



## Call for Applications to the 10<sup>th</sup> Round of the Young Cell Scheme, Post-Graduate EU Scholarship Programme 2016

The **European Union Office** to Kosovo and the **Ministry for European Integration**, announce the opening of the 10<sup>th</sup> Round of applications to the Young Cell Scheme, the EU post-graduate scholarships programme for Kosovo, which is currently implemented by the British Council. Applications are open from **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016** and until **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016** and successful applicants will be offered the opportunity to study in a Master's programme at Universities in the EU Member States. The Scholarship Programme, **whose working language is only English**, will offer up to 32 full grants (the actual number of grants awarded may also be less depending on suitability of candidates and availability of funding). This call is open to civil servants (up to 10% of the total of awarded grants) and graduates in Law, Political Sciences, Economics, Business Management, Social Sciences, History, Humanities, International Relations, Diplomacy, Criminology and other academic backgrounds (as specified in the Rules of Procedures available on <http://ycskosovo.eu>) in line with the following sectors:

- ◊ **Law** – up to 16 scholarships available
- ◊ **Public Administration** – up to 8 scholarships available
- ◊ **Economics** – up to 8 scholarships available

Eligible applicants are:

- ◊ Kosovo citizens with a valid Kosovo passport or ID card issued by Kosovo Authorities or those who provide proofs of birth and of residency in Kosovo (**NB: both birth certificate and residence certificate** are required where any form of Kosovo ID cannot be provided).
- ◊ University graduates in one of the areas of study pertaining to one of the sectors listed above. Undergraduate students may also be eligible, **provided that they obtain their degree no later than 30 June 2016**.
- ◊ Civil servants employed in Public Administration of Kosovo.
- ◊ Fluent in English and Albanian or Serbian. Knowledge of other EU languages will be considered an asset.
- ◊ Available to travel and to move abroad from September 2016, and to undergo intensive training from the second half of April onwards.
- ◊ Born on **4 March 1976** or later.

Scholarships will cover the following costs for up to **32 grantees**:

- ◊ tuition fees
- ◊ living allowances
- ◊ visa costs
- ◊ health insurance
- ◊ 2 flight tickets
- ◊ IELTS English test (and GMAT test where necessary)

Selected participants will commit to:

- ◊ Work for the Kosovo Public Administration as an intern for at least 2 months before departure (with the exception of civil servants already employed in Public Administration of Kosovo).
- ◊ Follow the YCS language training programme (where needed).
- ◊ Attend and complete their chosen post-graduate studies.
- ◊ Complete 3 consecutive years of employment or re-employment (if civil servants) in the Public Administration of Kosovo (including employment in municipalities and local government, preferably in their place of residence) upon return.

Selections will be carried out in 3 stages and include:

- ◊ Pre-Selection on administrative and eligibility criteria.
- ◊ Written tests (English knowledge, EU General Knowledge and Verbal & Numerical Reasoning).
- ◊ Interviews by a panel composed of European academics, EUO and MEI representatives

Women and representatives of minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Application forms and the full set of accompanying documents are available for download on internet, at the following website: [www.ycskosovo.eu](http://www.ycskosovo.eu) until 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Additional information on the **Scholarship rules and selections criteria and procedures are available online and must be read and understood** before submitting an application.

Applicants must complete in **English** the **YCS Application Form**, the **Europass CV format** and they must accompany the application with a signed and dated **Letter of Motivation** explaining why they wish to take part in the scheme. All applicants must also enclose with their application **copies of diplomas or degrees** and **original (or certified copies of) transcripts** and copies of **valid Passport/ID card issued by Kosovo authorities or other proofs of birth and of residency in Kosovo**. In case of **undergraduate applicants**, they must enclose with their applications up to date **original (or certified copy of) transcripts with the exams** and a **self-declaration regarding the expected date of graduation**. Make sure to include a **VALID e-mail address and phone number** in the YCS Application Form and in the Europass CV of your application. **Communications to applicants will be sent only through emails.**

The **Europass CV format** and the **YCS Application Form** can be downloaded from [www.ycskosovo.eu](http://www.ycskosovo.eu) by registering on the website and filling the application form (under the page "Round X Applications").

**NB: Incomplete applications, applications not in English, and applications including CVs not in the Europass format will not be reviewed and will be automatically excluded from the selection procedure!**

**Applications deadline: 17:00 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Deliver application, **Monday to Friday, 10:00-16:00**, in person or by registered post/express courier in a sealed envelope addressed to: **Young Cell Scheme,**  
**Round X Applications, Perandori Justinian 6, Qyteza Pejton, 10000 Prishtina (Kosovo)**

**APPLICATIONS BY EMAIL ARE NOT VALID**

*Please do not make direct inquiries regarding your application.*

***Applicants who have not been contacted by 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 have not been short-listed.***

For further information you can consult [www.ycskosovo.eu](http://www.ycskosovo.eu) or write at [info@ycskosovo.eu](mailto:info@ycskosovo.eu)

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