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## DECISION

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concerned in Greece

(through the MFA)

**SUBJECT: Scholarships granted by the Greek Government to foreign nationals for academic year 2013-2014 and for Greek language and civilization summer seminar 2013**

Having regard to:

A. The provisions ratifying the cultural agreements between Greece and the below mentioned countries:

1. Azerbaijan Law 2712/99 (Government Gazette A' 84)
2. Armenia Law 2504/97 (Government Gazette A' 117)
3. Belgium Legislative Decree 3569/56 (Government Gazette A' 223)
4. Bulgaria Law 474/76 (Government Gazette A' 306)
5. Estonia Law 2988/02 (Government Gazette A' 28)
6. Israel Law 2267/94 (Government Gazette A' 227)
7. China Law 931/79 (Government Gazette 148 Fascicule A'/79)
8. Croatia Law 2493/97 (Government Gazette A' 84)

9. Cyprus Joint Ministerial Decision F.0544/AS 510/M 5719 (Government Gazette A 301/13.12.2005)
10. Latvia Law 2930/01 (Government Gazette A' 143)
11. Mexico Law 1492/84 (Government Gazette A' 177)
12. South Korea Legislative Decree 502/70 (Government Gazette 26 Fascicule A'/70)
13. Norway Law 1018/80 (Government Gazette A' 36)
14. Hungary Law 898/79 (Government Gazette A' 93)
15. Ukraine Law 2751/99 (Government Gazette A' 244)
16. Poland Law 594/77 (Government Gazette A' 101)
17. Romania Law 2500/97 (Government Gazette A' 101)
18. Serbia Legislative Decree 4003/59 (Government Gazette A' 235)
19. Slovakia Law 557/77 (Government Gazette A' 76)
20. Slovenia Law 2365/95 (Government Gazette A' 255)
21. Turkey Law 2929/2001 (Government Gazette A' 142)
22. Czech Republic Law 557/77 (Government Gazette A' 76)

B. The cultural executive programs that were signed between Greece and the above mentioned countries.

C. The Act of the Ministerial Council no. 211/66 "regarding implementation against the state budget of ministerial decisions concerning cultural exchanges in application of the signed official programs".

D. Presidential Decree 321/31.12.99 (Government Gazette 306 A') concerning the By-Laws of the State Scholarship Foundation.

E. Articles 1, 24 and 25 of the Legislative Decree 402/74 (Government Gazette A' 141) "regarding the ratification of the Convention of Vienna dated 23.5.69".

### **We Decide**

We announce the scholarships granted by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Culture and Sports to foreign citizens, who wish to attend undergraduate or postgraduate studies in our country's Universities or a research in our country's Universities or Research Centres for the academic year 2013-2014, as

well as a summer seminar of Greek Language and Civilization for the summer of 2013 as follows:

A. Granted scholarships per country

1. AZERBAIJAN	Two (2) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization
2. ARMENIA	Two (2) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization
3. BELGIUM (a) : Flemish community (b) : French community	Two (2) scholarships of a duration of ten (10) months each for postgraduate studies. One of these scholarships shall be granted for studies in the Greek language and civilization  One (1) scholarship for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization
4. BULGARIA	a) One (1) one scholarship of a duration of 12 months for a full course of undergraduate or postgraduate studies provided that scholars already studying complete their studies b) One (1) scholarship for specialization studies or research of a duration of 10 months c) Two (2) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization
5. ESTONIA	a) One (1) scholarship of a maximum duration of 10 months for postgraduate studies or research b) Two (2) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization  <b>Such scholarships are exclusively intended for 'active' professors, researchers and students.</b> Candidates must therefore fall within one of these categories when filing their applications as well as on the date of commencement of the respective programme of studies
6. ISRAEL	a) Two (2) scholarships of a maximum duration of ten (10) months each for postgraduate studies or research b) Two (2) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization
7. CHINA	a) Three (3) scholarships of a duration of 10 months each for

	<p>postgraduate studies or research</p> <p>b) Four (4) scholarships of a duration of 10 months each for learning Greek</p> <p>c) Four (4) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization</p>
<b>8. CROATIA</b>	<p>a) Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or up to ten (10) months for research</p> <p>b) Two (2) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization</p>
<b>9. CYPRUS</b>	<p>a) Two (2) scholarships of a maximum duration of ten (10) months each for postgraduate studies or research. This number includes both the new scholarship and the renewal of an old scholarship with priority being given to the second one</p> <p>b) One (1) scholarship of a maximum duration of ten months for postgraduate studies intended for a permanent teacher in primary education</p> <p>c) One (1) scholarship of a maximum duration of ten months for postgraduate studies intended for a permanent teacher in secondary education</p>
<b>10. LATVIA</b>	<p>a) One (1) scholarship of a duration of ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research</p> <p>b) One (1) scholarship for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization</p>
<b>11. MEXICO</b>	<p>a) Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or research. The duration of each scholarship may vary from five (5) to ten (10) months</p> <p>b) Two (2) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization</p>
<b>12. NORWAY</b>	<p>a) One (1) scholarship of a maximum duration of ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research</p> <p>b) One (1) scholarship for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization</p>
<b>13. SOUTH KOREA</b>	<p>a) One (1) scholarship of a duration of ten (10) months for postgraduate</p>

	studies or research
<b>14. HUNGARY</b>	<p>a) One (1) scholarship of a duration of ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research</p> <p>b) Three (3) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization</p>
<b>15. UKRAINE</b>	One (1) scholarship for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization
<b>16. POLAND</b>	<p>a) Twenty (20) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or research. The duration of each scholarship may be up to ten (10) months</p> <p>b) Two (2) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization</p>
<b>17. ROMANIA</b>	<p>a) Three (3) new scholarships for a full course of undergraduate studies of a duration of twelve (12) months each. This number includes both the new scholarship and the renewal of an old scholarship with priority being given to the second one</p> <p>b) One (1) scholarship of a duration of ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research</p>
<b>18. SERBIA</b>	<p>a) Twenty (20) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or research to be accordingly allocated to the candidates. The minimum duration of the scholarship may be five (5) months and the maximum duration ten (10) months</p> <p>b) Five (5) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization</p>
<b>19. SLOVAKIA</b>	<p>a) Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or research. The duration of each scholarship may vary from five (5) to ten (10) months</p> <p>b) Two (2) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization</p>
<b>20. SLOVENIA</b>	<p>a) One (1) scholarship of a maximum duration of ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research</p> <p>It is noted that the scholarships are granted to postgraduate or PhD students who are already enrolled in a Slovenian university and wish to undertake part of their studies in Greece in agreement with both the</p>

	<p>university where such students perform their studies and the Greek university of their choice</p> <p>b) One (1) scholarship for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization</p>
<b>21. TURKEY</b>	<p>a) Two (2) scholarships for research of a maximum duration of ten (10) months each. At least one of these scholarships shall be granted to a graduate of the Department of Classical Studies of the Istanbul University</p> <p>b) Seven (7) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization</p>
<b>22. CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	<p>a) Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or research. The duration of each scholarship may vary from five (5) to ten (10) months</p> <p>b) Two (2) scholarships for attending a summer seminar in Greek Language and Civilization</p>

**B. Financial allowances to undergraduate and postgraduate scholars**

a) Monthly allowance:

- 400€, for scholarship holders carrying out undergraduate studies and
- 450€, for scholarship holders carrying out postgraduate studies or research.

b) One-off allowance for settlement expenses:

- 500€, for those who shall settle in Athens and
- 550€, for those who shall settle in the province.

**The scholarship holders whose scholarship is being renewed are not entitled to this amount.**

c) One-off amount of 150€ annually for covering transportation expenses within the country for postgraduate students or researchers who are obliged to move from their place of residence, in order to carry out the **research program** approved by our Office and as long as there is a justified proposal by their supervisor.

d) Exemption from tuition fees only for undergraduate studies.

**e) It is clarified that scholarship holders for postgraduate studies or research who wish to follow the Greek language courses as well, shall not be exempted from tuition fees. Additionally, they should select the postgraduate programs**

offered without tuition fees from the list they will find at [www.minedu.gov.gr](http://www.minedu.gov.gr) under the indication "State Budget". In case their choice is not included in the free programs they should cover tuition fees on their own.

f) Free medical treatment in case of an emergency, only in Public Hospitals.

### C. Scholarship Terms

#### 1. In General

Interested persons should address the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Ministry of Education of their country of origin which are competent for collecting the applications of candidates for Bilateral Cultural Agreements, selecting the proposed candidates and forwarding the files to our Office.

The proposals made by each country's competent authorities, along with the files of the proposed candidates should arrive to our Office no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> 2013. However, it is noted that each country shall determine by itself the closing dates for application submission which do not coincide to the final closing date of file consignment to Greece and interested persons should address the services of their own country. All available information regarding the initial submission service abroad can be found to the Ministry's website under scholarships to foreign nationals within the framework of Bilateral Educational Programs.

Our Office shall notify the competent authorities with the scholarship approval decision for the proposed persons no later than **May 31<sup>st</sup> 2013 for summer seminars and no later than June 30<sup>st</sup> 2013 for undergraduate and postgraduate studies** (on the condition that candidates' files are complete).

Scholarship holders who have been accepted should immediately upon their arrival in Greece present themselves to our Office in order for their scholarship to commence, and- if they reside in the province- they should inform about their arrival, their address and their telephone number in Greece. **Additionally, they should contact our Office either by phone or by e-mail ([foitmer.yp@minedu.gov.gr](mailto:foitmer.yp@minedu.gov.gr)) at least one (1) month prior to their arrival and inform about the specific date of their arrival.**

We stress that allowance payment starts from the day that scholarship holders present themselves to our Office and not retrospectively.

Our Office has every right to interrupt a scholarship or not to renew it in case its terms are not met.

It is not permitted to grant a scholarship to two brothers at the same time and to candidates receiving a scholarship from another public Greek agency or/and from the European Union.

Candidates who have already received a scholarship from the Greek Government within the framework of Bilateral Educational Programs are not entitled to apply for a new scholarship.

### Age limit

- a) As regards undergraduate studies, all candidates should be born after **1.1.1987**.
- b) As regards postgraduate studies or research or summer seminar, candidates should be born after **1.1.1972**.

## 2. Scholarship terms for postgraduate studies and research

These scholarships are intended for graduates of Higher Education Institutions who wish to attend postgraduate studies or research in Public Greek Universities or Greek Research Centres.

Scholarship holders can use the scholarship only for the period of the specific academic year for which the scholarship is granted.

The above scholarships cannot be renewed for a period longer than one (1) year for the same scholar, for postgraduate studies, and for a period longer than two (2) years for the award of a PhD diploma.

A scholarship is renewed upon application of the interested person to his/her country, which is competent to propose the renewal for the above mentioned scholarship holder to our Office in due time. A renewal application should be submitted to our Office by the interested person as well.

Each scholarship holder is obliged, throughout the scholarship program, to be in Greece and be exclusively devoted to carrying out the program of studies submitted by him/her and approved by our Office.

After the end of the scholarship, each scholarship holder must submit to our Office a detailed report about the studies or research he/she realized, as well as a certificate by his/her supervisor about the research.

Candidates for **postgraduate** studies in Greece should

- *in any case know the Greek language (unless the postgraduate program is taught in English) and be accepted to a postgraduate studies program*



Candidates for **research** should know Greek or English or French to a sufficient level. The term "research" includes preparation of a doctorate or post doctorate thesis, as well as any other form of scientific research **except** medical specialization. It is necessary to consult the supervising professor as regards the working language.

### **3. Scholarship terms for undergraduate studies**

For scholarship holders who are about to follow a full course of undergraduate studies in Greece, a scholarship is initially granted for one (1) academic year in order for them to follow Greek language courses (if they do not have a language certificate). In case they fail in the language exams, scholarship is interrupted. In case they succeed, a scholarship is granted for a full course of undergraduate studies and shall be renewed every year.

Each scholarship holder is obliged, throughout the scholarship program, to be in Greece and be exclusively devoted to carrying out the program of studies submitted by him/her and approved by our Office. Absence is justified for two (2) consecutive months (during summer) and in case the scholarship holder is absent for more than 2 months, then he/she should inform our Office.

During the first year of his/her staying in Greece, the scholarship holder is admitted to a Department of a Higher Education Institution according to the preference list he/she has submitted in his/her scholarship application (see *(a) supporting documents for undergraduate studies*). The application is equivalent to a solemn declaration. **Any change of Department is allowed** upon application of the scholarship holder only during the 1<sup>st</sup> year of Greek language learning.

**It is emphasized that after the first year of successful attendance of Greek language courses, the scholarship holder shall submit in person the necessary supporting documents for his/her enrolment in the department of his/her choice; therefore, he/she should have under his/her possession certified copies of all original and translated supporting documents which he/she shall submit to our Office.**

A scholarship for undergraduate studies shall be granted for a period of time equal to the one required according to the program of studies of the school of attendance. The scholarship holder may apply for an extension of his/her scholarship for one more year beyond the abovementioned period. This application is filed

annually from May till the end of June directly to our Office, which decides for the approval or dismissal of the application for renewal.

Our office grants the scholarship until the month of oath taking in case the scholar completes his/her studies in time during the compulsory duration of studies. If the student goes over the compulsory years, the scholarship shall be granted only until the date of completion of his/her obligations and not until the oath taking.

Each scholar student is obliged to file to our Office, after the end of each exam period, a detailed certificate of studies ("transcript of records") certifying that the student has passed a sufficient number of courses, in accordance with the program of studies of the department that he/she attends. In case of non-satisfactory progress his/her scholarship shall not be renewed. More particularly, as satisfactory performance is meant the successful examination in at least 70% of the compulsory or elective subjects required by the curriculum of Studies of the Department or Faculty of Attendance. The scholar student is obliged to participate in all exam periods of his/her faculty when he/she has subjects to pass.

#### 4) Scholarships for summer seminars in Language and Civilization

- a. The place and time of the seminar shall be notified by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 by a new document of our Office.
- b. The scholarship covers all expenses (tuition fees, accommodation, food, participation in cultural events), except for travelling expenses to and from the country which are paid by the scholarship holders themselves or by their country.

#### 5. Supporting Documents

All supporting documents are submitted officially translated into Greek, French or English in two (2) certified copies. In case of submission of false certificates, simple photocopies, or supporting documents insufficiently completed, candidacy shall be rejected without notice by our Office.

#### a) SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

1. Application (form provided by our Office) with marked five (5) at least preferences of Greek Public Universities. For the list of Higher Education Institutions visit the website: <http://www.gunet.gr/02en.php>.

2. One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form provided by our Office.
3. A photocopy of ID Card or passport (for countries outside the European Union).
4. Qualifications (titles) of studies (at least a certificate of graduation from a Secondary Education School).
5. A certificate of knowledge of the language(s) that the candidate declares that he/she speaks.
6. A certificate from the Ministry of Education of the relevant country certifying that the Certificate of Secondary Education the candidate holds grants him/her the right to enter a University of the said country.
7. A certificate for the candidate's and his/her parents' nationality and origin.
8. A recent health certificate certifying that the candidate does not suffer from a contagious disease (for countries outside the European Union).
9. *A Solemn declaration, (Model 1)* which should mention that the candidate does not intend to receive a scholarship by any other agency of the Greek Government during the period of his/her scholarship. In case false particulars are submitted, the scholarship shall be revoked or interrupted and the scholar shall be called to return the whole granted amount.
10. Foreign scholars should present a certificate of **Greek language knowledge-if they hold one**- in order to enrol directly to the first year of studies. Otherwise, they should attend Greek language courses for 1 year, succeed to the language examination and then enrol to the faculty of their choice one year later.
11. Expatriate Greek scholars should present a **certificate by the Greek diplomatic authority in their country of residence certifying that they were not residing abroad at least five (5) years before the academic year of their choice.**

It is emphasized that scholars should keep certified copies of the supporting documents in order to submit them themselves when enrolling in the University.

#### **b) SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES**

1. Application (form provided by our Office).
2. A photocopy of ID Card or passport (for countries outside the European Union).
3. One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form provided by our Office.
4. Qualifications (Titles) of studies, (University degree or certificate mentioning the grade attained).

5. Certificate of knowledge of the language(s) that the candidate states that he/she speaks.
6. Two (2) letters of recommendation.
7. A Curriculum vitae.
8. A recent health certificate confirming that the candidate does not suffer from a contagious disease (for countries outside the European Union).
9. *A Solemn declaration (Model 1)*, which should mention that the candidate does not intend to receive a scholarship by any other agency of the Greek Government or of the European Union during the period of his/her scholarship. If the scholar has received in the past another scholarship from the Greek Government he/she should declare the duration and the agency having granted such scholarship. In case false particulars are submitted, the scholarship shall be revoked or interrupted and the scholar shall be called to return the whole granted amount.
10. *A certificate of acceptance by a Greek Public University* in case of postgraduate studies and *a certificate of acceptance by a Greek Public University or Research-Educational Centre (model 2) in Greek language*, in case of scientific research. It is emphasized that unsigned electronic messages shall not be accepted. In case such certificate has not been sent to our Office within the prescribed time limit (July 31<sup>st</sup> 2013) the candidate shall not be accepted as a scholar until he/she himself/herself or his/her supervisor submits the relative document directly to our office. No scholar is admitted for postgraduate studies or research without the abovementioned document which the person concerned must seek himself. For the list of Higher Education Institutions visit the website: <http://www.gunet.gr/02en.php>.

In case of scholarship renewal, no re-submission of the abovementioned supporting documents is required, except for the certificate of acceptance (or continuation of studies/research) by a Greek University or Research-Educational Centre. Candidates should apply to our office as well as to the implementation agency of their country no later than May 2013.

### c) SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SUMMER SEMINAR IN GREEK LANGUAGE AND CIVILIZATION

- Application (form provided by our Office).
- A photocopy of ID Card or passport.

- One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form provided by our Office.
- Certificate of knowledge of the language(s) that the candidate states that he/she speaks.
- Qualifications (Titles) of studies.
- A Curriculum vitae.
- A recent health certificate certifying that the candidate does not suffer from a contagious disease (for countries outside the European Union).

#### **6. CLARIFICATIONS**

It is clarified that in case that during the in-between period until the beginning of the 2013-2014 academic year (September 1<sup>st</sup> 2013), a renewed cultural program regulates the granting of scholarships in a different way, our Office shall decide on a case by case basis if the provisions determined in the new cultural program will enter into effect as of the academic year 2013-2014 or from the next academic year.

We hereby assign the execution and implementation of this program to the Directorate of Studies and Student Welfare, Department of Student Welfare, which is competent for the settlement of any issue that may arise.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY

ATHANASIOS KYRIAZIS

#### **INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION**

1. Minister's Office
2. Deputy Minister's Office
3. General Secretary's Office
4. Directorate of International Educational Relations
5. Directorate of Studies and Student Welfare, Department B'