



Call for Applications to the 9th Round of the EU Young Cell Scheme, Post-Graduate EU Scholarship Programme 2012

The **European Commission Liaison Office** to Kosovo and the **Ministry for European Integration**, announce the opening of the 9th 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 are open from **Friday 13th January** and until **Tuesday 28th 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 by the Rules of Procedures available on www.ycskosovo.eu) in line with the following sectors of specialisation:

- ◇ 1) **EU Law** – up to 12 scholarships available
- ◇ 2) **European Affairs and Public Policy** – up to 8 scholarships available
- ◇ 3) **Economics and Public Finance** - up to 5 scholarships available

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 30th June 2012**
- ◇ Fluent in English and Albanian or Serbian. Knowledge of other EU languages will be considered an asset.
- ◇ Available to travel and move abroad from September 2012
- ◇ Born on **29th 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 Public Administration of Kosovo 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.

Selections will be carried out in 3 stages and include:

- ◇ Pre-Selection on administrative and eligibility criteria
- ◇ Written tests (English knowledge, EU General Knowledge, 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 are available for download on internet, at the following website: www.ycskosovo.eu until 27th February 2012. Additional information on the **Scholarship rules and selections criteria and procedures are available online and must be read and understood** before submitting an application.

Applicants must complete in **English** the **YCS Application Form**, the **Europass CV format** and they must accompany the application with a signed and dated **Letter of Motivation** explaining why they wish to take part in the scheme. All applicants must also enclose with their application **copies** of **diplomas or degrees** and **original (or certified copies of) transcripts** and copies of **UNMIK travel document and/or UNMIK- Identity Card or other proofs of birth and of residency in Kosovo or Kosovo passport**. In case of **undergraduate applicants**, they must enclose with their applications up to date **original (or certified copy of) transcripts with the exams** and a **self-declaration regarding the expected date of graduation**. 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. **Communications to applicants will be sent only through emails.**

The **Europass CV format** and the **YCS Application Form** can be downloaded from www.ycskosovo.eu by registering on the website (under the page "Call for Application 2012 – Round IX").

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

Applications deadline: 16:45 on Tuesday 28th February 2012

Deliver application, **Monday to Friday, 10:00-16:45**, in person and in a sealed envelope addressed to: **EU YCS Scholarship Scheme,**
Rund IX Applications, 1st floor, Room no. 108, Str. Mother Teresa p.n. New Government Building, 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 5th March 2012 have not been short-listed.

For further information you can consult www.ycskosovo.eu or write at info@ycskosovo.eu

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