

Calouste Gulbenkian Armenian Studies Scholarship

2018

Requirements, criteria and conditions

The Armenian Communities department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is committed to the enhancement of Armenian Studies globally. It is awarding up to six full scholarships (up to 50,000 USD), or a combination of full and partial scholarships, to research students admitted or already pursuing a Master or PhD degree or a Post Doc in internationally recognized universities. Focus on modern and contemporary Armenian subjects will be privileged. Note that «Armenian Studies» is understood in a broad sense and is not confined to Area Studies. It includes politics, sociology, cultural studies, archaeology, history and other disciplines within the social sciences and humanities.

This programme aims to promote Armenian Studies not only as a separate field of study, but its incorporation into wider disciplines, encouraging cross-fertilization. Special attention will be paid to encourage the study of current issues and problems faced by Armenia and the diaspora.

Requirements for eligibility

Candidates wishing to apply for a *Calouste Gulbenkian Armenian Studies Scholarship* must meet the following requirements:

- Be currently admitted or already pursuing a Master or PhD degree, or a Post Doc on subjects related to Armenians in an internationally recognized institution of higher education, in the academic year for which the scholarship is being applied for (the award cannot be deferred)
- Have a supervisor or an assigned committee (in cases of Post Doc, must have a letter attesting to institutional affiliation or similar in lieu of supervisor/committee)

If you do not meet these requirements then you are unlikely to be successful in your application.

Selection criteria

This process will be on a competitive basis and conducted by an independent evaluation committee composed of academics in the field of Armenian studies. Eligible candidates are selected for a scholarship on the basis of their academic excellence and promise in the proposed field as evidenced by:

- Academic *curriculum*
- Research proposal, including a timeframe
- Originality of the proposed research in the applicant's chosen field of study
- Publications in academic journals, if any, and prior recognition of academic excellence through earlier prizes and scholarships
- Letters of recommendation and achievement evaluations
- The subject matter of the research

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and the selection committee reserve the right to interview short listed candidates in person or by telephone/skype.

Conditions for maintaining the *Calouste Gulbenkian Armenian Studies Scholarship*

This scholarship is awarded for the period of one academic year. It may be renewed once in the case of Master degree and Post Doc, and renewed up to three times in the case of PhD degree (i.e. for a total of four years), should such a renewal be stipulated in the Fellowship Contract. Renewal of the scholarship from year to year is based on good progress as assessed by the candidate's supervisor and/or committee (in the case of Post Doc, by Head of Department), and validated by the Foundation's selection committee and/or Armenian Communities Department. Failing this requirement will lead to the cancellation of the scholarship.

The scholarship may be terminated for any breach of the terms of the agreement to be signed by both parties. In this case, the candidate shall reimburse the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation the amount received.

Application Documents

- A copy of the candidate's passport (main page with personal data)
- Attested copies of university certificates and grade-sheets (last academic year), with grades' clarification letter, translated into English, if originals are not in English or French (in case of Post Doc, copy of graduation certificate/diploma)
- 2 letters of recommendation from (i) a professor in the applicant's field and (ii) the supervisor (in case of Post Doc, a third letter is required from an expert in the field)
- A complete research proposal (max. 5 pages), with abstract, describing the research problem, the framework of the research, a description of the way in which the problem will be approached and the proposed research methodology, the scientific scope, a prospective time-line, as well as the theoretical and empiric sources used (in the case of Post Doc, publication plan or need for further research must be explained)
- A motivation letter (max. 1 page)
- A full *curriculum vitae* including list of academic publications (if any)
- Statement from the supervisor confirming the intention to supervise the candidate (in case of Post Doc, an invitation letter from the hosting institution)

Application

Applications must be filled out online at:

<https://gulbenkian.pt/en/grant/armenian-studies-scholarship/>

The application process for the 2018-2019 academic year will open on the **1st of March 2018** and the deadline for applications is the **15th May 2018** (midnight, London time). The final decisions will be published during the month of June 2018.

Questions and further information: carmenias@gulbenkian.pt