



INFORMATION LETTER FOR STUDENTS “EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS” 4.0



Dear all,

This is your information team writing, and now we are ready to present you the next update of our information guide! In the nearest future due to different celebrations, we all have enough free time to think about opportunities, that we can take from our educational process! Summer is coming soon, and everyone has less and less time to catch some prospective, that is why we are here to offer the fourth edition of our letter.

We have done meticulous work to find more information about interesting conferences, big scholarships and up-to-date summer schools, which, we wish, will help you not only to broaden your mind, but also to expand your career and scientific horizons.

As you will see, our letter still has usual structure that you can easily follow – search in five units (Summer schools, Scholarships, PhD and Masters programs, Conferences and Workshops, Job Opportunities & Internships) to find something useful and interesting especially for you!

We also made little redesign for our part, it is still very small, but cute. For the future, we promise to work better and make our next release more substantial and interesting. Just like last time we wish you success and see you soon in our next digest!

Team of editors



Summer schools

1. [London School of Economics and Social Sciences](#)

Where: London, UK

Dates: from June, 22 till July, 10, 2020

Topics: Statistical Methods for Multivariate Data in Social Science Research

Tuition fee: £50, full course payment - £2,500

This course is an introduction to multivariate methods and their applications in the social sciences. The course will provide an overview of multivariate methods and then focus on latent variable models and structural equation models for continuous and categorical observed variables, and their use in measurement and in modelling complex substantive hypothesis in the social sciences. This course is suitable for advanced undergraduates, as well as postgraduate and academic staff in applied statistics, medicine, and in social and behavioral sciences as well as government employees and people working in marketing, management, public health and banking.

2. [London School of Economics and Social Sciences](#)

Where: London, UK

Dates: from August, 3 till August, 31, 2020

Topics: Qualitative Research Methods

Tuition fee: £50, full course payment - £2,500

The purpose of this course is to equip participants with the skills to be able to sensitively and critically design, carry out, report, read, and evaluate qualitative research projects. It is taught by qualitative research experts who have experience of using the methods they teach. It covers the full cycle of a qualitative research project: from design, to data collection, analysis, reporting and dissemination. The course has the dual aims of equipping students with conceptual understandings of current academic debates regarding different methods, and the practical skills to put those methods into practice. This course is ideal for advanced undergraduates and postgraduates, as well as professionals with an interest in using qualitative methods to undertake social research.

3. [HSE Institute of Education](#)

Where: Moscow, Russia

Dates: June 14–20, 2020

Topics: Digital traces, collection and analysis, surveys in the digital age, online experiments, ethical issues for the studies of the new data and algorithms

Deadline: March, 30, 2020

Tuition fee: No fee!

The first Russian summer school on social research in the digital age. The co-founders and principal faculty of SICSS are Chris Bail (Duke University) and Matthew Salganik (Princeton University). This year the global SICSS initiative brings together 21 summer schools, including SICSS-HSE. Participants at SICSS-HSE will learn about the opportunities of using data science methods and new kinds of data in social sciences, gain

experience in dealing with digital traces, and discuss ethical challenges of research in computational social science. All SICSS locations will share an online environment to facilitate the joint problem solving and collaboration. This initiative will help young researchers to build their professional social network.

4. [GESIS, organized by Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences](#)

Where: Cologne, Germany

Dates: July, 20 – August, 21, 2020

Topics: Survey Methodology

Deadline: April, 30, 2020

Tuition fee: Short courses 160 €, one week courses 400 €

Every August since 2012, the GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology takes place at GESIS, Cologne. Lecturers and participants from all over the world and from many different fields come to Cologne to take part in Europe's leading summer school on survey methodology, research design, and data collection -- recommended by the European Survey Research Association (ESRA). Short courses are two-day courses that aim at updating participants' skills to better fulfill the entrance requirements of some one-week courses or at providing instruction in a specialized area. Short courses consist of about 6 hours of classes per day. One-week courses consist of 6 hours of classes a day of which around 2 hours are tutorials or labs or exercises (details for each course are provided in the course descriptions).

5. [Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis](#)

Where: University of Essex, UK

Dates: July, 13 – August, 21, 2020

Topics: various types of quantitative and qualitative research methods, research design, techniques for data collection and measurement, as well as mathematics

Deadline: May, 1, 2020

Tuition fee: £50, full payment is to be paid by 21 May 2020

The Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis provides world-leading social science methods training to postgraduate research students by offering instruction from an internationally renowned faculty, drawn from the world's top research institutions. It seeks to foster the academic research and careers of the postgraduate students who attend, both through training and by offering unique networking experiences. In doing so, it contributes to the entirety of the international social science community. The core Summer School consists of three two-week sessions with a variety of postgraduate-level methodology courses. Courses usually run for two weeks, with infrequent exceptions running one week. Courses cover various types of quantitative and qualitative research methods, research design, techniques for data collection and measurement, as well as mathematics. The language of instruction is English.

Scholarships

1. [The Oxford-Arlan Hamilton & Earline Butler Sims Scholarship](#)

Where: The Oxford University, UK

Dates: Applications will open in spring 2020

Deadline: No deadline!

The scholarship, launched for 2020 entry, is available to UK undergraduates of Black African and Caribbean heritage who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. The programme is funded by the generosity of Arlan Hamilton, an international entrepreneur assisting underrepresented business founders. The Oxford-Arlan Hamilton & Earline Butler Sims Scholarship, named in part as a living tribute to Arlan's mother, will provide one award for 2020 entry covering annual fees and living costs, and an internship grant to support a placement opportunity during a scholar's course. One scholarship will also be available for 2021 entry and for 2022 entry.

Main requirements: must be ordinarily resident in the UK and of Black African or Caribbean heritage; undergraduate level. Priority will be given to applicants whose household income is assessed as £27,500 or less.

The application form and guidance notes for 2020 entry will be made available on [this page](#) in spring 2020.

2. [The School of Global Affairs Postgraduate Scholarship](#)

Where: King's College, London, UK

Dates: Applications is opening

Deadline: March, 1, 2020

The School of Global Affairs is offering a master's awards of £9,900 for 2020/21 entry for one full-time student onto Global Affairs MSc. All students are eligible, including those from the UK, the EU and overseas. We will identify our top candidates based on previous academic performance, relevant experience (where appropriate) and the personal statement indicating reasons for applying to the particular course.

Main requirements: There is no separate application procedure for the scholarship. If you have submitted a complete application by midnight (UK time) on 31 March in the given year, you will be automatically considered for the scholarship. A fully completed application includes a complete online application form and all supporting documents. This includes personal statements, transcripts, references and IELTS certificates where appropriate. All materials must have been submitted via the Postgraduate Admissions Portal by the due time and date.

3. [LSE Bloomberg Scholarships for Public Service](#)

Where: London School of Economics, UK

Dates: Applications is opening

Deadline: April, 21, 2020 at 12:00 (noon)

The LSE Cities Scholarships and Bloomberg Scholarships for Public Service are intended to provide financial assistance to outstanding Executive MSc in Cities

applicants who would not otherwise be able to meet the full cost of tuition. The Bloomberg Scholarships for Public Service are open to all Executive MSc in Cities applicants who work for a public sector organisation and are unable to fund their studies without financial assistance, regardless of their nationality or current residence.

Main requirements: The LSE Cities Scholarships are open to all Executive MSc in Cities applicants who are unable to fund their studies without financial assistance, regardless of their professional background, nationality or current residence. As only a limited number of awards are available, we use a selection process that considers both the quality of the applicant and their financial need. The former will be judged on the information provided in the programme application (submitted through LSE Graduate Admissions) and the latter will be assessed according to information provided in the Executive MSc in Cities Scholarship Application Form.

Further details about the programme application process are available on our [How to Apply](#) page. Submit a scholarship application using [the Executive MSc in Cities online Scholarship Application Form](#).

4. [Newcastle University Overseas Research Scholarship \(NUORS\)](#)

Where: The Oxford University, UK

Dates: Applications is opening

Deadline: April, 24, 2020

Newcastle University is committed to offering support to the very best international students hoping to pursue a programme of research. We are pleased to offer a small number of University funded NUORS awards for outstanding international students who apply to commence PhD studies in any subject in 2020/21. The award is valid for the normal duration of the PhD (no longer than 3 years).

Main requirements: you have been offered a place on a PhD research programme; intend to register to start your studies during the 2020/21 academic year; you have been assessed as international/overseas for fees purposes, and are wholly or partially self-financing.

Please complete [the online NUORS application form](#) and in accordance with the NUORS regulations. You will also be required to provide details of an academic referee; the University will then contact your referee directly.

5. [British Federation of Women Graduates \(BFWG\) Scholarships](#)

Where: Cranfield University, UK

Dates: Applications is opening

Deadline: Applications usually close near the end of February each year

The British Federation of Women Graduates (BFWG) Scholarships are for women who will be in their third year of doctoral studies or part-time equivalent at the time the awards are given out (the autumn of each year). Awards are given to help with ongoing

doctoral work rather than as prizes at the end of doctoral studies so please do not apply if you expect to submit your thesis in the next 12 months.

Main requirements: a female postgraduate student who will be in third year of doctoral studies or part time equivalent; registered at a university in England, Wales or Scotland (not Northern Ireland).

To apply, please visit [the BFWG website](#).

Master Programmes & PhDs

1. [PhD position at the UvA Faculty of Humanities](#)

Where: Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Deadline: March 31, 2020

Salary: €2325-2972 per/month (employment within the Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis - 38 hours per week)

The Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis (ASCA) invites applications for a PhD position at the Faculty of Humanities. ASCA is one of the six research schools under the aegis of the Amsterdam Institute for Humanities Research. Each research institute covers an important research area within the faculty and has its own research programme. ASCA is a world-leading research school in Cultural Analysis. Its members share a commitment to studying culture in all its forms and expressions within an interdisciplinary framework, and to maintaining a close connection with contemporary cultural and political debates. The PhD candidate at the Faculty of Humanities will be employed for 4 years, so all of the applicants will have a chance to conduct a research in the field of their interests but also to gain working experience in academia abroad.

Main requirements: 1) Master's degree in a field relevant to the proposed PhD project (if you haven't graduated from your Master's yet, you have to provide signed letter from your supervisor that you will graduate before September, 2020), 2) CV, 3) list of grades, 4) research proposal (max. 800 words), 5) letter of motivation (max 200 words), 6) writing sample (project paper of master's thesis, max. 10000 words), 7) one or two academic referees (name, contact details)

Those who are interested could find an application form [here](#). Please send your application and all necessary documents in **one summarized PDF** file, using your surname followed by your initials as the file name.

2. [Call for postgraduate courses \(PhD\) at the Scuola Normale Superiore](#)

Where: Florence/ Pisa, Italy

Deadline: February 27, 2020 (spring session), August 27, 2020 (autumn session)

Scholarship: €17000 for the whole year + travel expenses (max. €1000 - only Non-EU applicants)

The Scuola particularly welcomes applications for admission from young candidates who are highly motivated towards research. The programme takes place in Pisa or Florence, depending on the chosen research field. All students admitted to our doctoral programmes receive scholarships, which include tuition fees and a grant for board and accommodation. The scholarship is guaranteed to students who maintain a high academic level and make significant progress in their thesis work.

Main requirements: 1) be born after October 31, 1988, 2) those, who hasn't completed their master's degree - submit abstract in Italian or English (max. 25000 characters), 3) **research project** (max. 20000 characters) + abstract (max. 3000 characters), 4) diploma supplement or other equivalent documentation relating to exams taken and degree results (for those who have obtained their qualification outside of the EU must attach a certificate relating to their qualification translated into English if the original is in different language). **Pre-selected applicants will go through oral exam.**

Those who are interested could submit their application via online portal from [here](#).

3. [New PhD Studentships for 2020 at Kingston University \(Masters are also available\)](#)

Where: London, the UK

Deadline: March 15, 2020

Scholarship: three levels of funding one of which is fully funded scholarship (£17,009 per year)

Tuition fee: £4,327 per year (3 years full-time)

At Kingston, groups of researchers work together to generate and share new knowledge. Knowledge is passed on to students through courses, and to other organizations through enterprise activities. Knowledge is shared with other researchers all over the world through publications and events such as seminars and conferences. By collaborating with other organizations, our research remains relevant to public interests and can provide real benefits for society. Kingston is seeking to make substantial investment in a variety of new PhD studentships for awards beginning in late September 2020. These include targeted awards for Black and Minority Ethnic students and for Kingston alumni.

Main requirements: 1) project proposal, 2) transcripts/ degree certificate, 3) English language proficiency (IELTS: min. overall score 6.5/7 - depends on the subject), 4) CV, 5) KU Studentship statement of application (max. 200 words), 6) references are required only for those who will be invited for interview (deadline for this is on April 9, 2020, complete the Reference form).

Those who are interested could find the guidance how to apply and the list with the programmes [here](#).

4. [UCD School of Sociology. Ad Astra PhD Scholarships](#)

Where: Dublin, Ireland

Deadline: March 31, 2020

Scholarship: €18,000 per year + allowance of up to €4,000 per year for research costs

The UCD Structured PhD aims to enable PhD students to achieve the best possible experience of graduate research and training. Making a substantial and original contribution to knowledge, normally leading to peer-reviewed publications, remains the core objective of doctoral studies. The Structured PhD includes several innovative measures designed to support you in achieving your academic and professional objectives. The School has exciting and diverse PhD and MLitt (Structured Research Masters) programmes which have been extensively revised in recent years. Applicants are invited to apply for following study areas: Human Rights, Memory and Conflicts; Biography, identity and inequality; Islam/Muslims in Europe from a sociological or anthropological perspective and Sociological Approaches to Law and Sexuality.

Main requirements: 1) transcripts with grades, 2) two academic references, 3) CV, 4) covering letter (letter of motivation), 5) writing sample (Master's thesis or 2-3 draft chapters if it's not submitted yet, samples of published work), 6) English language proficiency, 7) **research proposal** (description - max. 500 words; location of the proposed project within current state of research and bibliography in the area - max. 500; significance of the contribution - max. 500 words; methodology - max. 400 words; candidate's record and academic achievements - max. 250 words).

Those who are interested could download the application form from [here](#) and send all the supporting documentation (except references) to [Lucia Suchorova](#). **You have to post all original documentation (including references).**

Internships & Job Opportunities

1. [Shadows of Empires. Imperial Legacies and Mythologies in East Central Europe](#)

Where: Sofia, Bulgaria

Working language: English

Dates: September 14-21, 2020

Deadline: March 15, 2020

The empires of the 19th century left both material and intellectual legacies in Eastern Europe. They challenged each other's influence in the region, and some territories of East and Central Europe were not only imperial borderlands but also a part of, or vassals dependent on, the Russian and the Ottoman empires. To these belonged parts of present-day Romania and Moldova: the historic principalities of Wallachia and Moldavia, and parts of Ukraine: Crimea, the Northern Black Sea Coast and the historic regions of Bukovyna and Podillia. On the intellectual map of Eastern Europe at the fin de siècle, Russian pan-Slavism and pan-Turkism were the competing ideologies. Relations with the imagined "West" implied specific consequences and occupy a special place in the legacies of all empires.

Twenty scholars (historians, literary and cultural scientists, cultural anthropologists, sociologists, economists, political scientists, etc.) in the early/initial stages of their career (doctoral/postdoctoral), who are eager to contribute to the topics and questions described will be gathered up to discuss their current topics. Projects that look at imperial legacies and mythologies in East and Central Europe from a comparative and transregional perspective are highly welcomed.

Main requirements: 1) CV (max. 3 pages), 2) 3-5 pages outline of your project, 3) sample of an academic writing, 4) names of two university faculty members who can serve as referees (no letters of recommendation required).

Those who are interested please submit the documents as one **PDF** file to this [e-mail](#). **Please specify the topic of the Academy: “Empires” in the subject line of the e-mail.**

2. [Academic Internship in the Global Workplace](#)

Where: Berlin, Germany

Working language: English

Dates: June 15 - August 9, 2020

Deadline: March 1, 2020

Tuition fee: \$6350

Scholarship: available. You could find the list via [the link](#).

The course is designed to equip students with experience, knowledge, and skills for succeeding in globally interdependent and culturally diverse workplaces. Throughout the course, students will be challenged to question, reflect upon, and respond thoughtfully to the issues they observe and encounter in the internship setting and local host environment. Students will have the opportunity to cultivate essential skills such as project management, teamwork, intercultural communication, and comparative analysis, while developing an individual eportfolio that highlights their skills and experience as they embark on a career in their field of interest. The hybrid nature of the course allows students to focus on their assigned tasks and projects at the internship site, while engaging in online discussions and lectures, local events such as guest speakers and site visits, as well as readings and other assignments, that are necessary to receive academic credit for the internship.

Main requirements: 1) GPA = 2,5, 2) English is working language, 3) CV. If you have any further question about the application guidance, you can schedule a call via [here](#).

Those who are interested could submit their applications via [online form](#).

3. [Marketing & Promotion Internship in Indonesia](#)

Where: West Java, Indonesia

Working language: English

Duration: 4-6 months

Deadline: no deadline

Financial Aid: free accommodation, airport transfer, 1500000 IDR per month (near €100 per month).

Nusa Putra is looking for enthusiastic interns to join the international team. Improve your marketing skills by putting them to use in multilayered efforts to promote technical college among high schools and companies in the Western Java region. During your internship abroad, you'll have the chance to implement and maintain online marketing tools, create social media content and mailings, and even deliver materials. To round out your experience, interns are also given the opportunity to take classes in Indonesian languages, music, and dance. This program offers shorter durations, but to qualify for a paid internship, you must stay for four months or more. **Main requirements:** 1) educational background in Marketing, Sales, Languages in Business, 2) verbal and written communication skills, 3) CV.

Those who are interested could submit this [online form](#).

Conferences & Workshops

1. [Conference Series "Living in a World of Nation States". Europe 2](#)

Where: Moscow, Russia

Working language: English

Dates: April 15-17, 2020

Deadline: February 28, 2020

The next conference series [Europe 3](#) will be held later, on October 2-3, 2020 in Sofia, Bulgaria. The deadline is on June 15, 2020.

The world of nation states and capitalism has received massive criticism, both in the political as in the scientific discourses. However, until now, critical discourses about the world, may these be political discourses or discourses in the social sciences, not only widely focused on the critique of the world's economy, capitalism, the economy of the „modern“ society system, and widely left the nation state as an object of substantial criticism aside, though the nation states are the only subjects in this world which thanks to their power monopole have the power to decide what is politically and economically going on in this world, not only in the sphere of politics and in the world's societies, but also in the world's market economies.

The new conference series "Living in a world of nation states" aims at critically discussing the existing scientific knowledge and at going beyond this knowledge about what it means to live in a world of nation states.

All papers, including those, which might not be presented due to time constraints on the conferences, will be published in the newly established WorldSSHNet journal "Beyond the Social Sciences".

Main requirements: submit an abstract (does not mention the words limit)

Those who are interested could submit their abstracts to [e-mail](#) (1) and [e-mail](#) (2).

2. [CFP: University of Sussex Conference on Political Corruption and Party Funding](#)

Where: Sussex, the UK

Working language: English

Dates: May 4-5, 2020

Deadline: March 1, 2020

Tuition fee: free. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, own responsibility for travel and accommodation costs.

The Conference on Political Corruption and Party Funding aims to bring together a diverse group of scholars and practitioners to exchange and share their ideas, experiences and research results about different aspects of corruption and anti-corruption and to analyse the latest trends and patterns in the manifestations of corruption globally, regionally and nationally. The main aim of the conference is to broadly focus on two themes: political corruption and party funding. People, who are interested in the fields of political science, social sciences, public policy and other relevant disciplines are invited to apply!

Main requirements: submit an abstract (max. 500 words). Please, also provide a brief biography, institutional affiliation and your contact details as a presenter.

Those who are interested could submit their proposals to [Albertus Schoeman](#) OR to [Liljana Cvetanoska](#).

3. [The 6th Annual CRRC Conference: Coming Together and Growing Apart: A decade of Transformation in the South Caucasus](#)

Where: Tbilisi, Georgia

Working language: English

Dates: June 26-27, 2020

Deadline: April 6, 2020

Financial Aid: CRRCs will support limited number of participants coming from Armenia, Azerbaijan and outside of the region for their travel, accommodation, and meals outside of the event.

The Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC) seek proposals for the 6th Annual CRRC Conference, and welcomes proposals for (a) thematic panels and (b) methodological seminars. It is a network of research and research support centers in the capital cities of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. At this year's conference, we will celebrate the release of the latest wave of the Caucasus Barometer, a bi-annual household survey administered by CRRC offices across the region. While we welcome contributions using original data, authors who plan to present scholarly work using Caucasus Barometer data are especially encouraged to apply. Apart from methodologically guided substantive contributions, authors are encouraged to submit proposals for methodological sessions. Main topics: Conflicts, displacement, and reconciliation; Culture, values, and identity; Economic development, energy, and mobility; Politics, power, and democracy.

Main requirements: 1) proposal should include abstract and CV, 2) PPT of intended talk

Those who are interested could submit this [online form](#).

4. [Brexit Interdisciplinary Conference: Challenges and Consequences for EU and UK](#)

Where: Madrid, Spain

Working language: English

Dates: June 5-7, 2020

Deadline: March 31, 2020

Brexit has been an important issue for both the United Kingdom and the European Union since 2016. The UK referendum of 2016 has triggered a series of international negotiations, domestic policy issues, corporate, legal and migration concerns and a whole other myriad of issues which will have a serious impact on both the UK and the EU in case of a Brexit. If you are interested in any aspect of Brexit, you are welcome to apply!

Main requirements: an abstract of your paper (250-300 words) with a brief bio.

Those who are interested could submit their abstracts to this [e-mail](#).

5. [Conf/CfP The Soviet Experience in Armenia and Its Legacy](#)

Where: Michigan, the USA

Working language: English

Dates: November 13-15, 2020

Deadline: March 15, 2020

Financial Aid: all speakers will be provided with accommodation and meals during the conference

The conference will seek to analyze the impact of seventy years of Soviet rule in Armenia between 1920 and 1991. It will explore the trajectory of Soviet Armenian society, including but not restricted to critical developments and turning points in politics, the economy and culture. The overall aim of the conference will be to analyze dynamics within Soviet Armenia, using applicable theoretical tools and methodologies devised by specialists of the broader Soviet world. Conversely, the analysis of the Soviet Armenian experience can also be used to critique and challenge these frameworks. The papers can also explore in the same manner the ways with which Armenian society in the homeland and the Diaspora is handling the legacy of the Soviet era since Armenia regained its political sovereignty and independence in 1991.

Main requirements: 1) an abstract of up to 300 words, 2) CV.

Those who are interested please submit your abstracts and CVs to this [e-mail](#).