



## Pre-notice of the Call for Applications to the 9<sup>th</sup> Round of the EU Young Cell Scheme, Post-Graduate EU Scholarship Programme 2012

*NB: This is a pre-notice informing about the forthcoming opening of the actual call for applications. No action is required at the present moment from potential applicants.*

The **European Commission Liaison Office** to Kosovo and the **Ministry for European Integration**, announce the forthcoming opening of the 9<sup>th</sup> Round of applications to the Young Cell Scheme, the EU post-graduate scholarships programme for Kosovo, which is currently implemented by the British Council. Applications will be open from **13 January 2012** and until **28 February 2012** and successful applicants will be offered the opportunity to study in a Master's programme at Universities in the EU Member States. The Scholarship Programme, **whose working language is only English**, will offer up to 25 full grants (the actual number of grants awarded may also be less depending on suitability of candidates and availability of funding). This call is open to graduates in law, economics, business management, political sciences, social sciences and other academic backgrounds (as specified in the Rules of Procedures to be published on 13 January 2012) in line with the following sectors of specialisation:

- ◇ **EU Law**
- ◇ **European Affairs and Public Policy**
- ◇ **Economics and Public Finance**

Eligible applicants are:

- ◇ Valid UNMIK-Identity Card and/or Travel Document holders or those who provide proofs of birth and of residency in Kosovo or Kosovo passport holders or holders of ID cards issued by Kosovo Authorities.
- ◇ University graduates in one of the above-mentioned areas of study. Undergraduate students may also be eligible, **provided that they obtain their degree no later than 30 June 2012**
- ◇ Fluent in English and Albanian or Serbian. Knowledge of other EU languages will be considered an asset.
- ◇ Available to travel and to move abroad from September 2012, and to undertake intensive training from mid-April 2012
- ◇ Born on **29 February 1972** or later.

Scholarships will cover the following costs for up to **25 grantees**:

- ◇ tuition fees
- ◇ living allowances
- ◇ visa costs
- ◇ health insurance
- ◇ flight tickets
- ◇ IELTS English test (and GMAT test where necessary)

Selected participants will commit to:

- ◇ Work for the Kosovo Public Administration as an intern for at least 2 months before departure
- ◇ Follow the YCS language training programme (where needed)
- ◇ Attend and complete their chosen post-graduate studies,
- ◇ Complete 3 consecutive years of employment in the Public Administration of Kosovo (including employment in municipalities and local government) upon return (conditions of work will be set in the contract which the candidates will sign before departure).

Selections will be carried out in 3 stages and include:

- ◇ Pre-Selection on administrative and eligibility criteria
- ◇ Written tests (English knowledge, EU General Knowledge and Verbal & Numerical Reasoning)
- ◇ Interviews by a panel composed of European academics, EC and MEI representatives.

Women and representatives of minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Application forms and the full set of accompanying documents will be available for download on internet, at the following website: [www.ycskosovo.eu](http://www.ycskosovo.eu) starting from **13 January 2012**. Additional information on the Scheme's Rules, Procedures and Selections Criteria will also be available online from the same date. **This is only a pre-notice of the opening for the call of applications to inform potential applicants of the forthcoming opening of the call itself. Applications are not yet open.**

For further information [www.ycskosovo.eu](http://www.ycskosovo.eu)

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