade cooperation between China and other countries.

**Colfuturo**

Colfuturo is a Colombian non-profit foundation that was established in 1991 with the support of the National Government and some of the most important companies of the private sector in the county at that time. Its main objective is to provide financial support and increase the possibilities of Colombian citizens to access high-quality postgraduate study programs.

**Foundation for Art Research Partnership and Education (ARPE)**

The Foundation for Art Research Partnership and Education (ARPE) supports education by giving scholarships to talented young people to complete their education at a university (Swiss or foreign). There is no criteria regarding nationality but beneficiaries must have a disadvantaged background. ARPE also provides grants to talented individuals in the fields of art, music, medicine, and political sciences.

**Fund for Development of Human Resources (FIDERH)**

The Fund for Development of Human Resources (FIDERH) is a federal trust managed by the Central Bank of Mexico which for over 40 years has been financing graduate studies.

**Giuseppe Kaiser-Stiftung**
The Giuseppe Kaiser-Stiftung Foundation provides financial awards for outstanding achievements in artistic, cultural or scientific fields, as well as scholarships for the education of vulnerable groups.

**The Inlaks Foundation Scholarships**

The Inlaks Foundation Scholarships are available for courses at European institutions. The scholarships cover tuition fees for the period granted. Tenure of other scholarships, teaching assistantships and part time jobs are permitted after permission from the Foundation.

**International Federation of University Women (IFUW)**

The fellowship and grants offered by IFUW and its national affiliates support the research, study and training needed to open doors to quality education for women and girls throughout the world.

**International Scholarship Programme**

InternationalScholarships.com is the premier internet resource listing for financial aid information for students wishing to study in a foreign country. At this site you will the most comprehensive listing of grants, scholarships, loan programs and other information to assist students in their pursuit to study abroad.

**Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JJ/WBGSP)**

The JJ/WBGSP program awards scholarships to individuals from World Bank member countries to undertake graduate studies at universities renowned for their development research and teaching. The World Bank expects the scholars to return to their home countries upon completion of their study programs and apply their enhanced knowledge and skills to accelerate the pace of economic and social development.

**The Mastercard Foundation, Scholarship Program**

The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program is a $500 million global initiative that enables young people – particularly from Africa – to lead change in their communities. The Scholars Program provides young people from economically disadvantaged communities who have demonstrated academic talent and leadership potential with access to quality and relevant education.

**The Narotam Sekhsaria Scholarship Program**

The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation under its Scholarship Programme awards interest-free loan scholarships to Indian students with a consistently good academic record. The scholarship amount (up to a maximum of Rs. 20 lakhs) is decided as per the assessment of the Foundation.

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The OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID)

Since its inception in 2007, the OFID Scholarship Award has supported the academic aspirations of 17 outstanding students from 16 developing countries. OFID scholars receive a one year, fully-funded scholarship to pursue a graduate degree in their chosen subject related to development.

The Open Society Foundations, Civil Society Leadership Awards

The Civil Society Leadership Awards (CSLA) provide fully funded master’s degree study to individuals who clearly demonstrate academic and professional excellence and a deep commitment to leading positive social change in their communities. CSLA directly assists future leaders in countries where civil society is challenged by a deficit of democratic practice in local governance and social development.

The Paras Education Foundation

The Paras Education Foundation (TPEF) is the premier provider of international student loan programs & finance options for education purposes worldwide. TPEF provides flexible / economical / affordable financial options. The foundation has counseled over 24,000 students realize their dream by providing them a bridge in the form of finance to get a great education.

Putera Sampoerna Foundation (PSF)

Since its founding in 2001, PSF has distributed more than 34,600 scholarships; organized training programs for more than 19,000 teachers and principals, adopted 23 schools and 5 Islamic schools.

The Rotary Foundation Grants

The Rotary Foundations offers grants that support a wide variety of projects, scholarships, and training that Rotarians are doing around the world. In order to be eligible for the grant, candidates must be nationals of any country in which there are Rotary clubs.

Swiss Benevolent Society

The Swiss Benevolent Society awards scholarships and grants on the basis of need and merit for education above the high school level. The applicant or one of his or her parents must be a Swiss national.

The Tan Kah Kee Foundation

The Tan Kah Kee Foundation provides postgraduate scholarships, namely, the Tan Ean Kiam Postgraduate Scholarship in the Humanities (TEKPS). The scholarship seeks to encourage Singapore citizens and permanent residents to pursue their Master or PhD degree in the field relation to the Humanities.

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UK Government, Professional and Career Development Loans

The UK government offers Professional and Career Development Loans to help assist British students pay for learning that will enhance their job skills or career prospects. Students are required to pay back the loan upon completion of their course.

The O'Reilly Foundation

The O'Reilly Foundation supports a programme of scholarships to provide world-class educational opportunities for young Irish scholars. The Foundation sponsors scholars to undertake post-graduate education in their chosen field and in an institution or university of their choice. O'Reilly Scholars are individuals who have an excellent academic record and have demonstrated leadership qualities, as well as the potential and desire to make a significant contribution to the future of Ireland.

United Nations Federal Credit Union (UNFCU)

UNFCU Foundation accepts grant applications in June of each year. All grant applicants will be notified of their grant request eligibility in September via email.

The Walter B. Kielholz Foundation

The Walter B. Kielholz Foundation aims to promote cultural activities in the field of visual arts and music, the promotion of education and training of young people, and the promotion of scientific research. The Foundation is mainly active in Switzerland.