

# CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2015 -2016

## \*\*\*SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES\*\*\*

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### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The **Civil Society Leadership Awards (CSLA)** for the **2015-2016 academic year** provide fully-funded Master's degree study to individuals who clearly demonstrate academic and professional excellence and a deep commitment to leading positive social change in their communities.

The purpose of the Program is to directly assist future leaders in countries where civil society is challenged by a deficit of democratic practice in local governance and social development. Awards are available for MA degree study in the following **fields** at universities participating in the CSLA program (please see page 4 for a full list of eligible fields of study at participating universities):

- **Development Studies**
- **Public Health & Health Management**
- **Education Management & Leadership**
- **Law & Human Rights**
- **Public Policy & Administration**
- **Environment & Natural Resource Management**
- **Social Work & Social Policy**
- **Politics & International Studies**
- **Select Humanities & Social Sciences**

### ELIGIBILITY:

Civil Society Leadership Awards are available to **citizens** of the following countries:

- **Azerbaijan**
- **Belarus**
- **Cambodia**
- **Democratic Republic of Congo**
- **Egypt**
- **Equatorial Guinea**
- **Eritrea**
- **Ethiopia**
- **Laos**
- **Libya**
- **Republic of Congo**
- **South Sudan**
- **Sudan**
- **Syria**
- **Turkmenistan**
- **Uzbekistan**

Applicants must meet the **following criteria**:

- Be a citizen of an eligible country;
- Demonstrate maturity, flexibility and civil society leadership potential;
- Have excellent academic records and an earned bachelor's degree before applying;
- Have proficiency in the language of instruction (**English or French**) at the desired university program, as evidenced by standardized language test scores;
- Be able to participate in an intensive academic writing program in July or August 2015 and start their degree program in August or September 2015;
- Be able to receive and maintain a visa or study permit as required by the host country; and
- Demonstrate a clear commitment to return to their home country or region to continue supporting open society development.

*The CSLA program does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, or disability.*

### INELIGIBILITY:

The Scholarship program **does not** provide:

- funding for applicants from any country not listed above;
- funding for foreign language teaching degrees, business administration, physical sciences, engineering, or medical degrees;
- funding for courses or universities not listed on page 4;
- funding for dependent family members;
- funding for individuals receiving individual grants from CSLA-affiliated entities during the fellowship period;
- funding for employees of CSLA-affiliated entities directly involved in the administration of scholarship programs.

### CSLA AWARD STRUCTURE

Successful applicants will receive the following support:

- Tuition and mandatory university fees
- Monthly stipend for room, board, and other living expenses
- Program-related travel
- Accident and sickness insurance during the program
- Funds for educational materials and professional development
- All costs associated with an annual student conference
- Possible internship support
- Pre-university academic program in July or August that prepares finalist for the rigors of graduate level academic study.

### SELECTION PROCESS

Competition for the Civil Society Leadership Awards is open and merit-based. Selection is based on an applicant's fit with the program's objectives as well the graduate admissions criteria of the participating universities. Academic excellence, professional aptitude, leadership potential in the field of specialization, proven commitment to open society values, and appropriate language proficiency are all important factors in evaluation.

All eligible applicants will be reviewed by the selection committee; applicants are evaluated for a clear demonstration of intellectual potential and commitment to positive social change. The proposed field of study should be logical for the goals expressed in the essays, and the application itself should be organized and complete. Compelling candidates will be interviewed by a selection committee comprised of university representatives and CSLA staff.

### SELECTION & NOTIFICATION CYCLE:

- Applications for CSLA award considerations must be submitted by **December 15, 2014**.
- Applications will be reviewed in mid-January.
- Applicants will be notified of their status in late **January 2015**.
- Short-listed applicants will be invited to sit for standardized tests, such as TOEFL or IELTS, in **January-February 2015**. Testing costs will be covered by CSLA.
- In **February-March**, short-listed candidates will be invited for an in-person, Skype, or telephone interview.
- Finalists will be notified in late **March 2015**; **please note that all awards are conditional subject to university placement confirmation by CSLA staff.**
- Successful finalists will be notified of their placement between **March – May 2015**.

*CSLA staff will strive to place CSLA finalists in the graduate degree program of their choice. Please note however that any given placement reflects a process of negotiation between the university and CSLA, based on the applicant's suitability for the program of study, standardized test and interview results, and the number of scholarship places available at the particular institution.*

### HOW TO APPLY:

Interested applicants must complete and submit an online or paper CSLA application in English to be considered for CSLA support. *Please note that some universities require a separate application for graduate study at that institution. In these cases, CSLA staff will notify candidates and assist with the university application process.*

- Online application:

All applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online. To apply online please go to <http://civilsocietyleadershipawards.submittable.com/submit/33850> to register, and then follow instructions.

- Paper application:

Paper applications may be accessed by clicking [here](#), or by contacting one of the local administrative offices (see list below).

**All complete applications will be collected in CSLA's New York and London offices, and assessed by an international committee of CSLA staff and representatives from partner universities.**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:**

The deadline for CSLA submission is **December 15, 2014**.

Late applications will automatically be disqualified. Paper applications submitted by mail must be **postmarked by December 15, 2014** and sent to either the **New York or London address listed** below. Alternately, paper applications may also be sent to one of the country administrative offices:

CSLA  
Scholarship Programs  
224 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY  
10019, USA  
Email: [csla@infoscholar.org](mailto:csla@infoscholar.org)

CSLA  
Scholarship Programs  
Millbank Tower, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
21-24 Millbank, London  
SW1P 4QP, UK  
Email: [csla@infoscholar.org](mailto:csla@infoscholar.org)

**Local administrative offices- contact address:**

**Azerbaijan**

Baku Education Information Center  
40 J. Jabbarli Street, Caspian Business Center  
Baku AZ1065  
Tel/Fax: (994 12) 4482845/46  
Contact:  
Bahar Haji-zada: [bhaji-zada@beic.az](mailto:bhaji-zada@beic.az)

**Belarus**

European Humanities University  
Tauro g. 12m LT-10101 Vilnius  
Lithuania Tel: 00370 5 274 0622  
Contact:  
Kevin Reiling: [advising@ehu.lt](mailto:advising@ehu.lt)

**Turkmenistan + Uzbekistan**

Educational Center: "Bilim-Central Asia"  
25, Gani Ilyayev Str., Shymkent  
160012, Kazakhstan  
Tel./Fax (7252) 211981  
Contacts:  
Larissa Gurbunova: [lgorbunova@bilim.kz](mailto:lgorbunova@bilim.kz)  
Arman Turdaliyev: [aturdaliyev@gmail.com](mailto:aturdaliyev@gmail.com)

## ELIGIBLE COURSES & PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

### ASIA

#### **The University of Hong Kong – Hong Kong S.A.R, China**

Master of Journalism (MJ)

- Program Information: <http://jmsc.hku.hk/2009/11/mj-pdipj-curriculum/#mjreq>

Master of Education (MEd)

- Program Information: <http://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/med/>
- Eligible MEd specializations: Comparative and Global Studies in Education and Development; Curriculum Studies; Designing Powerful Learning Environments; Early Childhood Education; Educational Administration and Management; Guidance and Counselling; Higher Education; Generalist Strand-Educational Studies.

Master of Law in Human Rights (LLM-HR)

- Program Information: <http://www.law.hku.hk/postgrad/llm-hr/>

#### **TERI University – New Delhi, India**

Master of Arts in Sustainable Development Practice;

Master of Arts in Public Policy and Sustainable Development;

Master of Science in Climate Change and Policy;

Master of Science in Environmental Studies and Resource Management

- Program Information: <http://www.teriuniversity.ac.in/program>

### MIDDLE EAST

#### **American University in Cairo – Cairo, Egypt**

Master of Arts degrees in various CSLA-eligible fields (see Program Description above)

- Program Information: <http://catalog.aucegypt.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=492>

### FRANCE

#### **The Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris – Paris, France**

Master's degrees in various CSLA-eligible fields (see Program Description above)

- Program Information: <http://master.sciences-po.fr/en/node/14>
- Application Information: <http://www.sciencespo.fr/admissions/en/graduate-international-admissions>

#### **Catholic University of Lyon – Lyon, France**

Master 2 (Professional) in Human Rights

- Program Information: <http://www.univ-catholyon.fr/ecoles-fac-instituts/idhl/parcours-droits-de-l-homme-2eme-annee-bac-5-master-2/parcours-professionnel-droits-de-l-homme-2eme-annee-pratique-des-organisations-internationales-et-protection-des-droits-humains--22058.kjsp?RH=1175672245934>

Master 2 (Research) in Human Rights

- Program Information: <http://www.univ-catholyon.fr/ecoles-fac-instituts/idhl/parcours-droits-de-l-homme-2eme-annee-bac-5-master-2/parcours-recherche-droits-de-l-homme-2eme-annee-fondements-des-droits-de-l-homme--35809.kjsp?RH=1175672245934>

Master 2 (Professional) in Public Law

- Program Information: <http://www.univ-catholyon.fr/ecoles-fac-instituts/faculte-de-droit/master-2-droit-public/master-2-droit-public-specialite-professions-juridiques-et-administratives-90825.kjsp?RH=1176297006651>

#### **University of Strasbourg – Strasbourg, France**

Master's degree in Management of European Union cooperation projects

- Program Information: <http://itiri.unistra.fr/masters-relations-internationales/managementdeprojetsdecoopra/>

Master's degree in International Communication

- Program Information: <http://itiri.unistra.fr/masters-relations-internationales/communication-internationale/>

## HUNGARY

### Central European University- Budapest, Hungary

Master's degrees in various CSLA-eligible fields (see Program Description above)

- Program Information: <http://www.ceu.hu/academics/degrees> and <http://www.ceu.hu/admissions>
- Application Information: <https://apply.embarc.com/Grad/CEU/71/>

## LATVIA

### Riga Graduate School of Law – Riga, Latvia

Master's degrees in various CSLA-eligible fields (see Program Description above)

- Program information: <http://www.rgsl.edu.lv/en/news-and-events/572/apply-for-studies-at-rgsl-before-17-march-and-win-a-tuition-fee-waiver>

## THE NETHERLANDS

### Maastricht University – Maastricht, Netherlands

Master's degree in Globalization and Development Studies -Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Master's degree in European Studies on Society, Science and Technology -Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Master of Science degree in Global Health -Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences

Master of Science degree in Public Policy and Human Development -Maastricht Graduate School of Governance

- Program Information: <http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/Main/ProspectiveStudents/MastersProgrammes.htm>
- Online application: <http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/show/id=5487132/langid=42>

## POLAND

### Graduate School of Social Research – Warsaw, Poland

Master's degree in Society and Politics

Master's degree in Economy and Society

Master's degree in Culture, Media, and Society

- Program information: [http://www.css.edu.pl/css/admission\\_en.php#deadlines](http://www.css.edu.pl/css/admission_en.php#deadlines)

## TURKEY

### Sabanci University – Istanbul, Turkey

Master's degrees in various CSLA-eligible fields (see Program Description above)

- Program Information: <http://www.sabanciuniv.edu/en/faculty-of-arts-and-social-sciences/graduate-programs>

## UNITED KINGDOM

### University of Cambridge – Cambridge, UK

Master's degrees in various CSLA-eligible fields (see Program Description above)

- Program Information: <http://www.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/?ucam-ref=global-header>

### University of Durham – Durham, UK

Master's Degree in Environmental Hazards, Risk and Security

- Program Information: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/postgraduate/riskmasters/>

Master's Degree in Sustainability, Culture and Development

- Program Information: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/anthropology/postgraduatestudy/taughtprogrammes/sustainability/>

Master's Degree in Defense, Development and Diplomacy

- Program Information: [https://www.dur.ac.uk/sgia/graduate\\_opportunities/taught/dgsi/ddd/](https://www.dur.ac.uk/sgia/graduate_opportunities/taught/dgsi/ddd/)

Master's Degree in Conflict Prevention and Peace Building

- Program Information: [https://www.dur.ac.uk/sgia/graduate\\_opportunities/taught/dgsi/cpsps](https://www.dur.ac.uk/sgia/graduate_opportunities/taught/dgsi/cpsps)

### University of Essex – Colchester, UK

Master of Arts in Theory and Practice of Human Rights

- Program Information: [http://www.essex.ac.uk/coursefinder/course\\_details.aspx?course=MA++L3MV12](http://www.essex.ac.uk/coursefinder/course_details.aspx?course=MA++L3MV12)

Master of Arts in Human Rights and Cultural Diversity

- Program Information: [http://www.essex.ac.uk/coursefinder/course\\_details.aspx?course=MA++M90112](http://www.essex.ac.uk/coursefinder/course_details.aspx?course=MA++M90112)  
Master of Laws (LLM) in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Program Information: [http://www.essex.ac.uk/coursefinder/course\\_details.aspx?course=LLM+M10512](http://www.essex.ac.uk/coursefinder/course_details.aspx?course=LLM+M10512)  
Master of Laws - LLM in International Human Rights Law
- Program Information: [http://www.essex.ac.uk/coursefinder/course\\_details.aspx?course=LLM+M10112](http://www.essex.ac.uk/coursefinder/course_details.aspx?course=LLM+M10112)

**University of Nottingham (UK campus only) – Nottingham, UK**

Master's degrees in various CSLA-eligible fields within Nottingham's 'Developing Solutions' Scheme (see Program Description above)

- Program Information: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationaloffice/developing-solutions/index.aspx>

**University of St Andrews – St Andrews, Scotland, UK**

Master of Letters in Sustainable Development

- Program Information: <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/gsd/courses/pgt/sdpg/>

Master of Letters in International Security Studies

Master of Letters in Peace and Conflict Studies

Master of Letters in Middle East and Central Asian Security Studies

- Program Information: <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/intrel/pg/>

**NORTH AMERICA**

**American University – Washington, D.C., USA**

Washington College of Law – Master of Laws (LLM)

- Program Information: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/>

College of Arts and Sciences – Master's degrees in various CSLA-eligible fields: Economics; Environmental Science; Ethics, Peace & Global Affairs; History; International Economics; Literature; Philosophy; Environmental Assessment; Psychology; Public Anthropology; Sociology

- Program Information: <http://www.american.edu/degrees.cfm?degree=masters&school=CAS>

School of International Services – Master's degrees in various CSLA-eligible fields ("on campus" degrees only):

Development Management; Ethics, Peace & Global Affairs; Global Environmental Policy; International Affairs (and various sub-specialties); International Development; International Economics; International Media; International Peace & Conflict Resolution; International Relations; International Service; Social Enterprise

- Program Information: <http://www.american.edu/degrees.cfm?degree=masters&school=SIS>

**Brandeis University, Heller School for Social Policy & Management – Boston, MA, USA**

Master's degrees in various CSLA-eligible fields: Public Policy; Sustainable International Development; International Health Policy & Management; Coexistence and Conflict

- Program Information: <http://heller.brandeis.edu/academic/>

**Columbia University School of Social Work – New York, NY, USA**

Master of Science in Social Work

- Program Information: <http://socialwork.columbia.edu/>

**Syracuse University – Syracuse, NY, USA**

School of Education – Master's degrees in various fields in Education: Counseling and Human Services; Cultural Foundations of Education; Instructional Design, Development & Evaluation; Reading & Language Arts; Teaching & Leadership

- Program Information: [http://soeweb.syr.edu/future/degree\\_programs/masters\\_degrees.aspx](http://soeweb.syr.edu/future/degree_programs/masters_degrees.aspx)

Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs – Masters in various CSLA-eligible fields: Public Administration & International Affairs; Anthropology; Economics; Geography; History; Political Science; Sociology

- Program Information: [https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/Social\\_Science\\_MA\\_and\\_PhD\\_Programs\\_Layout.asp](https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/Social_Science_MA_and_PhD_Programs_Layout.asp)

College of Law – Master of Laws in American Law (LLM)

THIS FORM IS FREE AND MAY BE DUPLICATED

- Program & Application Information: <http://law.syr.edu/admissions/llm-admissions/ll.m.-program-options-information/>

**Washington University, Brown School – St. Louis, MO, USA**

Master of Social Work (MSW)

Master of Public Health (MPH)

- Program Information: <http://brownschool.wustl.edu/Pages/Home.aspx>