



## Pre-notice of the Call for Applications to the 11<sup>th</sup> Round of the Young Cell Scheme, Post-Graduate EU Scholarship Programme 2018

**NB: This is a pre-notice informing about the forthcoming opening of the actual call for applications. No action is required at the present moment from potential applicants.**

The **European Union Office** in Kosovo and the **Ministry of European Integration**, announce the forthcoming opening of the 11<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 will be open from **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018** and until **5<sup>th</sup> February 2018** 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 45 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 general public and to civil servants (up to 10% of the total of awarded grants) who are 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 to be published on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018) in line with the following sectors:

- ◇ **Law – up to 25 scholarships available**
- ◇ **Public Administration – up to 10 scholarships available**
- ◇ **Economics – up to 10 scholarships available**

Eligible applicants are:

- ◇ **Kosovo's 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 holding a bachelor degree in one of the areas of study pertaining to the sectors (please refer to Annex I to the Rules of Procedure to be published on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018). Undergraduate students may also be eligible provided that they obtain their degree no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.
- ◇ **Fluent in English** and Albanian or Serbian. Knowledge of other EU languages will not be considered an asset.
- ◇ Available to travel and to move abroad from August 2018 to October 2019, and to undergo intensive training from the second half of March 2018 onwards.
- ◇ Born on 4<sup>th</sup> February 1983 or later.

Scholarships will cover the following costs for up to **45 grantees**:

- ◇ tuition fees
- ◇ living allowances
- ◇ visa costs
- ◇ health insurance
- ◇ one return flight ticket
- ◇ 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 1 month 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 will sit the panel as observers.

Women and representatives of minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Application forms and the full set of accompanying documents will be available for download on internet, at the following website: <http://ycskosovo.eu> starting from **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. Additional information on the Scheme's Rules, Procedures and Selections Criteria will also be available online from the same date. **This is only a pre-notice of the opening for the call of applications to inform potential applicants of the forthcoming opening of the call itself. Applications are not yet open.**

For further information <http://ycskosovo.eu>

*"Young Cell Scheme (Round XI-XII)" is an EU Funded Project, managed by EUO in Kosovo and implemented by the British Council.*

