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# 1. Terms and Conditions

For the academic year 2026-2027<sup>1</sup> up to **80 scholarships** will be granted:

- For full-time **postgraduate** and **doctoral studies at the place of study**<sup>2</sup>
- To holders of **Greek citizenship and/or nationality**<sup>3</sup> or to candidates who have **graduated from a Greek university and hold a High School Diploma from Greece**, regardless of their citizenship, provided that they have a legal residence permit in Greece
- For studies conducted either **entirely abroad or partially abroad**, in the case of official transnational postgraduate or doctoral programs where one of the participating countries is **Greece**.

Candidates who are currently **enrolled** or have been **unconditionally accepted** to pursue a doctoral degree at a **Greek public university** until **31/5/2026**, and who are undertaking or planning to undertake part of their doctoral research at a **University/Research Center Abroad**, without obtaining an official degree from that institution, are also eligible to apply, provided the following conditions are met:

- a. There is a confirmed written agreement between the two academic institutions (in Greece and abroad), with the consent of the supervising professors, regarding the acceptance of the doctoral candidate for research at the foreign university, specifying the duration of their stay abroad for the research and the content of the research.
- b. At least 2 academic semesters of research abroad (consecutive or non-consecutive) remain as of the start date of the scholarship.

- In selected scientific fields and specializations, provided that there are outstanding applications that meet the relevant terms and conditions.

<sup>1</sup> The scholarship start date is from 1/9/2026 or 1/10/2026 onwards according to the program of study. Scholarships cannot be granted retrospectively for periods of study already completed.

<sup>2</sup> If, due to force majeure or public health conditions, distance learning is mandated by the University or state authorities, the payment of the scholarship continues uninterrupted.

<sup>3</sup> It is noted that Greek Cypriots and Greek expatriates should select in the field 'Nationality' : «Ελληνική»

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Candidates must also:

- Meet the following **Foreign Language Proficiency requirements**:
  - a. hold an official language proficiency certificate of at least the level required by the University's regulations.
  - b. if the required language proficiency level is not explicitly specified** by the University, candidates must hold a certificate of **at least C1 level**<sup>1</sup>
  - c. candidates are not required to submit an additional language proficiency certificate if:
    - i. they already hold a degree or postgraduate degree from a country where the language of instruction matches the language of the intended studies.
    - ii. they are already enrolled or have received final acceptance into the intended program of study at the time of application.
- Have fulfilled military service obligations or possess a valid deferment or exemption<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Based on the language proficiency scale of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

<sup>2</sup> Applies to male candidates only. No scholarship suspension is granted for the fulfillment of military service obligations.

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Level of study	Year of birth	Minimum required Degree/Diploma's GPA <sup>1</sup>	
Master or MPhil or other equivalent title	1991 onwards	Greek Universities:	8.00 / 10
		French Universities:	15,5 / 20
		British Universities:	2:1 (67%)
		Universities from USA/ Canada:	3,2 / 4,0
		German Universities:	2.0 / 1.0
		Universities from other countries:	Equivalent GPA with Greek Universities, certified by the Hellenic National Academic Recognition Information Center (NARIC)
<div><div>1. Candidates who have completed their studies with grades lower than the required minimum may apply only <b>if they rank within the top 5%:</b></div><div><div>a. of graduates in the academic year of their graduation, and/or</div><div>b. of graduates in the specific graduation ceremony.</div></div><div><div>▪ Candidates <u>in their final semester of studies, based on the minimum standard duration of the program</u>, and who are expected to graduate during the June–July 2026 exam period, are eligible to apply under the following conditions:</div><div><div>a. their current grade point average (GPA) is at least 8.00/10 (or its equivalent based on the minimum grading scales of foreign universities), and they do not have any pending coursework from previous semesters, as certified by the university registrar.*</div><div>b. they have received acceptance into the intended program of study no later than May 31, 2026, even if the acceptance is conditional on the successful completion of their undergraduate studies. If the university announces results at a later date, they must submit a relevant certificate.</div></div></div></div>			

*\* It is noted that, in the event of a scholarship approval, candidates must submit the relevant certificates with their final grades, as specified above. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of the scholarship.*

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Level of study	Year of birth	Minimum required Degree/Diploma's GPA*		and	Minimum required Master's degree GPA*
PhD or MPhil/PhD or other equivalent title	1986 onwards	Greek Universities:	8.00 / 10		8.50 / 10
		French Universities:	15,5 / 20		16,5 / 20
		British Universities:	2:1 (67%)		Distinction
		Universities from USA/ Canada:	3,2 / 4,0		3,6 / 4,0
		German Universities:	2,0 / 1,0		1,6 / 1,0
		Universities from other countries:	Equivalent GPA with Greek Universities, certified by the Hellenic National Academic Recognition Information Center (NARIC)		
<div>1. Candidates who have completed their studies with grades lower than the required minimum may apply <b>only if they rank within the top 5%:</b><div>a. of graduates in the academic year of their graduation, and/or</div>b. of graduates in the specific graduation ceremony</div> <div><div><div>▪ Candidates who are <b>directly admitted to a doctoral program without a prior master's degree</b> or enrolled in an <b>MPhil/PhD program</b> and <b>have not obtained a master's degree</b> but have undergone upgrading are required to have a <b>minimum undergraduate GPA of 8.50/10</b> (or its equivalent based on the minimum grading scale of foreign postgraduate programs)*</div><div>▪ If the university offering the postgraduate program does not issue a diploma with a final grade or distinction, or if the postgraduate degree has not yet been awarded, an official certificate of the candidate's excellent performance must be provided.</div><div>▪ Candidates in their <u>final semester of studies, based on the minimum standard duration of the program</u>, and who are expected to graduate during the June–July 2026 exam period, may also apply under the following conditions:</div><div><div>a. their <b>current grade point average (GPA)</b> is at least <b>8.50/10</b> (or its equivalent based on the minimum grading scale of foreign universities), and they do not have any pending coursework from previous semesters, as certified by the university registrar*</div><div>b. they have received <b>acceptance</b> into the <b>intended program of study</b> no later than <b>May 31, 2026</b>, even if the acceptance is conditional upon successful completion of their undergraduate studies. If the university announces results at a later date, they must submit a relevant certificate.</div></div></div></div>					

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## 2. Fields of study and Specializations<sup>1</sup>

### HUMANITIES

- Philology<sup>2</sup>
- Computational Linguistics - Neurolinguistics
- Applied Philosophy - Applied Ethics
- Computational & Digital Archaeology - Archaeometry

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Special Education
- School Psychology - Counseling in Education
- Digital Technology in Education (with an emphasis on the use of Artificial Intelligence in Education)
- Educational Leadership, Management & Policy
- Applied/ Digital Sociology – Applied/Digital Anthropology
- Political Science & International Relations with an emphasis on studies concerning:
  - the Balkans, the Southeast Mediterranean, Middle East, North Africa Region and their respective geopolitical & economic relations
  - the impact in geopolitics and strategy of the digital, technological, economic, environmental and energy developments worldwide

- Public Policy & Administration
- Intellectual Property Rights Law
- Corporate Law, Competition Law with an emphasis on the Regulation of digital technologies
- Environmental Law
- Economics with an emphasis on the following specializations:
  - Economics of Technology, Innovation & Information
  - Bioeconomics, Circular Economy & Sustainable Development
  - Economics of Health
  - Economics of Energy
- Business Administration with an emphasis on:
  - Innovation & the use of Digital Technologies
  - Supply Chain Management
  - Shipping Management
  - Health Management
  - Management of Cultural & Creative Industries
  - Risk, Crisis & Disaster Management
- Media & Journalism Innovation

<sup>1</sup>The selection of the field of study/ specialization is based on the studies the candidates wish to pursue. Candidates may apply for one specialization or one field of study, except for interdisciplinary programs of study.

<sup>2</sup> with an emphasis on Cavafy Studies at the doctoral level

## 2. Fields of study and Specializations<sup>1</sup>

### ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

- Civil Engineering with an emphasis on the following specializations:
  - Transport & Infrastructure
  - Environmental Engineering
  - Anti-Earthquake & Anti-Flood Technology & Disaster Management
- Mechanical Engineering with an emphasis on the following specializations:
  - Robotics, Automation Control & Artificial Intelligence
  - Industrial Management & Operations Research
- Chemical Engineering & Materials Science Engineering
- Architecture, with an emphasis on the following specializations:
  - Urban Design
  - Bioclimatic Design
  - Digital & Parametric Design
  - Architectural Design
- Industrial Design & Product Design
- Electrical Engineering/Telecommunications with an emphasis on emerging network technologies, embedded systems and cloud computing
- Energy Engineering/Renewable Energy Sources
- Computer Science & Informatics (with an emphasis on Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Data Analytics)

### NATURAL & AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Agricultural Studies & Food Technology with an emphasis on the use of digital technologies
- Mathematics & Statistics

### MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES

- Medicine – Pathological Sector
- Medicine – Clinical & Laboratory Sector
- Medicine – Surgical Sector
- Medicine – Psychiatry, Neurology Sector & Neurosciences
- Medical Biotechnology
- Pharmaceuticals/ Pharmacology/ Pharmacogenomics
- Nursing with an emphasis on Surgical, Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery Nursing and Emergency & Intensive Care Nursing

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### 3. Application submission

Step 1

Read carefully the Scholarship call & Sign in / Sign up to the [Onassis Directory online platform](#) to access the initial stage of the application submission.

Step 2

Fill in the fields of the initial application stage & submit it. In case the result of the submission is successful, you can access the remaining fields of the [online application](#).

Step 3

Fill in your name & surname in Greek and Latin characters and **update the application draft**. **Preview the online application and required supporting documents** for your timely preparation. You have the right to **save your application as draft** until its final submission and gradually upload the required supporting documents until the deadline of submission.

Step 4

Go to the "**Letters of Recommendation**" section of the application & fill in the **details of the University Professors and/or an employer** from whom you have requested **recommendations** in the relevant field of the online application, **so that they can receive a message through the platform** to send the letter of recommendation. **The message is sent once** you have registered and saved your name, filled in all the required information of the referees and selected "**Send**".

Step 5

**Complete the online application** by uploading **all required supporting documents** and **submit the final application by 28.02.2026**. When you submit your application, you will receive an automatic confirmation of successful submission.

Step 6

**Send electronically the unconditional offer** of the University & a **signed statement with the cost of study** until **31.05.2026**.

#### INFORMATIONS/ QUERIES:

Email: [scholarship.applications@onassis.org](mailto:scholarship.applications@onassis.org)

Tel.: 210 37 13 052, -054, -055 & -057

*The candidate declares expressly and irrevocably that he/she accepts implicitly all the terms and conditions of the present Announcement, Regulation and the relevant Application/ Solemn Declaration when he/she submits their application for a scholarship.*

*Applications that are not accompanied by the required supporting documents cannot be successfully submitted.*

*Applications that do not fulfill any of the conditions of the present Announcement cannot proceed in the evaluation process.*

## 4. Supporting documents

1. A passport size photo
2. A brief curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum) in Greek
3. Copy of the Bachelor's degree and the academic transcripts for all academic years, with the general point average (GPA) until 28/2/2026<sup>1</sup>. For candidates expected to graduate based on the minimum official duration of studies during the June-July 2026 examination period: a certificate<sup>2</sup> issued by the Department's Secretariat that must include the date of initial enrollment in the study program, current Grade Point Average (GPA) and a statement confirming that there are no pending courses from previous semesters.
4. Certificate of candidate classification by the University<sup>2</sup>:
  - a. from all the candidates for undergraduate studies
  - b. from the candidates who pursue doctoral studies if they do not fulfil the minimum required GPA of Master's degree from their postgraduate studies
5. Copy of Master's degree and the academic transcripts

Candidates who have not completed their postgraduate studies should submit the academic transcripts or a progress report from the supervisor to certify their excellent performance
6. Certificate of foreign language proficiency
7. Abstracts from the undergraduate (if any) & postgraduate studies' dissertations (if any, at a maximum of 3 pages each)
8. Two recommendation letters in Greek or English by University Professors<sup>3</sup>. The recommendation letters should be submitted electronically, **exclusively through the electronic platform of applications**, by the signatories, who will receive a relevant email provided that their contact details have been correctly registered by the applicants (name and surname of Professor/ academic email/ position).
9. E-mail correspondence (in pdf format) **or** the submitted application for all the programs included in the application **or** a certificate of acceptance to the selected program of studies **or** registration certificate for those who are already registered.
10. For transnational doctoral programs in countries worldwide, where one country is Greece, as well as for candidates who are already enrolled or are about to enroll in Greek Universities, but are carrying out or are about to carry out part of their doctoral research in a University/Research Center Abroad, without receiving an official title from it: Signed certificate with the written agreement between the 2 University Institutions, in Greece and Abroad, for the acceptance of the PhD candidate for research at the University Abroad, with reference to the period of stay abroad for research and the content of the research
11. The curriculum of the chosen programs of studies (for all the universities in application) with information about the duration of the program of studies, the admission requirements, the required level of foreign language proficiency, the offered courses, the list of professors and the cost of study
12. Signed statement regarding the final choice of program of studies with the cost of studies and the means of coverage of the total cost by 31/5/2026
13. Colored portfolio A4 size in .pdf format for candidates in the field of Architecture and in the field of Industrial Design & Product Design
14. For candidates for doctoral studies: Research proposal up to 3.000 words with the following structure: object, goal and originality of the research, the need for additional research in the proposed subject area, methodology, timeframe, and indicative bibliography & CV of the supervisor or a description of the proposed subject of study (if it has not yet been specified) & CVs of the potential supervisors
15. List of publications and their abstracts (500 word maximum, each) if existing
16. Copy of the identity card or passport (or identity of expatriate)
17. Copy of visa and/or any additional official document confirming permission for entry and stay in a foreign country for the candidates who study in UK/USA/Canada (e.g. I-20, J-1)
18. Certificate of military status (from male candidates)

<sup>1</sup>The graduates from foreign universities should also submit the diploma supplement with the grading scheme

<sup>2</sup>Certificate template is available in the document of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

<sup>3</sup>The indicative main points of context of the recommendation letter are mentioned in the document of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **Documents should be sent in pdf format.**

Verification is not required for the supporting documents.

Translation is required for documents in any language, other than Greek & English.

Translation of the certificate of foreign language proficiency is not required.

# 5. Duration and Amount of Scholarship

DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP	<b>9 – 36 months</b> (based on the official minimum length of studies according to the University’s Regulation & the date of initial registration to the program)		
	Applications for <b>completion of studies</b> are eligible, provided that there are <b>at least 9 months of study remaining</b> counting from the start of scholarship’s payments (1/9/2026 or 1/10/2026 onwards)		
	Regarding <b>doctoral studies</b> , a <b>12-month extension is possible, under the following conditions:</b> a. the scholar's progress is deemed excellent <u>and</u> b. 4 years have not elapsed since the initial enrollment date, or the minimum duration of studies exceeds 4 years. <b>Extension for completion of Master’s degree is not possible.</b>		
AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP	Country of study	Monthly amount	Additional Allowance (for tuition fees or relocation expenses)
	EUROPE	EUR 1,000	EUR 5,000
	UNITED KINGDOM	GBP 800	GBP 3,500
	USA/CANADA	USD 1,200	USD 5,000
	OTHER COUNTRIES	USD 1,200	USD 5,000
	GREECE	EUR 600	EUR 5,000

- The aforementioned amounts are the highest that can be granted by the Foundation. The scholarship commences once the scholar signs the relevant agreement and submits a registration certificate for the chosen program of studies
- The scholarship is paid in advance every quarter to the scholar’s personal bank account and in the currency that the Foundation decides according to the country of studies
- If the scholar receives additional scholarships to cover the costs of studies and living, the Foundation reserves the right to decide to maintain, suspend, reduce, or cancel the scholarship, taking into account the actual needs of the scholar at the place of study
- In the case of transnational programs, where one country is Greece, the amount of the scholarship is determined according to the period of stay in Greece & Abroad and according to the amounts defined for studies in Greece & Abroad.
- If distance learning is preferred by the University due to force majeure or public health safety reasons, the Foundation will take into account the real cost of studies and the amount of the scholarship may be adjusted accordingly to the monthly amount awarded to scholars who study in Greece.



## 6. Evaluation Process

- The Applications that **fulfil** the terms and conditions of the Announcement and **are accompanied** by the relevant supporting documents **proceed to academic evaluation**
- **Academic Advisors** of the Onassis Foundation (University Professors from Greece and other countries worldwide, Academicians & specialized Scientists) assess at **their own discretion** the applications, which are classified by field and level of study, by evaluating the academic performance of the candidates as well as their chosen program of studies
- **Evaluation Criteria:**
  - ✓ The General Point Average of the Bachelor/Master's degree, the candidate's ranking and the grades of all individual courses relevant to the candidate's prospective field of study
  - ✓ The institutional status of the University from which the candidate graduated
  - ✓ The level of foreign language proficiency
  - ✓ The publications in scientific journals and presentations in conferences and any existing working experience (including internship, volunteer work)
  - ✓ The institutional status, ranking and reputation of the chosen University and program of study
  - ✓ The candidate's statement of purpose (included in the electronic application), where they are requested to justify their choice of specialization, chosen program of study, university and their choice of supervisors (especially for doctoral studies), as well as their future plans after completing the studies
  - ✓ The letters of reference and the academic reputation of the referees.
  - ✓ Regarding doctoral candidates, the subject of the thesis. The originality of the subject chosen, its special scientific interest and how the findings of the research may prove socially beneficial for Greece are factors taken into consideration in the evaluation
  - ✓ In the field of Architecture and in the field of Industrial Design & Product Design the portfolios are evaluated
  - ✓ Priority is given to the candidates who have an unconditional offer or are already registered to the chosen program of study

*The candidates of all fields of study may be asked to participate in a telephone interview, from mid May to mid June 2026, if it is requested by the Academic Advisors.*

## 7. Selection Procedure and Results

- After the completion of the academic evaluation, the Board of Directors of the Foundation decides at their own discretion the award of the scholarships, taking into consideration the evaluation of the Academic Advisors and after considering all the parameters regarding the entirety of the eligible candidates
- In case of candidates with similar credentials, socioeconomic criteria of the candidates are taken into consideration during the final selection procedure
- Candidates will be individually informed by email about the completion of the evaluation process in July 2026
- After the announcement of the results, the scholar cannot change their chosen program of study for which he/she submitted the application, and the scholarship was awarded, except for reasons of force majeure that the Foundation assesses at its own discretion
- If the candidate fails to be unconditionally admitted in the program for which he/she has been assessed, requests for change of program of study are not accepted
- After the announcement of results, there is no provision for re-evaluation of the applications and appeals are not accepted

*For the activation of the scholarship and the signing of the relevant agreement with the Foundation, the scholar should submit the final registration certificate in the program for which he/she is awarded the scholarship, a copy of his/her criminal record, and a copy of his/her personal bank account details at the place of studies.*

## 8. Benefits for Scholars

- Counseling during studies
- Ability to claim PhD dissertation printing costs of up to EUR 1.000, subject to the requirements of the University Regulation
- Ability to claim doctoral dissertation publication expenses for limited copies of up to EUR 2.000 for those who are required to publish their doctoral dissertation subject to University Regulation (e.g. studies in Germany)
- Ability to register to the Onassis Scholars' Association after successful completion of studies and participation in its activities with the aim of networking and establishing fruitful collaborations worldwide
- Eligibility for additional funding as a member of the Onassis Scholars' Community for:
  - ✓ PhD Thesis Publication (Onassis Special Scholarships' program)
  - ✓ Conducting Post-Doc research for up to two years (Onassis Special Scholarships' program)
  - ✓ Covering the costs of publishing scientific articles in prestigious international scientific journals (*after successful registration to the Onassis Scholars' Association*)

*\*There is a separate announcement for these Onassis Scholarships' and Onassis Scholars' Association programs*