

DEMOCRATIZATION DEPARTMENT

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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MASTER AND DOCTORAL  
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**BACKGROUND**

The OSCE Mission to Serbia's Democratization Department implements the project "Consolidating Democratization Process in the Security Sector in Serbia – Phase 5" with the financial support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) in the period from 2020 to 2022. The main objective of the project is to strengthen the democratic character of the relationship between citizens and government in security related issues in Serbia and contribute to more efficient and accountable functioning of the armed forces within the framework of a comprehensive concept of security. Advancing education and expertise in the security sector is one of the project priorities. Since 2010, the project has been providing scholarships for MA and PhD security studies for security sector staff, journalists and civil society activists. Generations of security sector practitioners were supported in obtaining a range of necessary theoretical tools and apply these in practice in their fields of work. For the 2021/2022 academic year the OSCE Mission will administer up to 10 scholarships for one-year master studies and up to 5 scholarships for three-year PhD studies.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENT**

- All applicants for the scholarship programme must be Serbian citizens.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MASTER (MA) STUDIES**

The OSCE Mission to Serbia will sponsor up to ten selected students for the post-graduate master studies (MA) at the Belgrade University's Faculty of Political Sciences and Faculty of Security Studies. **Only students applying for the following master courses will be considered for the scholarships:**

- **Faculty of Political Sciences: MA in Political Science – International Studies, module: International Security**
- **Faculty of Security Studies, Master's degree studies**

Scholarships are aimed to support the academic development of individuals working in the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior, Security Information Agency, civil society and media, who have the capacity to positively influence the democratic character of the security sector reforms in Serbia. Candidates who will receive the scholarships will be selected based on their previous academic and professional record, and their motivation to actively engage in the security sector reform processes in Serbia.

**Application procedure:**

1. **All candidates are required to apply at their respective faculties for one of the sponsored courses in parallel to applying for the scholarship through a regular procedure (please consult respective faculties for details). Only the candidates formally accepted by the Faculties for one of the sponsored study programmes will be eligible for scholarships.**
2. Candidates should send their application by email to [scholarships@osce.org](mailto:scholarships@osce.org), **not later than Friday, 23 September 2021**, with the email subject line "*Application for MA scholarship 2021*"
3. Applications must be submitted in English and include the following:
  - a. Curriculum Vitae, highlighting the candidate's professional achievement and leadership potential;
  - b. Letter of Motivation, highlighting the candidate's career and academic plans and their relevance for security sector reform in Serbia
  - c. An example of written work in English (either a previous work or written specifically for this application)
4. The OSCE Mission to Serbia will invite the best applicants to an oral interview in late September/early October 2021. Applicants will be contacted only if invited for the interview.

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5. The OSCE Mission to Serbia will create a final list of sponsored applicants upon receiving confirmation from the respective faculties that they have been accepted to one of the sponsored study programmes.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DOCTORAL (PhD) STUDIES**

The OSCE Mission to Serbia will sponsor up to five selected students for one academic year of their doctoral studies at the Belgrade University's Faculty of Political Sciences and Faculty of Security Studies.

Scholarships are aimed to support academic development of individuals working in Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior, Security Information Agency, civil society and media, which have the capacity to positively influence the democratic character of the security sector reforms in Serbia. Candidates that will receive the scholarships will be selected based on their previous academic and professional record, and their motivation to actively engage in the security sector reform processes in Serbia.

**Application procedure:**

1. **All candidates are required to apply at the respective faculties for doctoral studies in parallel to applying for the scholarship through a regular procedure (please consult respective faculties for details). Only the candidates formally accepted by the Faculties for one of the sponsored study programmes will be eligible for scholarships.**
2. **Candidates already enrolled to doctoral studies that have successfully completed the first year of doctoral studies are also eligible and may apply.**
3. Candidates should send their application by email to [scholarships@osce.org](mailto:scholarships@osce.org), **not later than Friday, 23 September 2021**, with the email subject line *"Application for PhD scholarship 2021"*
4. Applications must be made in English and consist of:
  - a. Curriculum Vitae, highlighting candidate's professional achievement and leadership potential;
  - b. Motivational letter, highlighting candidate's career and academic plans and their relevance for security sector reform in Serbia
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