

**TITLE:** Achieving Excellence: University Program in Advanced Social Science Research

**EDUCATION TYPE:** Advanced social science methods training

**OPEN TO/ ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** Up to 25 qualified Georgian citizens enrolled in a Ph.D. program in a social science field. Competition is open to Ph.D. Candidates from Ilia, Gori, Kutaisi, Telavi and Batumi State Universities as well as the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA).

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Ph.D. Candidates.

**START DATE/ TIME:** Online training (January – May, 2011) and seminar in Georgia (July, 2011)

**LOCATION:** Online and in Georgia (Tbilisi)

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION:** Arizona State University's (ASU) Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies and the School of Politics and Global Studies, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia (ISU), with support from the Public Affairs Office in the Embassy of the United States in Georgia, announce a combined online and in-country training program in advanced Social Science Research. This graduate education-training program provides an intensive academic approach to social science research as it is practiced in leading American universities. Social science professors from Arizona State University, including Professors David Siroky, Carolyn Warner and Michael Hechter will lead lectures, seminars and working groups. Ph.D. Candidates in Georgia should include a copy of a recent research article, working paper or research project with their application. Candidates should have a sound knowledge of the English language, since no interpretation will be provided. Funding is provided for living expenses, including travel, and housing during the seminar.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Ph.D. candidacy (include your year in the Ph.D. program and the name of the university and department or faculty that will issue the degree). Candidate must be able to include a writing sample, such as an article, working paper or book chapter. This sample should be in English if at all possible. If it is in Georgian, please include a 500-word summary in English.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** Each applicant must submit the following materials in English by November 10, 2010, to: [saperavi@asu.edu](mailto:saperavi@asu.edu) as one document, preferably in .pdf format.

1. Updated CV (up to 10 pages),
2. 500 word (maximum) summary of a recent working paper, published article or book written by the applicant, possibly co-authored. Include a complete copy of the published article or working paper that represents your best social science research.
3. 500 word summary of dissertation research project.
4. Proof of English proficiency.
5. Legible scan of the passport date page(s) and photo page.

Short-listed candidates will be contacted for individual interviews between November 20 and November 25, 2010. Successful candidates will be notified of their acceptance by the end of November, 2010, with the online component of the training to commence in January. The in-country training seminar will occur in Tbilisi and Abastumani during July, 2011.

**OPENING DATE:** 1 October 2010

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** 10 November 2010 for receipt of all materials.

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