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THE ONASSIS FOUNDATION SCHOLARS
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1. General

For the academic year 2026-2027* the Foundation will award:

- **1 grant of up to 10,000 euros for a Ph.D thesis publication**
- **2 grants of up to 10,000 euros per year or 20,000 euros for 2 years for post-doc Research Projects** in Greece and/or other countries worldwide with a duration of 12 – 24 months, without any possibility of extension
- To Onassis Foundation scholars who meet the general and specific criteria for each type of grant.
- In selected research fields, provided that outstanding proposals are submitted**

**No grants are awarded retrospectively. Publications that have been published until 1/10/2026 are not financially covered and the same applies for the part of the research programs that may have taken place until the above date.*

*** Submitting an application to the Onassis Foundation does not imply acceptance of the application.*

2. Ph.D Thesis Publication: Fields of study and Specializations¹

HUMANITIES

- Philology²
- Computational Linguistics - Neurolinguistics
- Applied Philosophy - Applied Ethics
- Computational & Digital Archaeology - Archaeometry

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Special Education
- School Psychology - Counseling in Education
- Digital Technology in Education with an emphasis on the use of artificial intelligence in education
- Educational Leadership, Management & Policy
- Applied/Digital Sociology – Applied/Digital Anthropology
- Political Science & International Relations with an emphasis on studies concerning:
 - the Balkans, the Southeast Mediterranean, Middle East, North Africa Region and their respective geopolitical & economic relations
 - the impact in geopolitics and strategy of the digital, technological, economic, environmental and energy developments worldwide

- Public Policy & Administration
- Intellectual Property Rights Law
- Corporate Law, Competition Law with an emphasis on the Regulation of digital technologies
- Environmental Law
- Economics with an emphasis on the following specializations:
 - Economics of Technology, Innovation & Information
 - Bioeconomics, Circular Economy & Sustainable Development
 - Economics of Health
 - Economics of Energy
- Business Administration with an emphasis on:
 - Innovation & Use of Digital Technologies
 - Supply Chain Management
 - Shipping Management
 - Health Management
 - Management of Cultural & Creative Industries
 - Value Creation Models & Business Models in the Digital Creative Industries
 - Risk, Crisis & Disaster Management
- Media & Journalism Innovation

¹The selection of the field of study and specialization is based on the subject of publication

²With an emphasis on Cavafy Studies

2. Ph.D Thesis Publication: Fields of study and Specializations¹

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

- Civil Engineering with an emphasis on the following specializations:
 - Transport & Infrastructure
 - Environmental Engineering
 - Anti-Earthquake & Anti-Flood Technology & Disaster Management
- Mechanical Engineering with an emphasis on the following specializations:
 - Robotics, Automation Control & Artificial Intelligence
 - Industrial Management & Operations Research
- Chemical Engineering & Materials Science Engineering
- Architecture with an emphasis on the following specializations:
 - Urban Design
 - Bioclimatic Design
 - Digital & Parametric Design
 - Architectural Design
- Industrial Design & Product Design
- Electrical Engineering/Telecommunications with an emphasis on emerging network technologies, embedded systems and cloud computing
- Energy Engineering/Renewable Energy Sources
- Computer Science & Informatic with an emphasis on Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Data Analytics.

NATURAL & AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Agricultural Studies & Food Technology with an emphasis on the use of digital technologies
- Mathematics & Statistics

MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES

- Medicine – Pathological Sector
- Medicine – Clinical & Laboratory Sector
- Medicine – Surgical Sector
- Medicine – Psychiatry, Neurology Sector & Neurosciences
- Medical Biotechnology
- Pharmaceuticals/ Pharmacology/ Pharmacogenomics
- Nursing with an emphasis on Surgical, Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery Nursing and Emergency & Intensive Care Nursing

¹The selection of the field of study and specialization is based on the subject of publication

2. Ph.D. Thesis Publication: Terms and Conditions*

The Ph.D Thesis:

- must have been pursued with an Onassis Foundation scholarship
- must have been rated with a unanimous Distinction or received recognition in the academic community
- must have been obtained over the last five years (since 2020 onwards)
- must be ready for publication
- must have been accepted for publication by a reputable Publishing House with specific terms (time of publication, number of copies & budget)

**In case the grant is approved, the publication will bear the Onassis Logo in a prominent position to be agreed upon in advance with the Foundation.*

2. Ph.D Thesis Publication: Supporting documents

1. A passport size photo
2. Curriculum vitae (4 pages maximum) in Greek. It should contain:
 - a. Personal information
 - b. Studies completed
 - c. Scientific activity (publications in international journals with referees and reference to their impact index, conferences, participation in seminars)
 - d. Professional experience
 - e. Additional qualifications (foreign language skills, distinctions / awards, other skills, etc.)
3. Doctoral thesis copy & grade or dissertation judgment & other distinctions¹
4. Two recommendation letters signed by University Professors, who have a personal knowledge of the candidate's academic progress. The recommendation letters should be submitted electronically, **exclusively through the electronic platform of applications, by the signatories**, who will receive a relevant email provided that their contact details have been correctly registered by the applicants (name and surname of Professor/ academic email/ position).
5. A copy of the final text of the dissertation to be published
6. A copy of the agreement with the Publishing House to take over the publication of the Thesis stating the number of copies and the cost of publishing
7. Detailed budget according to the Publishing House's offer to justify the total expense in the currency of the country where the publication will take place
8. Publishing house information (publishing house profile, type of publishing, index of major editions) up to 2 pages
9. Personal Statement in which the candidate mentions whether he / she receives other funding for this publication and explains how the total expense will be covered if the funding of the Foundation is insufficient
10. Identity or passport copy

All supporting documents must be sent in .pdf format.

Verification is not required for the supporting documents. Translation is required for documents in any language, other than Greek & English.

¹In case that the University does not award a title with distinction or classification/review for the thesis, a relevant certificate or extract of the relevant Regulation is also required to be submitted.

3. Post-Doc Research: Fields of study and Specializations¹

- Research on the poet C.P. Cavafy and his work
- Special Education
- School Psychology & Counseling in Education
- Digital Technology in Education
- Educational Leadership, Management & Policy
- Political Science & International Relations with an emphasis on research concerning:
 - the Balkans, the Southeast Mediterranean, Middle East, North Africa Region and their respective geopolitical & economic relations
 - the impact in geopolitics and strategy of the digital, technological, economic, environmental and energy developments worldwide
- Economics of Technology, Innovation & Information| Economics of Energy| Bio-economics, Circular Economy & Sustainable Development| Economics of Health
- Business Administration regarding:
 - Innovation & Use of digital technologies
 - Supply Chain Management
 - Shipping Management
 - Health Management
 - Management of Cultural & Creative Industries
 - Value Creation Models & Business Models in the Digital Creative Industries
 - Risk, Crisis & Disaster Management
- Corporate Law, Competition Law with an emphasis on Regulation of Digital Technology & Digital Creative Industries
- Intellectual Property Law
- Environmental Law
- Urban – Bioclimatic – Digital & Parametric Design
- Industrial Design & Product Design
- Environmental Engineering & Technology & Disaster Management
- Chemical Engineering & Materials Science Engineering
- Energy Engineering/Renewable Energy Sources
- Big Data Analytics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Robotics & Automatic Control
- Emerging network technologies, embedded systems & cloud computing
- Molecular Biomedicine and Bio-innovation & Medical Biotechnology
- Pharmacology/ Pharmacogenomics
- Medicine – Pathological Sector
- Medicine – Clinical and Laboratory Sector
- Medicine – Surgical Sector
- Medicine – Psychiatry, Neurology Sector
- Transplantations

¹The selection of the field of study and specialization is based on the subject of the prospective research

3. Post-Doc Research: Terms and Conditions

- The candidate must have a Doctoral Degree with Distinction in an area relevant to the research
- The candidate should be the principal researcher/investigator and coordinator of the proposed research program
- The research should take place at an Academic or a Research Institution in Greece or abroad
- The content of the research proposal should not be a repetition of the doctoral thesis or other essay
- The research proposal should have the elements of innovation and social return
- Age limit: Year of birth **1976** onwards
- The candidate should not have received any Grant under this program during the last 5 years (since 2020 onwards)

Funding can cover procurement costs of instruments, materials & books, travel expenses, researcher compensation. The instruments, materials and books that may be purchased will remain in the facilities of the corresponding university after the program is completed.

3. Post-Doc Research: Supporting documents

1. A passport size photo
2. Curriculum vitae of the principal researcher & the co-researchers (4 pages maximum) in Greek. It should contain:
 - a. Personal information
 - b. Studies completed
 - c. Scientific activity (publications in international journals with referees and reference to their impact index, conferences, participation in seminars)
 - d. Professional experience
 - e. Additional qualifications (foreign language skills, distinctions / awards, other skills, etc.)
3. Doctoral thesis copy & grade or dissertation judgment & other distinctions¹
4. Two recommendation letters signed by University Professors, who have personal knowledge of the candidate's academic progress. The recommendation letters should be submitted electronically, **exclusively through the electronic platform of applications, by the signatories**, who will receive a relevant email provided that their contact details have been correctly registered by the applicants (name and surname of Professor/academic email/ position).
5. Signed Certificate of Acceptance of the research by the University or the Research Institution where the research will be conducted, mentioning the subject of the survey, the names of the principal researcher & the co-researchers, the start date and the expected date of completion of the survey. The candidate must necessarily be mentioned as the principal researcher & coordinator of the project. In case of a transnational research program requiring a move to another country, a relevant certification from the second institution is required with the exact length of stay in the other country.
6. Detailed research proposal with reference to: Objective, scope and innovation of the research, any need for additional research in the proposed thematic area, methodology, timetable, detailed description of the deliverables (up to 3,000 words)
7. Indicative bibliography on the proposed topic
8. Detailed budget to justify the total expenditure in the currency of the country of the survey
9. Signed Statement in which the candidate mentions whether he / she is receiving additional funding for this research and justifies how the total cost of research will be funded if the funding of the Foundation is insufficient
10. Copy of Identity card or passport

All supporting documents should be sent in .pdf format.

Verification is not required for the supporting documents. Translation is required for documents in any language, other than Greek & English.

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4. Application submission process

Step 1	<p>Read carefully the Scholarship call & Sign in / Sign up to the Onassis Directory Platform in order to access the initial stage of the application submission for:</p> <p>A. Thesis Publication B. Post-Doc Research</p>
Step 2	<p>Fill in the fields of the initial application stage & submit it. In case the result of the submission is successful, you can access the remaining fields of the online applications for the Thesis Publication or the Post-Doc Research.</p>
Step 3	<p>Fill in your name & surname in greek and latin characters and update the application draft. Preview the online application and required supporting documents for your timely preparation. You have the right to save your application as draft until its final submission and gradually upload the required supporting documents until the deadline of submission.</p>
Step 4	<p>Go to the "Letters of Recommendation" section of the application & fill in the details of the University Professors from whom you have requested recommendations in the relevant field of the online application, so that they can receive a message through the platform to send the letter of recommendation. The message is sent once you have registered and saved your name, filled in all the required information and selected "Send".</p>
Step 5	<p>Complete the online application by uploading all required supporting documents and submit the final application by 31.03.2026. When you submit your application, you will receive an automatic confirmation of successful submission.</p>
Step 6	<p>In May & June 2026, candidates may be invited to a telephone interview if clarifications are required</p>

INFORMATION / QUERIES:

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The candidate declares expressly and irrevocably that he/she accepts implicitly all the terms and conditions of the present Announcement and the relevant Application/ Solemn Declaration when he/she submits his/her application.

Applications that are not accompanied by the required supporting documents cannot be successfully submitted.

Applications that do not fulfill any of the conditions of the present Announcement cannot proceed in the evaluation process.

No change is accepted after the deadline for submitting applications & supporting documents (31.03.2026).

5. Evaluation Process

- The Applications that **fulfil** the terms and conditions of the Announcement and **are accompanied** by the relevant supporting documents **proceed to academic evaluation**
- **Academic Advisors** of the Onassis Foundation (University Professors from Greece and other countries worldwide, Academicians & specialized Scientists) assess at **their own discretion** the applications, which are classified by field and type of funding, by evaluating the candidates' academic & scientific progress as well as their chosen program for funding

- **Evaluation Criteria:**

PhD Thesis Publication:

- ✓ The theme of the dissertation, its innovation, its particular scientific interest and the social benefits associated with it
- ✓ The Academic progress of the candidate. During the evaluation process, priority is given to scholars who have made international publications during the course of the dissertation or after its successful completion.
- ✓ The letters of reference
- ✓ The reputation of the Publishing House

Post-doc Research:

- ✓ The innovation, feasibility and expected scientific and social contribution of the proposed research are particularly taken into account
- ✓ The feasibility of the research within the funding period is evaluated (maximum 24 months)
- ✓ The Academic progress of the candidate. During the evaluation process, priority is given to scholars who have made international publications during the course of the dissertation or after its successful completion.
- ✓ The letters of reference
- ✓ During the process of the evaluation priority will be given to candidates who have at least 2 years of working experience (after obtaining a doctorate) relevant to the proposed research

6. Selection Procedure and Results

- After the completion of the academic evaluation, the Board of Directors of the Foundation decides at their own discretion the award of funding, taking into consideration the evaluation of the Academic Advisors and after considering all the parameters regarding the entirety of the eligible candidates
- Candidates will be individually informed by email about the completion of the selection process in July 2026
- After the results announcement, the recipient of the fund does not have the right to modify either the Research program or the Thesis' content which was submitted for evaluation and approved for funding by the Foundation
- After the results' announcement, there is no provision for re-evaluation of the applications and appeals are not accepted
- The funding payment commences after the signing of the relevant contract with the Foundation (from 1/10/2026 onwards)
- The payment is made on the scholar's personal bank account
- Funding may be revoked by the Foundation's Board of Directors at any time, if the progress of research is unsatisfactory or the funding is used for purposes other than the approved ones
- The funding is revoked if it has not been activated within 4 months after its commencement (1/10/2026)
- The funding support of the Foundation must be referenced in every issue, publication or presentation and other material in printed or electronic form relating to the funded program

For the activation of the funding and the signing of the relevant contract with the Foundation, the scholar is required to send a copy of his/her criminal record.

7. Privacy Notice Regarding Personal Data Processing

- Within the context of granting scholarships from the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation and the filling out and evaluation of the present 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 you provide by this application and those that are described therein in accordance with the provisions of the applicable legislation for the protection of personal data.
- 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 herein.
- We collect only the personal data that is absolutely necessary for the purposes described herein.
- 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 Announcement, we maintain the right to process the said data for contacting 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 Announcement.
- 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 filled out properly, signed and submitted by the persons having parental rights. We note 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 present application and/or the performance of the scholarship contract we do not ask for or 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 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’s/Scholar’s respectively, unless such processing is permitted by another legal basis, i.e. if the applicant/Scholar respectively voluntarily disclosed 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 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 data in order to conclude and perform the related contract and documentation for the granting of the scholarship and to 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 Data, necessary for such processing, to third parties -partners (such as academic advisors, technical and/ or legal advisors, providers of software services and technological solutions). We will ensure that for each such assignment the related third parties, especially insofar as they act as “processors“ on our behalf, shall be bound by a duty of confidentiality and other obligations set out in contracts and/ or legal acts for the provision of services to us, unless you directly grant them any other right.
- If an application is not successful, we will delete any supporting documentation that we will have been provided with 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 keep the electronic application and the information contained therein, along with the reasons of rejection, after completion of the selection procedure, for as long as necessary in order to pursue our legitimate interests namely for transparency, implementation and monitoring purposes relating to the scholars selection procedure, for the issuance of any statistical information, or 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.

7. Privacy Notice Regarding Personal Data Processing

- 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 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 to fulfill the archiving and historical purposes regarding our scholarship activities, and/or contact the Scholar, to the extent applicable, considering the requirements of the said legislation and the statutory limitation periods for the exercise of legal rights. In each case where we need to retain information, again only that of importance, for the above purposes, we will ensure that we apply appropriate technical and organizational measures (such as rules of graded access, encryption etc) 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 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 regulation. Therefore, in case that the applicant/Scholar does not provide this information we will be unable to fulfill the purposes described herein 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 by sending a written request at the email address: gdpr@onassis.org to the attention of ARIONA and the Foundation.

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) which handles complaints in accordance with the instructions available on its website (www.dpa.gr).