

Scholar Group Projects at the Democracy Study Centre (DSC) Call for Applications Scholarship Programme 2016 – 2017

We at the Democracy Study Centre promote young professionals in their development as responsible academic, civic and economic experts. The idea of the Center is to foster the dialogue between the scholars from Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Belarus and Russia, particularly encouraging application from the Donetsk and Luhansk former residents and IDPs.

The DSC is structured in explorative formats that allow our 25 scholars reflect their experiences and develop group projects throughout the course of the programme:

- All project groups exchange ideas with peers in the **Forum** and with public figures and experts from various fields in **the DSC Events**
- In methodical workshops of the **Democracy Lab** they gain hands-on skills to advance their **Scholar Group Projects**
- In the **Thematic Seminars** the analytical approach to topics such as democratization and europeanization will facilitate regionally specific insights allowing the DSC scholars to invest the acquired knowledge into their group projects
- The five to six group projects will be **mentored by the two research groups** - the four fellows and two seniors fellows of the DSC

As strong actors in their respective fields, the DSC scholars learn how to critically engage in political debates and to work interdisciplinarily the scholar group projects they have chosen to prepare during as the ideas potentially contributing to democratic and societal development in their countries.

We educate the next generation of experts and leaders who will become ambassadors of the yet very young Democracy Study Center. They contribute to the growing experiences of this international and intersectional learning space and serve as the role models for the scholars in the years to come.

Who can apply?

Students, PhD students, activists and journalists aged 20 to 29 with demonstrated leadership and public engagement potential from Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Belarus and Russia

Why should you apply?

- You are dedicated to development of democracy, economy and civil society in your country and would like to enlarge and sustain your professional network, exchange with your peers about the good practices and learn from professionals in your designated field
- You are willing to participate and work in teams in a programme, which is provided in English language
- As a socially engaged person you seek a space to reflect your experience, successes and failures, to connect this experiences interregionally and to combine them with analytical perspectives
- You strive to deepen your methodological knowledge and professional skills and are ready to learn useful techniques to improve the impact of your world
- You value accurate research designs and wish to gain a solid understanding and hands-on tools to develop your own academic and/or practical ideas and to promote change in Georgia, Moldova, Belarus, Ukraine or Russia

Where and when?

The programme starts in November 2016 and ends in June 2017.
Regular teaching units and events will take place in Kiev, Ukraine

Is there any financial support?

Participant receive monthly scholarships — **150 euro**.

How to apply?

Apply online until the **02 of October 2016** sending an email to **applications@gpus.eu** and providing the following documents in one PDF file:

- ★ personal data/CV
- ★ motivation letter (max 1 page)
- ★ Write an essay (in English, 1200-1500 words) on one of the topics :
 - “Me as a community leader” - tell us about your engagement!
 - Your idea for the topic “How to involve citizens in the essential democracy activities on the local level?”
- ★ references (your achievements, blogs, articles, etc.) if available
- ★ academic certificates
- ★ information about your participation in similar trainings/courses/workshops
- ★ fluent English is a must

The best applicants will be interviewed via Skype during the first part of October!!

**If you need more information please visit the website <http://gpu-society.org/projects/c-dsc>
Learn more about the programme format [here](#) or write us at applications@gpus.eu**

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