



Call for Applications to the 6th Round of the EU Young Cell Scheme, Post-Graduate EU Scholarship Programme 2009

The **European Commission Liaison Office (ECLO)** in Pristina and the **Agency for Coordination of Development and European Integration (ACDEI)** in the Prime Minister's Office of the Government of Kosovo, announce the opening of the 6th Rounds of applications to the Young Cell Scheme, the EU post-graduate scholarships programme for Kosovo, which is currently being implemented by SOFRECO SA. Applications are open from 13th February and until 30th March 2009 and successful applicants will be offered the opportunity to apply to a choice of universities within EU Member States selected by the ACDEI and the Project. The Scholarship Programme, **whose working language is only English**, will offer up to 50 full grants (the actual number of grants awarded may also be less depending on suitability of candidates and availability of funding) to study in a Master's programme at Universities within EU Member States. Students will be required to specialise in one of the following fields:

- ◇ Law (General EU law and linguist lawyers) – up to 15 scholarships available
- ◇ Public Finance – up to 3 scholarships available
- ◇ Public Property Management – up to 4 scholarships available
- ◇ Intellectual, Commercial, Industrial Rights – up to 4 scholarships available
- ◇ Labour and Social Policies – up to 4 scholarships available
- ◇ Transport and Telecommunications – up to 4 scholarships available
- ◇ Regional Economic Cooperation, EU Internal Market – up to 4 scholarships available
- ◇ Development Studies – up to 5 scholarships available
- ◇ Veterinary and Phitosanitary – up to 4 scholarships available
- ◇ Geology/Mining – up to 3 scholarships available

Eligible applicants are:

- ◇ UNMIK-Identity Card and/or Travel Document holders or those who provide proof of residency in Kosovo or Kosovo passport holders.
- ◇ University graduates in one of the above-mentioned areas of study. Undergraduate students are also eligible provided that they obtain their degree no later than **30th April 2009**.
- ◇ Fluent in English and Albanian or Serbian. Knowledge of other EU languages will be considered an asset.
- ◇ Available to travel from September 2009
- ◇ Born on 31 March 1969 or later.

Scholarships will cover the following costs for up to **50 grantees**:

- ◇ tuition fees
- ◇ living allowances
- ◇ visa costs
- ◇ health insurance
- ◇ flight tickets
- ◇ IELTS English test

Selected participants will commit to:

- ◇ Work for the Government of Kosovo (or Public Universities or other agreed bodies) as an intern for at least 2 months before departure
- ◇ Attend and complete their chosen post-graduate studies,
- ◇ Complete 3 years employment in the Public Administration of Kosovo upon return (or in Public Universities or other agreed bodies where applicable).

Selections will be carried out in 3 stages and include:

- ◇ Selection of CV and Motivation Letters
- ◇ Written test of English language and general EU knowledge
- ◇ Interviews by a panel of European academics, EC and ACDEI representatives.

Women and representatives of minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Application forms and the full set of accompanying documents is available for download on internet, at the following website: www.ycs2009.eu until Monday 30th March 2009. Additional information on the **Scholarship rules and selections criteria are available online and must be read** and understood before submitting an application.

Applicants must complete in **English** the **YCS Application Form**, the **Euro pass CV format** and a signed and dated **Letter of Motivation** explaining why they wish to take part in the scheme. **Copies of diplomas or degrees** and the **UNMIK travel document and/or UNMIK- Identity Card or other proof of residency in Kosovo or Kosovo passport** need to be attached. In case of undergraduate applicants, **copy of transcripts with the exams** and a **self-declaration regarding the expected date of graduation must also be enclosed** to the application. Make sure to include a **VALID e-mail address and phone number** in the **YCS Application Form** and in the **Europass CV** of your application.

The **Euro pass CV format** and the **YCS Application Form** can be downloaded from www.ycs2009.eu by registering on the website.

NB: Incomplete applications and applications including CVs not in the Europass format will not be reviewed!

Application deadline: 16:45 on Monday, 30th March 2009

Deliver. **Monday to Friday, 10:00-16:45**, in person and in a sealed envelope addressed to: **EU YCS Scholarship Scheme, SOFRECO SA, Room B-11, Str. Muje Krasniqi p.n. Building of Kosovo Institute for Public Administration (KIPA),**

10000 Pristina, Kosovo

APPLICATIONS BY EMAIL ARE NOT VALID

Please do not make direct inquiries regarding your application.

Applicants who have not been contacted by 6th of April 2009 have not been short-listed.

For further information you can consult www.ycs2009.eu

Disclaimer: The implementation of this scholarship program is subject to availability of EU funding managed by the European Commission Liaison Office in Kosovo

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