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Press Release

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**THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
Is glad to announce the launching of  
THE COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME  
for the academic year 2007/2008:**

*In line with the objective of bringing the Turkish Cypriot community closer to the European Union (EU), scholarships will be awarded in order to offer additional educational opportunities to Turkish Cypriot students and teachers, raising their knowledge in a technical field and to offer the experience of carrying on studies in living in another EU Member State for a better understanding of the EU.*

**Scholarships to university students...**

The Community scholarships programme promotes student mobility. A Turkish Cypriot student involved in an undergraduate Turkish Cypriot curriculum will be able to study an academic year in another EU Member State's university or equivalent institution of higher education (no limitation to a specific field of studies/faculty).

**And scholarships to university and secondary school teachers...**

The Community scholarships programme also allows for teachers' specialisation. Turkish Cypriot university teachers, but also Turkish Cypriot secondary school teachers, will be able to follow a maximum one year curriculum in another EU Member State's university or equivalent institution of higher education, in order to get specialised or trained in some particular technical fields (no limitation to a specific field of studies/faculty). Such specialization/training will represent an added value to applicants' everyday teaching activities in Cyprus.

**Full information and application package...**

Up to 80 scholarships will be granted to students and up to 25 scholarships will be granted to teachers for the academic year 2007-2008.

The application package (Call for interests and all annexes) and all information related to the programme can be found on the following website: <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/cgi/frame12.pl> (choose "OTHER", tick on "open" and "grants", then "submit query" and look for "Cyprus" on the right part of the screen).

**The deadline to receive applications is 11 April 2007 at 17:00 hours (Brussels time).**