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| SUBJECT: Scholarships of the Greek Government to alien nationals for the academic year 2017-2018 and for the summer seminar of Greek language and culture of the year 2017 | | |

Upon consideration of the following:

1. The provisions whereby there were ratified the educational treaties between Greece and the hereinunder stated countries:
2. Armenia L. 2504/97 (Aˊ117)
3. Belgium L.D. 3569/56 (Aˊ 223)
4. Bulgaria L. 474/76 (Aˊ 306)
5. Estonia L. 2988/02 (Aˊ 28)
6. Israel L. 2267/94 (Aˊ 227)
7. Jordan L. 883/79 (GGI 61 Vol. Aˊ/79)
8. Latvia L. 2930/01 (Aˊ 143)
9. Mexico L. 1492/84 (Aˊ 177)
10. South Korea L.D. 502/70 (Aˊ 26)
11. Hungary L. 898/79 (Aˊ 93)
12. Poland L. 594/77 (Aˊ 101)
13. Rumania L. 2500/97 (Aˊ 101)
14. Slovakia L. 557/77 (Aˊ 76)
15. Slovenia L. 2365/95 (Aˊ 255)
16. Turkey L. 2929/2001 (Aˊ 142)
17. The Czech Republic L. 557/77 (Aˊ 76)
18. The Educational Execution Programmes which have been signed between Greece and the hereinabove stated countries
19. The Minute of the Cabinet of Ministers under no. 211/66 ‘on the execution against the state budget of ministerial decisions, on educational exchanges in application of the concluded official programmes’
20. The Presidential Decree 321/31-12-99 (GGI 306 Aˊ) on the Statute of the Hellenic State Scholarships Foundation (IKY)
21. Articles 1, 24 and 25 of the Legislative Decree 402/74 (Aˊ 141) on the ratification of the as from 23-5-69 convention of Vienna.

**We hereby decide**

We proclaim the granting of scholarships by the Hellenic Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs to **alien nationals**, who wish to realize **undergraduate or postgraduate studies or research work in Higher Educational Institutions or Research Centers in Greece during the academic year 2017-2018,** as well as **a summer seminar of Greek language and Culture for the year 2017,** as follows:

1. **Granted scholarships per country**
2. ARMENIA

Three (3) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture.

1. BELGIUM [French Community]

One (1) scholarship for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture.

1. BULGARIA
2. One (1) scholarship for a full cycle of undergraduate or postgraduate studies, including the renewal which has priority over the granting of a new scholarship.
3. One (1) scholarship for specialization or research of the duration of ten (10) months, including the renewal, which has priority over the granting of a new scholarship.
4. Four (4) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture.
5. ESTONIA

Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar of the Greek Language and Culture.

1. ISRAEL
2. One (1) scholarship of the time duration of up to ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research.
3. One (1) scholarship for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture.
4. JORDAN
5. One scholarship of the temporal duration of twelve (12) months for undergraduate studies in any area except for Medicine.
6. One (1) scholarship of the temporal duration of ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research in any area except for Medicine.
7. One scholarship of the temporal duration of up to twelve (12) months for undergraduate studies or for postgraduate studies of the duration of ten (10) years in the area of Greek Literature.
8. One (1) scholarship of the temporal duration of up to twelve (12) months for 3 undergraduate studies or for postgraduate studies of the duration of ten (10) months for Jordanian nationals with Greek bonds or who are members of the Jordanian Christian Community. (The Ambassador of Greece in Jordan shall participate in the final selection of the candidates of this category)
9. One (1) scholarship for postgraduate studies of the duration of ten (10) months for teachers/professors for their training in the area of new technologies and methods of teaching methodology. In the number of the hereinabove scholarships are included equally the new scholarships and as well as any renewal of scholarships with a priority to the latter.
10. LATVIA
11. One (1) scholarship for postgraduate studies or research of the duration of ten (10) months.
12. One (1) scholarship for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture.
13. MEXICO
14. Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or research. The duration of the scholarship can range from five (5) to ten (10) months.
15. Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture.
16. **SOUTH KOREA**
17. **One (1) scholarship for postgraduate studies or research of the duration of ten (10) months.**
18. HUNGARY
19. One (1) scholarship of the duration of ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research.
20. Three (3) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture.
21. POLAND
22. Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or research.
23. Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture.
24. RUMANIA

* Three (3) scholarships of the duration of 10 months each, for a full cycle of undergraduate studies.
* One (1) scholarship of the temporal duration of ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research.
* Three (3) scholarships for a summer seminar of Language and Culture.

1. SLOVAKIA
2. Ten (10) months of a scholarship for postgraduate studies or research. The duration of each scholarship can range from five (5) to ten (10) months.
3. Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture.
4. SLOVENIA
5. One (1) scholarship of the temporal duration of up to ten (10) months for postgraduate studies or research.
6. One (1) scholarship for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture.
7. TURKEY
8. Two (2) scholarships for research of the duration of up to ten (10) months each.
9. One (1) scholarship for research of the duration of up to ten (10) months which shall be granted to a degree holder of the Department of Classical Studies of the University of Istanbul.
10. Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture and one (1) scholarship for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture to a degree holder of the Department of Classical Studies of the University of Istanbul
11. THE CZECH REPUBLIC
12. Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or research. The duration of the scholarship can range from five (5) to ten (10) months.
13. Two (2) scholarships for the attendance of a summer seminar of Greek Language and Culture.
14. **Financial benefits for the undergraduate and postgraduate scholarship recipients**
15. **Monthly stipend:**

-**400 euro** for the scholars who realize undergraduate studies and

-**450 euro** for the scholars who realize postgraduate studies or research.

**b) A lump-sum for establishment expenses:**

-**500 euro** for the persons establishing in Athens and

-**550 euro** for the persons establishing in the countryside.

The scholars to whom there has been renewed the granting of a scholarship do not receive the hereinabove sums for **establishment expenses**.

c) A lump sum of **150 euro** per annum for the cover of travel expenses inside the country of the postgraduate students or researchers who are obligated to move from the place of their residence in order to execute the authorized by this Agency **research programme** and insofar as there is **a reasoned proposal by the supervisor Professor**.

d) **The waiver of the tuition fees applies only for undergraduate studies**.

e) **It is hereby clarified that the scholars for the postgraduate studies or research in the event in which they wish to attend also lessons of the Greek language are exempted from the relevant tuition fees. The scholars are obligated to the selection of postgraduate programmes of study, which are offered tuition-free. In the event that the scholar selects the registration and the study in a postgraduate programme of studies, for which the payment of tuition fees is required, their payment is undertaken by himself or herself.**

f) Free medical care is provided in the event of an emergency and only in State Hospital Institutions. For the nationals of EU member states Union there is required to be produced the European Health Insurance Card.

**It is pointed out that the financial benefits can change in conjunction to the economic and social conditions of this country. The scholars are obligated to notify to the competent for the payment of their scholarship Greek authority the Tax Identification Number, which they shall receive from the Tax Offices of Greece until and including one (1) month after their arrival. The subsistence expenses are granted by cheques which are paid by the Bank of Greece / or and paid to a bank account in Greece, the IBAN of which is notified by the scholar to the competent for the payment of the scholarship Greek authority. It is highlighted that the payment of the sum of the scholarship for the first two months following the arrival of the scholar can show a delay.**

1. **Terms for the granting of the scholarship**

The candidates file the application for the granting of a scholarship in the framework of the Bilateral Educational Programmes to the competent thereto agencies of their country of origin, and in particular at the Ministry of Foreign affairs or the Ministry of Education. There follows the selection and the proposal of the candidates and the forwarding of the files of their candidacies.

The **proposals of each country** with **the files of the proposed candidates** are dispatched with registered letter to the **General Directorate of Higher Education / Directorate of Organizational and Academic Development/ 4th Department of Student Matters and Scholarships of the Ministry of Education Research and Religious Affairs, at no. 37 A. Papandreou, GR 151 80 Marousi (office 1067) until the 28th of April 2017**.

**Each country itself determines the time limits for the filing of the applications for the granting of the scholarship according to the present Proclamation, which precede the hereinabove final time limit for the dispatch of the files to the competent Greek authority.**

The Directorate of Organizational and Academic Development/ 4th Department of Student Matters and Scholarships of the Ministry of Education Research and Religious Affairs notifies to the competent authorities the decision of the approval of the scholarship of the proposed candidates **until the 31st of May 2017 for the summer Seminar and until the 30th of June 2017 for the undergraduate and postgraduate studies** (on the condition that the files of the candidates are complete).

The scholars who are admitted shall be **immediately following their arrival in Greece to appear at the Directorate of Organizational and Academic Development/ 4th Department of Student Matters** of the Ministry of Education Research and Religious Affairs, for the commencement of the granting of their scholarship. Insofar as the scholar follows in Greece a programme of studies in a peripheral Higher Educational Institution and resides in the periphery informs on his / her arrival and the particulars of his / her residence in Greece by an electronic message at the electronic address [foitmer.yp@minedu.gov.gr](mailto:foitmer.yp@minedu.gov.gr) (postal address, e-mail) and sends a relevant certification of the responsible of the programme of studies in which he or she studies.

Furthermore, the scholars **have to communicate with the Directorate of Organizational and Academic Development/ 4th Department of Student Matters** of the Ministry of Education Research and Religious Affairs, **at the hereinabove electronic address at least one (1) month prior to the their arrival and to inform on their exact date of arrival**. The payment of the sum of the scholarship commences from the date, when the scholars appear at the **Directorate of Organizational and Academic Development/ 4th Department of Student Matters** of the Ministry of Education Research and Religious Affairs, or when they inform on their arrival and **not with retroactive effect**.

**The Directorate of Organizational and Academic Development/ 4th Department of Student Matters** of the Ministry of Education Research and Religious Affairs **can discontinue or not renew the scholarship** in the event that its terms are not observed.

A scholarship is not granted to persons who have already been receiving a scholarship from another public carrier in Greece or/and from the European Union.

The candidates who already have received a scholarship from the Greek government in the framework of Bilateral Educational Programmes do not have the capability to apply anew for a scholarship.

**Age limit**

1. In the case of undergraduate studies there can be admitted the candidates who have been born after **1.1.1991**.
2. In the case of postgraduate studies / research or a summer seminar there are admitted the candidates who have been born after **1.1.1977**.

**2. Terms of the granting of scholarships for postgraduate studies or research.**

The scholarships are addressed to degree holders of Higher Educational Institutions, who wish to conduct postgraduate studies or research work in Universities or in Research Centers in Greece.

In order to conduct research the scholars must be registered in a doctoral or postgraduate programme in the country of their origin. In the event of the realization of a postgraduate or doctoral programme in Greece, the commencement of the study of the scholars is simultaneous with the commencement of the granting of the scholarship. It is pointed out that in the foregoing procedure there is not included the medical specialty.

The scholarship is granted only during the academic year **for which it is proclaimed**.

**The hereinabove scholarships are not renewed for a term longer than one (1) year, insofar as the case is of postgraduate studies and two (2) years insofar as the case is the obtainment of the doctoral diploma.**

For the renewal of the scholarship the scholar files an application in his / her country of origin, which is competent to propose the renewal of his / her scholarship at the to the General Directorate of Higher Education / Directorate of Organizational and Academic Development/ 4th Department of Student Matters and Scholarships of the Ministry of Education Research and Religious Affairs, within one (1) month from the filing of the application of the scholar.

An application for the renewal of the scholarship is filed also at the Directorate of Organizational and Academic Development/ 4th Department of Student Matters and Scholarships of the Ministry of Education Research and Religious Affairs, by the concerned scholar.

The scholar is obligated throughout the term of the granting of his / her scholarship to remain in Greece and to be exclusively occupied with the realization of the programme of studies as it has been filed and approved during the granting of the scholarship. The scholar can be absent from Greece only in the term of the official holidays and summer vacations or for a limited temporal interval for the reasons of research, following the information of the Directorate of Organizational and Academic Development/ 4th Department of Student Matters and Scholarships. Following the expiry of the temporal interval of the granting of the scholarship, every scholar is obligated to the filing of a detailed report, from which arises the completion of his / her postgraduate studies or research as also the filing of a certification of the supervising professor concerning his/ her research.

The candidates **for postgraduate studies** in Greece must **possess a good knowledge of the Greek language (except if the postgraduate programme is taught in English) and they must have been made admitted for registration and study in a postgraduate programme of studies.**

The candidates for **research** must know **to a satisfactory degree the Greek or the English language or the French language.**

**3. Terms of the granting of scholarships for undergraduate studies.**

To the scholars who are to going to realize **a full cycle of undergraduate studies** in Greece **there is granted initially a scholarship for one (1) academic year**, in order to attend lessons in the Greek language (insofar as they do not possess already a certificate of language competence). In the event of the failure in the examinations for the knowledge of the Greek language, the scholarship is discontinued while in the event of success **there is granted a scholarship for the full cycle of undergraduate studies, which shall be renewed every year.**

Each scholar is obligated throughout the term of his / her scholarship to reside in Greece and be exclusively occupied for the realization of the programme of studies, which has been filed by him / her and which has been approved during the granting of his / her scholarship. An absence is justified for a term up to and including two (2) consecutive months during the summer. In the event that the scholar is absent for more than the hereinabove temporal interval he / she has to inform this agency on the grounds of his / her absence.

During the first year of his / her stay the scholar is placed at a Department of a Higher Educational Institution, in accordance with the list of preference which he / she has filled in his / her scholarship application (*see under a) Supporting documents for undergraduate studies).* The application stands in lieu of a solemn declaration. **The change of a Department/School is permitted** by a new application of the scholar in this country, only during the year of the learning of the Greek language.

It is pointed out that following the first year of the successful attendance of lessons of the Greek language, the scholar files in person the necessary supporting documents for the registration in the Department of his / her selection. On this ground the scholar has in his / her possession validated copies of all the original and translated supporting documents which have been filed for the granting of the scholarship.

A scholarship for undergraduate studies is granted for a temporal interval equal to the ordinary study, as it is provided for in the indicative programme of studies of the School/Department of the HEI. The scholar has the capability to petition the extension of his / her scholarship for up to one (1) year later than the aforestated temporal interval. The application is filed from May until and including the end of June **at the Directorate of Organizational and Academic Development/ 4th Department of Student Matters and Scholarships. For the approval or the dismissal** of the application for the renewal, there is taken into account **the academic transcript certificate, which the scholar has to file by his / her hereinabove application**.

This agency grants a scholarship until the month of swearing-in in the event that the student completes his / her studies during the compulsory years. In the cases that the student exceeds the compulsory years of study, the scholarship is granted only until the date of the completion of the obligations, which arise from his / her programme of studies and not until his / her swearing-in.

Every scholar is obligated upon the expiry of each examination session to file to **the Directorate of Organizational and Academic Development/ 4th Department of Student Matters and Scholarships of the Ministry of Education Research and Religious Affairs, a detailed certificate of studies (academic transcript certificate)** **from which it arises that he / she has passed an adequate number of subjects**, according to the programme of studies of the School / Department in which he / she studies. In the event of unsatisfactory progress **the scholarship is not renewed**. In particular, **as satisfactory performance is meant** the successful examination **at least of 70% of the prescribed by the Detailed Programme of Studies of the Department or School of compulsory or elective subjects.** The student is obligated to participate in all the examination sessions of his / her school insofar as he / she has outstanding unpassed subjects.

**4. Scholarships for the summer seminar of the Greek Language and Culture**

a. The place and the time of the conduct of the summer seminar shall be notified **until the 16th of June 2017**.

b. The scholarship covers all the expenses (tuition fees, accommodation, subsistence of the scholars, their participation in cultural events) except for the expenses for their transition from and to Greece, which are undertaken by the scholars themselves or by their country of origin.

**5. Supporting documents**

**All the supporting documents are submitted officially translated and validated in the Greek or in the French or the English language in duplicate. In the event of the filing of false certificates, simple photocopies or non-adequately completed supporting documents, the candidacy is dismissed. This agency returns the supporting documents to the candidate only following his / her application within a time interval of one (1) year from the date of their filing.**

1. **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**
2. An application (form of this Agency) with at least five (5) preferences of Greek Public Universities noted. The Higher Educational Institutions can be searched on the web site: <http://www.gunet.gr/02_en.php>.
3. One (1) ID card type colour photograph affixed on the application of this Agency.
4. A photocopy of the passport.
5. Titles of Studies (at least a title of the school leaving from a Secondary Education school)
6. A certificate of the knowledge of the language or the languages which the candidate states that he or she knows.
7. A certificate from the Ministry of Education of the relevant country from which it arises that the title of the secondary education which is in the possession of the candidate grants to him / her the capability of the entry into universities of this country.
8. A certificate on the nationality and origin of the scholar and his / her parents.
9. A recent health certificate from a public hospital, from which it arises that the candidate does not suffer from a transmitted disease (for the countries outside the European Union)
10. **A solemn declaration (Template 1)** in which it is stated that the candidate does not intend to receive a scholarship of another carrier of the Greek Government during the term of his or her scholarship. In the event of the filing of false particulars the scholarship shall be revoked or shall be discontinued and the scholar shall be called to return the entire granted sum.
11. The aliens of non-Greek descent must produce **a certificate on the knowledge of the Greek language – if they possess such-** in order to register directly in the first year of the school. In the event to the contrary they have to attend lessons of the Greek language during the first year and after succeeding in the language knowledge examinations they have to register in the school of their preference in the following year.
12. The aliens of Greek descent have to produce **a certificate of the Greek diplomatic authority of their country of residence that they did not reside in Greece and they resided abroad at least five years (5) prior to the academic year of their selection.**

It is pointed out that the scholars must have validated copies of the hereinabove supporting documents in order to file them themselves during their registration in the University.

**b) SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES OR RESEARCH**

1. Application (form of this Agency).
2. A passport photocopy.
3. One (1) ID card type color photograph affixed on the application of this Agency.
4. Titles of Studies (Degree of a Higher School or certificate in which the grade of the specific title is stated)
5. A certificate of knowledge of the language or the languages which the candidate states that he or she knows.
6. Two (2) letters of reference.
7. A curriculum vitae.
8. A recent health certificate from a public hospital from which it arises that the candidate does not suffer from a transmitted disease (for the countries outside the European Union)
9. **A solemn declaration (template 1)** in which it is stated that the candidate does not intend to receive a scholarship of another carrier of the Greek Government or the European Union during the term of his / her scholarship as well as that he read the proclamation of the scholarships and that he / she agrees to its terms. If the scholar has received in the past another scholarship of the Greek government he / she has to state the duration of the scholarship as also the carrier which granted it. In the event of the filing of false particulars the scholarship shall be revoked or shall be discontinued and the scholar shall be called to return the totality of the granted sum.
10. **A certificate of admission from a University in Greece for the academic year 2017-2018** in the case of postgraduate studies.
11. **A Certificate of admission from a University or a Research – Educational Center in Greece (template 2)** when the case is of scientific research on condition that the concerned person shall produce to this agency also a relevant certificate that **he or she is registered in a postgraduate or doctoral programme in the country of his / her origin during the academic year 2017-2018.**

It is pointed out that Admission Certificates which are sent electronically without signature are not accepted.

In the event that this certificate is not sent within the stipulated time limit (31 July 2017) the candidate shall not be admitted as a scholar until he himself / she herself or his / her supervising person files the relevant document.

1. A table of the **Higher Educational Institutions in Greece has been posted on the site:** [**http://www.gunet.gr/02\_en.php**](http://www.gunet.gr/02_en.php)**.**
2. In the event of the renewal of the scholarship there is no need for the anew submission of the aforereferenced supporting documents except for the certificate of admission (or the continuation of studies/research) from a University or a Research center in Greece. **The candidate has to file a relevant application to the Directorate of Organizational and Academic Development/ 4th Department of Student Matters and Scholarships of the Ministry of Education Research and Religious Affairs and to the competent carrier of his or her country in the latest until May of each academic year.**

**c) SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SUMMER SEMINAR OF GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

1. Application (form of this Agency)

2. Passport photocopy

3. One (1) ID card type photograph affixed on the application of this Agency.

4. A certificate of knowledge of the language or languages which the candidate states that he or she knows.

5. Titles of Studies.

6. Curriculum vitae.

**6. Clarifications**

Hereby is clarified that in the event that in the interval mediating until the commencement of the academic year 2017-2018 (1st September 2017) a renewal is made of the educational programme which arranges in a different way the granting of the scholarships, this Agency shall decide on a case-by-case basisif the stipulations in the new educational programme shall commence to apply from the academic year 2017-2018 or from the following academic year.

We assign the execution and the application of this programme to the 4th Department of Student Matters and Scholarships.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY

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MODEL 1

SOLEMN DECLARATION

-I, the undersigned ……………………………………………………… hereby declare that I do not intend to receive a scholarship of another carrier of the Greek government or of the E.U. during the period of my scholarship. In case false particulars have been submitted, the scholarship shall be revoked or interrupted and I will be called to return the whole granted amount.

- I have read the Scholarship’s Call for the academic year 2015-2016 and I agree with its terms.

-I have already received the scholarship from (Greek carriers only)

………………………. amount…………….duration ………………

Place and date

Signature

\*Please fill in all the required fields

MODEL 2

To: Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs

General Directorate of Higher Education

Directorate of Organisational and Academic Development

4th Department of Student Matters and Scholarships

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I hereby certify that I shall supervise the research work of the student ………………………………………………………., scholarship candidate of the Ministry of Education & Religious Affairs with the topic ‘……………………………………………………………………….’ at the University ………………………………… School……………..……… Department….………………………….. with the duration……………………………….

I know that the candidate shall receive per month subsistence expenses of the level of 450 euro and that the scholarship does not cover tuition fees.

Place, date

Signature of the supervisor and seal for the genuineness of the signature thereof

The following is noted:

1. The template is indicative and the supervisor can select his / her own form of certificate
2. The certificate must be written in Greek and bear an original signature & seal.

\*To be filled in by your supervisor in Greece.

True translation of the attached document in Greek

In Athens on 1/3/2017, the translator V. Koskiniotis