

ONASSIS FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIPS'

REGULATION

2025

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The Onassis Foundation (hereinafter the “Foundation”) announces annually its program of scholarships for studies in various countries, fields and levels of study, depending on the strategic planning of the Foundation.
- The annual scholarship announcement (hereinafter the “Announcement”) stipulates the terms and conditions for awarding a scholarship and is posted on the Foundation’s official website and published in the Media.
- Scholarships are granted to full-time students studying on campus. If distance learning is preferred by the University due to force majeure or public health safety reasons, the Foundation will take into account the scholar’s real cost of studies and the amount of the scholarship may be adjusted accordingly to the monthly amount awarded to scholars who study at the place of permanent residence.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- The respective Announcement specifies all the supporting documents required for the submission of an application within the specific deadlines, according to each academic program being announced.
- Candidates may apply for one specialization or one academic field of study based on the respective Announcement, with the exception of interdisciplinary programs of study.
- An application cannot be accepted by the Foundation merely on the grounds that it is submitted.
- The Scholarship Department of the Foundation reviews all the submitted applications. All the eligible applications according to the scholarship Announcement proceed to the comparative evaluation and selection process.
- After the Announcement of the results, the successful candidates who have been granted a scholarship, cannot change their proposed program of study for which they were evaluated and granted a scholarship, except for reasons of force majeure that the Foundation assesses at its sole discretion. If the candidate fails to be unconditionally admitted in the program for which he/she has been assessed, requests for change of program of study are not accepted.
- The scholars of the Foundation who wish to pursue further studies (i.e. from Master’s Degree to Doctorate), always according to the valid Announcement, should submit a new application with all the supporting documents within the specific deadlines mentioned in the relevant Announcement.

EVALUATION PROCESS

- The Board of Directors of the Foundation selects and assigns the review and comparative assessment of all eligible applications to renowned University Professors, Academicians and Scientists, who serve as Academic Advisors. The evaluation criteria set by the Foundation are purely academic and are clearly stated in the relevant Announcement.
- The eligible applications, according to the terms and conditions of the relevant Announcement, are classified per specialization and level of studies and are thus assessed by the corresponding Academic Advisors, taking into consideration the relevant evaluation criteria specified in each Announcement.

- Candidates from all fields of study may be asked to participate in interviews (over the phone or online), at the potential request of the Academic Advisors.
- The Board of Directors of the Foundation awards the scholarships at its fullest discretion, taking into consideration the evaluation of the Academic Advisors and after considering all the parameters regarding the entirety of the eligible candidates. The Board of Directors has the right to reject any application, even if it is eligible. The Board of Directors does not have to justify its decision for rejecting or accepting an application.
- The candidates will be individually informed by email about the completion and the outcome of the selection process in July of each year. After the results are issued there is no provision for a re-evaluation process, and no appeals are accepted.
- Eligible candidates who are not awarded a scholarship can submit a new application with all supporting documents in the next academic year, assuming they still qualify according to the terms and conditions of the corresponding Announcement.

DURATION / LENGTH OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- The duration of each scholarship is calculated on a monthly basis. The date of commencement of studies is October 1st (with the exception of the U.S.A. and some other countries where the date of commencement is September 1st) of each academic year. The total length of the scholarship cannot exceed the period of studies, as it is outlined in the corresponding University's regulation.
- The maximum duration of scholarship is determined by the Board of Directors of the Foundation as follows:
 - 24 months** for graduate (master) studies in countries worldwide or 36 months, only in cases where it is required by the program of study, without any possibility of an extension.
 - 36 months** for doctoral studies with the possibility of a 12-month extension, provided that the scholar has shown excellent progress and has not exceeded the period of 4 years since the first enrolment to the program or provided that the program's minimum duration is more than 4 years.
- The duration of the scholarship for candidates who apply to complete their studies is based on the remaining time from the start of the academic year and the minimum study period required by the program.
- The scholarship grant can be suspended, at the scholar's request, for a period of a few months and up to one academic year, should there be serious justification. In case of further delay in commencing or continuing their studies, the Board of Directors can grant a new suspension only for very serious and unforeseeable circumstances. The scholar is obligated to submit official supporting documents that are issued by the competent University to justify his/her request for suspension as well as a signed certificate from the University that states the scholar's right to request a suspension, according to its regulations, the reasons and the period of the suspension.
- Suspensions cannot be granted in the case of scholars who have not been formally admitted to the program of study for which they applied or in case the University itself does not grant suspension of studies to the next academic year.
- The Foundation does not grant any other extensions of the approved scholarships, with the exception of the aforementioned extensions of doctoral studies.

- The supporting documents for the application of scholarship extensions include: a personal letter to the Onassis Foundation, a progress report from the supervisor, a recent registration certificate and academic transcripts (if applicable), a copy of the part of the Course Handbook which refers to the duration of the course, a detailed timetable for the completion of studies co-signed by the supervisor and a signed statement regarding the cost of study for the period of the extension.
- The Foundation has the right to decide at its fullest discretion upon the suspension or cancellation of the scholarship when imposed by serious reasons (scholar's progress, employment, behavior, ethics etc.)

TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

- The scholarship consist of a financial grant, as specified in the relevant Announcement.
- The scholarship commences once the scholar submits a valid registration certificate and signs the relevant Scholarship Agreement.
- During the summer months, the scholarship is paid in full, only to scholars who remain at their place of study, as part of their academic requirements or if they are absent for up to one month.
- Apart from the approved scholarship, the Foundation does not award grants for travel expenses, participation in conferences, purchase of books, PCs etc. The scholarship does not cover additional family costs (wife and/or children).
- The scholar is obliged to submit a signed statement to the Foundation mentioning any other grants, salary, stipend or compensation they might receive from the University, the School or any other source (scholarship, tuition waiver, stipend, salary, assistantship, internship, award etc.). The Foundation reserves the right to decide upon the continuation, reduction, suspension or cancellation of the scholarship, taking into consideration the needs of the scholar at the place of study.
- The Foundation may grant, by special approval, the amount of up to EUR 1,000 to scholars pursuing Doctoral studies to cover the printing expenses of their Thesis in a limited number of copies, according to the requirements of the relevant University regulation. Moreover, it may grant the amount of up to EUR 2,000 to scholars pursuing Doctoral studies to cover the expenses of publication of their thesis in a limited number of copies, only if it is a prerequisite in order to obtain the PhD title according to the University's Regulation. The scholar should submit an application after the completion of their studies and submit the relevant receipts.

SCHOLARS' OBLIGATIONS

- For the activation of the scholarship and the signature of the relevant contract with the Foundation, following completion of the selection process, the selected applicant should submit the final registration certificate in the program for which he/she is awarded the scholarship, a copy of his/her criminal record, and a copy of his/her personal bank account details at the place of studies.
- During the scholarship period, the scholar shall devote to their studies and uphold the obligations mentioned in this Regulation and in the Scholarship Agreement.
- The scholars should not take up any full-time employment for the duration of the scholarship, unless they are employed in the University or in the research center or research body and their employment is directly related to their studies and he/she has secured the consent of the supervisory Professor.

- If the scholar completes their studies before the end of the scholarship, they shall notify the Department of Scholarships timely and ask for the discontinuation of their scholarship. Otherwise, they shall return the amount of money paid after the completion of their studies. A scholar is considered to have completed their studies, when they successfully pass their viva examination for a PhD or Master Thesis or successfully pass all examinations and complete all requirements in order to obtain the title. The date of graduation is not considered as an official end of the studies. In any case upon such notification to the Department of Scholarships, the scholarship is terminated and any and all upcoming payments of scholarship amounts (even if such amounts have been preapproved) are cancelled.
- Scholars, who continue their studies even after the end of their scholarship, and their corresponding supervisors should keep sending progress reports every semester until the completion of their studies.
- Should a scholar fail to complete their studies or terminate their studies before graduating, they are obliged to directly and without interest, return the amount of money received during their scholarship. This obligation is waived only in cases of serious health problems or force majeure, which will be examined by the Board of Directors of the Foundation at its absolute discretion.
- Scholars shall notify the Department of Scholarships for any change of address, phone number, e-mail address or bank account details.
- Every semester, scholars shall electronically submit personal progress reports regarding the progress of their studies to the Department of Scholarships. The scholars shall also ensure that their supervisors electronically send progress reports directly to the Foundation. Failure to send the reports within the deadlines may result to suspension and/or cancellation of the scholarship, especially if the scholars fail to respond to relevant notifications from the Department of Scholarships.
- Scholars shall mention that they are recipients of the Foundation's scholarship in every publication (study, Thesis, article) or presentation to scientific magazines, conferences etc. . The content of the scholarship reference shall be agreed with the Foundation prior to the publication or presentation. Moreover, scholars have to send a copy of the publication or presentation via e-mail to the Department of Scholarships.
- Within three months after the completion of their studies, scholars are obliged to submit a photocopy of their diploma or an official certificate from the University stating that they have successfully completed their studies, final transcript and/or G.P.A. (if applicable) and a copy of their master or PhD thesis, where they shall mention their status as scholars of the Onassis Foundation.
- Scholars can enroll in the Scholars' Association of the Onassis Foundation after having successfully completed their studies and submitted all relevant documents to the Foundation.
- Scholars are invited to render their services and offer their knowledge for the benefit of their country of origin.
- Scholars are invited to voluntarily participate and assist in activities of the Onassis Foundation and the Onassis Foundation Scholars' Association, relative to their qualification, both during and after the end of their scholarship Agreement, if they wish to. Furthermore, scholars are invited to participate in promotional activities of the Foundation, with the purpose of highlighting the importance of scholarships within the educational framework.
- Scholars should also inform the Foundation in writing via e-mail regarding their academic pursuits and career for a period of at least five years after the completion of their studies.

PRIVACY NOTICE

- In the context of granting scholarships from the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation and the filling out and evaluation of the scholarship application, we, Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation with registered seat at Vaduz Liechtenstein (“Foundation”), as well as, ARIONA HELLAS S.A., a company established in Athens, at 2 Galaxia Str. and Evridamantos Str. acting as representative in Greece of the Foundation (“ARIONA”) (ARIONA and the Foundation referred to jointly also as “We”) will process as *joint data controllers* the personal data that the applicants disclose by the scholarship application and those that are described therein in accordance with the provisions of the applicable legislation for the protection of personal data (EU Regulation 679/2016, L. 4624/2019, L. 3471/2006 and any other applicable law).
- By filling out and submitting to us the application for granting of scholarship, the applicant acknowledges and accepts that we shall have the right to process the said data as described in this Scholarship Regulation.
- We collect only the personal data that is absolutely necessary for the purposes described in this Scholarship Regulation and the respective Announcement.
- Where the applicant/Scholar respectively provides to us, through the application or the performance of the scholarship contract, personal data of third parties (such as professors, co-researchers, parents etc), the applicant/Scholar represents and warrants that he/she has legally collected these data and is allowed to transfer them to us for the scope described herein and in general that he/she has performed all necessary actions for this transfer such as, indicatively, has duly informed the related persons for the purpose and the recipients of their information and has obtained their consent where required under law. Without prejudice to the previous paragraph, in case of disclosure by the applicant/scholar of third parties’ information for the purposes that are identified in this Scholarship Regulation, we maintain the right to process the said data for making contact with the related third party for the purposes of verification and implementation of the relevant processes in the context of submitting and assessing the application and/or the progress of the scholarship in accordance with this Scholarship Regulation.
- To the extent that the data provided in an application identify a child who wishes to participate in our scholarship program, we request from the start that the respective application and other necessary documentation is duly filled out, signed and submitted by the persons having the parental right and care. We emphasize that we rely on the applicant (or legal guardians in case of a child), who remains fully liable, for the accuracy of the data that he/she will provide through this process.
- We emphasize that for the submission of the scholarship application and/or the performance of the scholarship contract we do not ask for nor collect data of special categories (such as indicatively information/certificates regarding the applicant/scholar’s health respectively) that are related to the applicant/Scholar respectively. It is explicitly noted that only in the event that the applicant/Scholar respectively provides on his/her own will any information which is not explicitly required under this Scholarship Regulation and/or the relevant Announcement and especially concerning his/her health and/or that of his/her close relatives, will we collect and process these data in agreement with the applicant/Scholar respectively unless such processing is permitted by another legal basis, i.e. if the applicant/Scholar respectively voluntarily disclosed publicly such information. In this respect, we will erase from our records any supporting documentation that may be submitted by the applicant/scholar and may contain the above category of personal data.
- We will process the said Data of the applicant/Scholar respectively in order to be able to initially administer and evaluate the related scholarship application for the selection of the persons who shall

receive a scholarship by the Foundation. Following our approval of the application, we will process the related information in order to conclude and perform the related contract and documentation for the granting of the scholarship and also uphold the Foundation's internal policies and procedures. In addition, provided that the related application is approved and also that the applicant/Scholar explicitly selects it, we will be entitled to process certain data that are referred to in the application (name, surname, image, CV) for the promotion by us of the Scholarship Program and of the respective scholars.

- The applicant's/scholar's data will be processed by our relevant departments and staff who handle and evaluate such applications for the said purpose and as this is necessary for the selection of the Foundation's scholars and the performance of the respective scholarship contracts. In this context, we may assign, in accordance with the provisions of the law and for the purposes of the evaluation of the applications, the processing of some or all of the Data, necessary for such processing, to third parties partners (such as academic advisors, technical advisors, providers of software services and technological solutions) acting as "data processors" and bound by a duty of confidentiality and other obligations set out in contracts and/ or legal acts solely for the provision of services to us and not for their own account, unless the applicant/scholar grants them that right.
- If an application is not successful, we will delete any supporting documentation that we will have been provided with by the applicant within six months from the announcement of the results for the scholarships, unless we have the right to maintain such record e.g. due to the applicant's capacity as scholar or member of Onassis Scholars Association. We will record the basic contact and identification information of the applicant, as contained in the electronic copy, as well as the basic information concerning the administration of the application (time of submission, subject, professional data, relevant assessment, process and progress of application), along with the reasons of rejection, and after its completion for the time period necessary in order to fulfill our transparency obligations in relation to the selection procedures of the scholars and the exercise and defense of our legal rights against third parties, taking into account the requirements and the statutory limitation periods of the applicable legislation for the exercise of legal rights. To this effect, we will ensure that, depending on the case, appropriate measures are taken for the protection of the information that we will hold (such as encryption, pseudonymization, anonymization).
- If an application is successful, we will keep the said data and those that are required from the applicant/Scholar for the fulfillment of the purpose of granting the scholarship under the terms set by the Foundation and notified by virtue of this Scholarship Regulation in compliance with the applicable laws, as well as, the internal policies and procedures of ARIONA and of the Foundation. In this case, we will maintain the data of the Scholar for the whole duration of scholarship contract but also for the time that the Scholar is a member of the Foundation's Scholarship Association. The data will be maintained by us after lapse of the above periods in order to fulfill the archiving and historical purposes, taking into account the requirements of the said legislation and the statutory limitation periods for the exercise of legal rights. In each case that the above purposes require that we continue to maintain data that are deemed necessary, we will ensure that we apply appropriate technical and organizational measures (such as anonymization, pseudonymization) for their protection.
- We will maintain the applicant/scholar's contact details (email, telephone) in case he/she wishes to receive newsletters from us or if we have a legitimate interest for this purpose in order to send newsletters for our events and until that applicant/Scholar files an opt-out request. For avoidance of doubt, such opt-out request shall not apply in cases where the use of contact details is performed for the purpose of performing contractual obligations.

- The filling and submission to us of the scholarship application is necessary in order for the applicant/Scholar to declare his/her agreement to adhere (or that his/her child adheres, where it is applicable with relation to a scholarship program) to the terms set by the Foundation for the granting of a scholarship, as these terms are notified to you by this Scholarship Regulation and the relevant Announcement. Therefore, in case that the applicant/Scholar does not provide this information we will be unable to fulfill the purposes described in this Scholarship Regulation and the relevant Announcement and in law and thus we will reject the request for scholarship to the particular applicant.
- With regards to the aforementioned processing of data, the applicant/Scholar respectively is entitled to the rights that are attributed by law depending on the case and under the applicable legal terms and conditions and more specifically:
 - Right to information and access to the data concerning you that we may process;
 - Right to rectify any incomplete or inaccurate data that we maintain concerning the applicant/Scholar
 - Right to erasure of data which we have no longer a right to hold;
 - Right to object to processing of information that is based on our legitimate interests
 - Right to request restriction of processing;
 - Right to data portability to another controller;
 - Where the processing is based on the applicant's /Scholar's consent, he/she is entitled to withdraw his/her consent at any time. The withdrawal of previously given consent will have effect only for the future and any processing based on such consent will remain lawful until the time of its withdrawal. Each applicant/Scholar is hereby informed that the withdrawal or objection to the processing shall most possibly result to our inability to fulfill the purposes that are described herein. We will be able to process the data of the applicant/Scholar respectively even after his/her withdrawal of consent only insofar as this is permitted by law and especially in order to comply with any legal or constitutional obligation and/or exercise or defend any legal right.

If the applicant/Scholar respectively exercises any of these rights, we shall undertake all necessary measure to satisfy the relevant request within the time limits set by the law (one month that may be extended for another two months in case it is necessary due to the complexity or number of requests), by notifying the particular applicant/Scholar respectively in written of the satisfaction of the request or alternatively the reasons that prevent the exercise of such rights or satisfaction of such request.

We note that exercise of the above rights is subject to certain requirements and limitations set by law e.g. we may not be able to address a request if we don't receive identification details necessary to protect your data and confirm that it's you who makes a request, or delete information that we may be obligated to keep in order to comply with an obligation or to pursue our legitimate interest.

The applicant/Scholar may exercise such rights referring to the processing of personal data by sending a written request at the email address: gdpr@onassis.org .

In the event that the particular applicant/Scholar disagrees with our response or to the processing of his/her data by us, the said applicant/Scholar is entitled to address a request to the competent supervisory authority (Greek Data Protection Authority) by using the contact details www.dpa.gr | 1-3 Kifissias Ave., Athens 115 23 | +30 210 6475600 | Fax: +30 210 6475628 | complaints@dpa.gr

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