

Note: this handout was created for a session on graduate funding held at CREECA on November 3, 2009. By its very nature, it contains time-sensitive information that will go out of date as soon as it's printed. Nonetheless, it may provide basic information on the major external funding agencies for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies. Applicants should check agencies' Web sites for updates, particularly for application deadlines.

Funding Resources for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies, *primarily for research and language study in the region.*

<http://www.creeca.wisc.edu/funding.html>

Basic information on campus and off-campus funding opportunities is available on the CREECA Web site. This is always a work in progress! Please send suggestions and updates to Jennifer at [jtishler@creeca.wisc.edu](mailto:jtishler@creeca.wisc.edu).

**CAMPUS FUNDING SOURCES:**  
**Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)**

Graduate fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education to assist graduate students in acquiring foreign language and either area or international studies competencies. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Academic Year Fellows must be admitted to or enrolled in graduate or professional programs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Academic Year Fellows receiving these awards must take one language course and one related area or international studies course each semester.

FLAS fellowships for intensive summer language study are available in all areas. A separate application is required for summer fellowships, and is available from the appropriate FLAS program's web site. In some cases Summer FLAS fellowships may be used for study on other campuses.

<http://www.intl-institute.wisc.edu/fellow/FLAS-FAQS.htm>

Deadline: normally early February

**EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES:**  
**American Councils for International Education**

1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 700

Washington, DC 20036

Telephone: (202) 833-7522

[www.americancouncils.org](http://www.americancouncils.org)

[outbound@americancouncils.org](mailto:outbound@americancouncils.org)

Most programs have a deadline of **October 1**. Please note that American Councils has done away with the spring competition, so for the next deadline (October 1, 2010) and for

each deadline thereafter, programs must begin between June 2011 and June 2012; and must be completed by September 30, 2012.

**American Councils Southeast European Research program** provides support for independent research for at least three months in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, and Serbia. Scholars may conduct research in more than one country during a single trip.

Research scholar fellowships typically provide academic affiliations, international roundtrip airfare, living and housing stipend, health insurance, and visa support. Scholars may also request financial support for advanced language classes in order to facilitate their research.

**Title VIII Southeast European Language Training Program** provides language training in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, and Serbia. Fellowships typically provide full tuition at institution in Southeast Europe, international round trip airfare, health insurance, living and housing stipend, and visa support.

#### **American Councils Research Scholar Program**

The American Councils Research Scholar program provides full support for graduate students, faculty, and independent scholars seeking to conduct in-country, independent research for three consecutive months to nine consecutive months in Central Asia, Moldova, Russia, the South Caucasus, and Ukraine. Full support, including international travel, housing, insurance, living stipend, academic affiliation(s), and a single-entry visa, provided by American Councils through U.S. Department of State (Title VIII) grant support.

**The American Councils Combined Research and Language Training (CRLT) Program** serves graduate students and scholars who, in addition to support for research in the independent states of the former Soviet Union, require supplemental language instruction. Programs are available in Central Asia, Russia, the South Caucasus, Ukraine, and Moldova. Provides full support, including international travel, housing, insurance, living and housing stipend, academic affiliation(s), language instruction, and a single-entry visa, provided by American Councils through U.S. Department of State (Title VIII) grant support.

**The Special Initiatives Research Fellowship** offers post-doctoral scholars and faculty up to \$35,000 for field-based, policy-relevant research in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan.

#### **Social Science Research Council (SSRC)**

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Brooklyn, NY 11201  
USA Phone: 212-377-2700  
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[eurasia@ssrc.org](mailto:eurasia@ssrc.org)

**Eurasia Program Dissertation Support Fellowship: 2010-2011**

Deadline: December 10, 2009  
[www.ssrc.org/fellowships/eurasia-fellowship/](http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/eurasia-fellowship/)

Eurasia Dissertation Support Fellowships are intended to support and sustain American expertise on the countries of Eurasia by providing financial and academic assistance to graduate students near completion of their doctoral programs. Fellowship awards are designed to allow advanced graduate students concentrated time to write up the results of their research. In addition to financial assistance, the fellowship program will provide academic support and networking opportunities at two fellows' workshops. These workshops will offer several training sessions explicitly geared towards advanced graduate students, and allow fellows to present their work in an interdisciplinary setting with their peers and renowned resource faculty.

Fellowship awards of up to \$25,000 provide support for the 2010-2011 academic year (9 months). Fellows will also be required to attend two workshops (Fall 2010 and Fall 2011). The funding for this fellowship program is provided by the Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Office of Outreach Title VIII Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and Eurasia (Independent States of the Former Soviet Union).

The program is open to all graduate students with ABD status in the social sciences or humanities whose work pertains to one or more of the following countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and/or Uzbekistan. Proposals may cover any period in history, but it is incumbent upon applicants to clearly explain how their work is relevant to understanding current political, social or cultural phenomena in the region. All applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States as of December 10, 2009. Apply now at: <http://soap.ssrc.org/>

**International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)**

The International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) offers nine to twelve months of support to graduate students in the humanities and social sciences who are enrolled in doctoral programs in the United States and conducting dissertation research outside of the United States.

<http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/idrf-fellowship/>

Deadline: Nov. 3

**Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center**

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

One Woodrow Wilson Plaza  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20004-3027  
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[www.wilsoncenter.org/kennangrants](http://www.wilsoncenter.org/kennangrants)

**1. Summer Research Grant.** Scholars who conduct research in the social sciences or humanities focusing on the former Soviet Union (excluding the Baltic States), and who demonstrate a particular need to utilize the library, archival, and other specialized resources of the Washington, D.C. area can apply for the new Summer Research grant. The summer grants must be used between May-September 2010, and grant applicants are required to hold an MA degree or higher. The Summer Research Grant will provide a stipend of \$3,200 per month, support for a summer intern, and access to the facilities of the Kennan Institute, including its library. The Kennan Institute cannot provide office space for Summer Grant scholars. Travel and accommodation expenses also are not directly covered by this grant. Deadline: Dec. 1.

**2. Research Scholar Grants.** The Kennan Institute offers resident grants to scholars to utilize the unique resources of the Washington area. The Title VIII Research Scholar program is open to academic participants in the early stages of their career (before tenure) or scholars whose careers have been interrupted or delayed, and provides 3 to 9 months of support—including office space, a research intern, and special borrowing privileges at the Library of Congress. Deadline: Dec. 1.

**3. Short-Term Grants.** Title VIII Short-Term Grants provide up to 30 days of stipend support and use of Institute facilities to conduct research in Washington, and are open to scholars who either possess a doctoral degree or are doctoral candidates who have nearly completed their dissertations. Competition held 4 times per year.

## **NCEEER**

National Council for Eurasian and East European Research  
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Seattle, WA 98195  
Tel: 206-829-2445  
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E-mail: [info@nceeer.org](mailto:info@nceeer.org)  
<http://www.nceeer.org/Programs/programs.php>

NCEEER primarily funds postdoctoral research, with the exception of the *Junior Scholars Training Seminar*, held jointly with the Wilson Center.

Participants will present their research; discuss the works of other junior scholars; and exchange impressions of the state of the field with a group of senior scholars. JSTS

successfully combines formal and informal meetings to promote a variety of intellectual exchanges. Activities include the following: individual presentations; constructive feedback and question/answer sessions; one-on-one meetings for junior scholars with senior scholars; advice regarding publishing; discussions about the state of the profession and obtaining employment in the field; and various social activities.

<http://www.nceer.org/Programs/JSTS/jsts.php>

Deadline: April 16

## **American Council of Learned Societies**

633 Third Avenue

New York, NY 10017-6795

Tel.: (212) 697-1505 x 130

Fax: (212) 949-8058

[www.acls.org](http://www.acls.org)

### East European Studies Program

The funding of the **East European Studies Program** is appropriated by the U.S. Congress and administered by the U.S. Department of State under the Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act of 1983 as amended (Title VIII), whose purpose is the development of expertise in the United States needed for broad knowledge and analysis of developments in this critical world area. Every application for these fellowships and grants should, therefore, state clearly how the proposed research will contribute to a better understanding of the region and policy-making related to it.

Support is once again available from Title VIII for language study and research related to all East European Countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo/a, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

Sources of funding from ACLS include:

- [Dissertation Fellowships](#)
- [Early-Career Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)
- [Travel Grants](#)
- [Language Grants to Individuals for Summer Study](#)

<http://www.acls.org/grants/Default.aspx?id=530>

## **Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships**

These fellowships are to assist graduate students in the humanities and related social sciences in the last year of Ph.D. dissertation writing. This program aims to encourage

timely completion of the Ph.D. Applicants must be prepared to complete their dissertations within the period of their fellowship tenure and no later than August 31, 2011.

ACLS will award 65 Fellowships in this competition for a one-year term beginning between June and September 2010 for the 2010-2011 academic year. The Fellowship tenure may be carried out in residence at the Fellow's home institution, abroad, or at another appropriate site for the research. The total award of up to \$33,000 includes a stipend plus additional funds for university fees and research support. These Fellowships may not be held concurrently with any other fellowship or grant.

Deadline: November 11, 2009

<http://www.acls.org/programs/pcf/>

## **IREX**

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<http://www.irex.org/programs/grants.asp>

[IARO - The Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program](#) provides graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and professionals with funding to conduct field research in up to three of the Title VIII sponsored countries for up to nine months.

IARO fellowships will be awarded in each of the following categories:

### **Master's Student**

Eligibility: Must be enrolled in a master's program during the grant period

Grant Duration: one to three months

### **Predocctoral Student**

Eligibility: Must be enrolled in a PhD program during the grant period

Grant Duration: two to nine months

### **Professional**

Eligibility: Must have one of the following degrees (MA, MS, MFA, MBA, MPA, MLIS, MPH, JD, MD) and must not be enrolled as a student during the grant period.

Grant Duration: two to nine months

### **Postdoctoral Scholar**

Eligibility: Must hold a PhD by the application deadline

Grant Duration: two to nine months

All applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents.

**ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES OF RESEARCH FOCUS**

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

[Applications](#) for 2010-2011 IARO are now being accepted and are due by November 17, 2009.

[STG - The Short-Term Travel Grant Program](#) is a program designed for scholars who currently possess an applicable graduate degree. STG grants provide funding for up to two months of research in up to two countries in the region. Applications for 2010-2011 STG will be due February 2, 2010.

[EPS - The US Embassy Policy Specialist Program](#) provides funding for scholars to conduct research on topics requested by US embassies and consulates in Eurasia. Research topics change from year to year, based on the need of the embassy staff. Applications for 2000-2011 EPS are due March 2, 2010.