

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

EDUCATION TYPE: Advanced social science collaborative research and methods training

OPEN TO/ ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Up to 10 qualified Georgian citizens with a Ph.D. or equivalent advanced degree and a minimum of 2 years work experience in social science research. Competition is open to individuals from all Georgian State universities and the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA).

INTENDED AUDIENCE: University-level professors, researchers and instructors.

START DATE/ TIME: In USA: January 13, 2011 – May 13, 2011

DURATION: 4 months

LOCATION: Tempe, Arizona, USA

DETAILED DESCRIPTION: Arizona State University's (ASU) Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies and the School of Politics and Global Studies, in collaboration with Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia (ISU) and with support from the Public Affairs Office in the Embassy of the United States in Georgia, announce a semester-length 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 will lead lectures, seminars and working groups. Social science academics in Georgia should include a copy of a recent research article, working paper or research project and are invited to propose collaborative projects with ASU faculty, including the Principal Investigator, Professor David Siroky, as well as two core program faculty, Professor Carolyn Warner and Professor Michael Hechter. Other faculty collaboration proposals will also be considered.

Candidates should have a sound knowledge of the English language, since no interpretation will be provided. Funding is provided for living expenses, including roundtrip airfare, visas, housing, monthly stipend, site visits, tuition and university fees, and health insurance.

REQUIREMENTS: Ph.D. or equivalent (include year in which the degree was received and the name of the university and department or faculty that issued 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 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 proposed research project to work on at ASU, possibly in collaboration with ASU faculty member.
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 academic preparation courses beginning in late December and travel to the United States in the first half of January, 2011. The semester-length at Arizona State University will last from January 13, 2011 until May 13, 2011.

OPENING DATE: 1 October 2010

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

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