

Title VIII Short-Term Travel Grants for Research in Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Balkans

Deadline: December 31st, 2018

The National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) invites proposals for its Title VIII Short-Term Travel Grant Program for Research on Russia, Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Balkans. This fellowship provides a maximum award of \$2,500 for research on the countries of Russia, Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Balkans.

To qualify, applicants must be US citizens who are PhD holders. Applicants must also have completed any previous NCEEER grants received before they may apply for a new grant.

*Contingent on availability of funds

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Countries Eligible for Research

- **Albania**
- **Armenia**
- **Azerbaijan**
- **Bosnia-Herzegovina**
- **Croatia**
- **Georgia**
- **Kazakhstan**
- **Kyrgyzstan**

- **Kosovo**
- **Macedonia**
- **Montenegro**
- **Serbia**
- **Slovenia**
- **Tajikistan**
- **Turkmenistan**
- **Uzbekistan**

Purposes and Requirements

Short-term travel grants are individual grants to scholars or researchers which may be used for up to two months for the following purposes: 1) enabling scholars and researchers to get quick access to research resources in the relevant subregions; 2) use the travel grant for refresher visits on particular topics for already established research work; 3) research planning with colleagues from the subregions on broader multi-year projects already funded or to be funded by other sources; 4) creation of databases or research aids such as archival guides; and 5) on an exceptional basis, inviting scholars or researchers from the subregions to the United States for conferences special collaborative research opportunities.

The Short-Term Travel Grant program is meant to support research that is relevant to United States policy towards Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Balkans. Applicants may apply a broad definition of "policy relevance". Research that is "policy relevant" does not necessarily need to focus directly on a matter of current and intense concern to U.S. government policy makers. Projects in fields such as history, popular culture, and other matters that may be outside the immediate purview of government officials are eligible for funding, as long as the applicant explains convincingly why the research is relevant at some level, even indirectly, to the formation of policy.

Research Results

Successful applicants will be required to submit a final report to NCEEER. Should they wish to produce publications from their grant, they may also submit a short working paper based on the results of their research. Please note that research reports submitted to NCEEER for scholars' projects may be considered for publication in the journal Problems of Post-Communism.

Submission of Applications

Before beginning the application process, please thoroughly read the application guidelines. All application materials can be found in the "Apply" section of this website.

You have three options to submit your proposal (all applications will be given equal weight, regardless of submission method):

1. Apply online by visiting the "Apply" section and following the instructions.
2. E-mail the application form and associated files as a single zipped attachment (.zip file) to apply@nceeer.org . Indicate "STTG Application: [your last name]" in the subject line.
3. Mail your documents via the Postal Service to the address at the bottom of this page.

Application Components

The application forms can be downloaded by visiting the "Apply" section of this website. All applications must include the following items:

1. Application form--if applying by e-mail or mail, download and fill out the application form (requires Adobe Acrobat or Acrobat Reader); if applying on-line, fill out via the on-line application system

2. A project proposal of no more than four pages (double-spaced, 12-point font), containing the following information:

- the nature of research to be conducted;
 - need for research to be conducted in-country and feasibility;
 - level of language proficiency in vernacular languages of the subregion, and/or Russian;
- and
- in the case of an invitation to an international scholar travel to the United States, the stated purpose of the visit and a detailed research justification for such a visit

- An estimated budget
- A current Curriculum Vitae (CV), organized in chronological order and no longer than four pages
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your work and your proposal. These are to be sent directly to NCEEER by the referees and must include the referee's physical or digital signature.

Deadlines

Awards will be made twice per year, in two separate competitions. The deadlines for the submission of applications are December 14, 2012 and April 15, 2013. NCEEER's peer review selection committee will judge the applications by February 1, 2013, and June 1, 2013, respectively.

Funding

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