



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Directorate-General Enlargement

A.3 - Task Force Turkish Cypriot Community

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME

For the academic year 2008/2009
Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

I - Students and Graduates

Question 1. Does this scholarship programme offer opportunities for Masters degree?

Answer 1. Yes. 2008-2009 Scholarships will cover one academic year of a postgraduate degree at a University in another EU Member State. There is no limitation to specific fields or studies/faculty. However, priority will be given to certain areas such as **Macroeconomics, Agricultural economics, EC Law, Competition Law, European Studies, Statistics, Econometrics, Food Engineering, Environmental Engineering. Planning (urban and regional), Information Technology.**

Question 2. Are 4th year students eligible?

Answer 2. Yes. 4th year students may either apply for a year abroad within their undergraduate degree, or for postgraduate degrees.

Question 3. Are Masters/MBA students eligible?

Answer 3. Yes, Masters/MBA students may choose to continue their studies in another EU Member State University up to one academic year.

Question 4. Can this scholarship be used to definitely continue studies in another EU Member State via a transfer of university?

Answer 4. No. A scholarship is awarded for the duration of study in the EU Member State, up to one academic year maximum, and **cannot be extended or postponed. Grantees should return to northern part of Cyprus upon completion of their studies.**

Question 5. Will the accommodation and the air fare be covered by the grant awarded?

Answer 5. Yes. These grants are intended as a contribution towards covering the extra costs involved in studying abroad, that is to say **a lump sum allowance of € 15,000 to cover higher general costs of living in the host country and the travel expenses (economy class), as well as a contribution up to € 2000 for tuition fees.**

Question 6. Can the European Commission help in finding host universities or filling out the application forms?

Answer 6. No. However a list of universities that are currently aware of the programme has been provided by the Commission, please note that this list is not exhaustive and other Universities in Member States are also accepted. Contact points in Cypriot Universities and secondary schools can help applicants. Please contact the Rector's office or your school's administration to learn the name of the relevant contact point according to your case.

Question 7. Are Turkish citizens or foreign students studying in the northern part of Cyprus eligible?

Answer 7. No. This scholarship programme is for **the Turkish Cypriot community only**.

Question 8. Is it possible to apply to other scholarship programmes in parallel to the European Community Scholarships Programme?

Answer 8. It is possible to apply to other scholarship programmes in parallel to the European Community Scholarships Programme. However, if you are successful in more than one application **for the same academic year** and decide to be granted the European Community Scholarship, you should withdraw from the other scholarship(s) you are being granted. **The European Community Scholarships Programme is not a cumulative scholarship programme.**

Question 9. Must translations of transcripts be certified and stamped by notary?

Answer 9. No. There is no such need.

Question 10. Is it possible to send the application form via e-mail?

Answer 10. Yes. Application packages may be sent via email to elarg-scholarship@ec.europa.eu
Subject: European Community scholarships programme.

Please make sure to scan all supporting documents and attach them together with the signed and dated application form.

Question 11. What is a “conditional admission”?

Answer 11. A “conditional admission” is a proof, in the form of **Annex 1** to the Call for Interests, filled out by an EU Member State University¹, stating that the **applicant is admitted to a programme of studies under the Community Scholarships Programme 2008/2009**.

Question 12. Can I apply if I am currently in 1st year? What should I answer to the “Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of your last academic year” question in PART B of the application form?

Answer 12. Yes, you can. Please precise your **GPA for the first semester** and enclose the **first semester’s transcript** to support your candidacy. **If you are selected, you will have to prove you successfully completed your first year of study to be able to sign the EC grant contract.**

¹ Equivalent institutions for postgraduate studies will also be accepted.