

The Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme

Overview

Launched in 2007, the programme aims to cultivate the leaders of tomorrow primarily from Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Russia, the Middle East and North Africa. It provides outstanding university graduates and young professionals with:

- The opportunity to pursue graduate studies at the University of Oxford
- Scholars also participate in a comprehensive programme of leadership-skills development, long-term mentoring and networking (including communication skills courses, pro-bono projects and involvement in a high-level speaker and seminar series)

The programme is managed by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD), a London-based policy organisation; for contact details, see below. The scholarship is tenable only at the University of Oxford.

Nationality

Eligible candidates must have an undergraduate degree and be a national of one of the following countries:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, FYR Macedonia, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Mongolia, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Authority, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States, Uzbekistan, Western Sahara, Yemen

Other criteria

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they aspire through their professional work to contribute to the public good in their country or region, or on a global basis. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a connection between their subject of study and their longer-term career objectives.

This scholarship may not be held in conjunction with any other awards.

Level of study

Graduate full-time students

Subject

All subjects

Duration

Full course duration

Type of student

Students starting a new course. Students currently at Oxford are not eligible to apply unless they are already a Weidenfeld Scholar.

Value

All university and college fees plus a full grant for living costs (£13,500 in 2009/10)

Number

Approximately 25-30 (of whom 4 will be US candidates)

Application procedure

Apply at the same time as you apply to Oxford by ticking the Weidenfeld Scholarship box in the University of Oxford Scholarships section of the graduate application form.

You must also complete and upload together with your graduate application form a Weidenfeld Scholarship Questionnaire. These can be downloaded from this webpage (see 'Downloads' section).

Failure to apply in full by the deadline will mean that you will not be considered for the scholarship, even if you have selected 'Weidenfeld' on the Graduate Application Form.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an expenses-paid interview weekend in Oxford in late April 2010.

Downloads

[Weidenfeld Scholarship Questionnaire for entry to Oxford in 2010/11](#)

Closing date

Application Deadline 2 (8 January 2010 for Medical Sciences and Philosophy students; 22 January 2010 for all other subjects)

Results

We will post a notice on this website when the results of the scholarship are known.

We regret that, due to the volume of applications received, we are unable to contact unsuccessful applicants individually or provide feedback on their interviews or applications.

Successful candidates will be notified of the outcome of their application in May 2010. A notice will appear on this webpage when final decisions have been. If you have not heard from us by the time this notice is posted, your application has been unsuccessful.

Other information

The 2008/09 cohort includes 30 scholars from 22 countries.

The Weidenfeld Leadership Programme includes a Leadership and Public Policy off-site retreat with seminars and workshops on political philosophy and leadership development; a Speakers' Series at Oxford organised by the scholars focusing on relevant issues; a European Study Tour; engagement in the Institute's projects and conferences; communications courses; and long-term mentoring.

About the donor

The Institute for Strategic Dialogue is a London-based policy organisation working with leaders in business, politics, and the media to bridge international and inter-communal divides and to enhance Europe's capacity to act coherently in the global arena. The ISD runs a series of policy projects which address long-term social and political challenges and foster Europe's relations both with its near neighbours, and with Russia, the US and the Middle East. (Website: www.strategicdialogue.org).