

Visegrad Newsletter

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I. GENERAL NEWS/UPCOMING CALLS&DEADLINES

I.1 GENERAL

Presently, the Fund offers altogether 4 grant schemes (Small, Standard, Strategic and University Studies Grants), 5 scholarship programs and a unique Visegrad Artist Residency Program (VARP) in altogether 11 annual deadlines.

To date we have supported more than 2,000 grant projects, 500 scholarships and almost 50 artist residencies in the Visegrad Group countries and in the broader region of Central and Eastern Europe.

To see the approved grants, scholarships and residency projects please see the following links:

- * <http://www.visegradfund.org/approved.html>
- * <http://www.visegradfund.org/approvedvsp.html>
- * <http://www.visegradfund.org/approved/VARP2008.pdf>

I.2 ON-LINE APPLICATION SYSTEM

We are very happy that the on-line application system—launched in the beginning of the year—has proved efficient and that all of our applications (with the exception of the Visegrad University Studies Grant) are filled out and submitted on-line. To see what the system looks like—or to apply—please see its link at:

- * <http://applications.visegradfund.org/>

I.3 VISEGRAD FIND

If you are looking for project partners in other countries or if you would like to offer your partnership to other organizations please feel free to leave a short note on our new electronic notice board called the Visegrad Find available on-line at the following link:

- * <http://visegradfind.visegradfund.org/>

I.4 UPCOMING DEADLINES

The autumn of 2008 traditionally brings the second deadline of the Standard Grants and the two remaining Small Grant deadlines of the year. Also, artist residencies have their regular deadline in September.

1 September: **Small Grants**

10 September: **Standard Grants**

15 September: **VARP**

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1 December: **Small Grants**

I.5 CURRENT PROJECTS

To see currently-running projects near you please visit the Calendar section of our website at:

- * <http://www.visegradfund.org/calendar.php>

II. NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

II.1 ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN AND GEORGIA IN SCHOLARSHIP COUNTRIES

The Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the International Visegrad Fund approved the extension of the list of countries eligible for the Visegrad Scholarship Program by the three Caucasus countries. As of 2009, scholars from altogether 13 non-Visegrad countries can apply for scholarships at V4 universities (In-Coming Scholarships), while at the same time scholars from V4 countries have three additional countries to apply for.

The list of countries—from which scholars can apply for scholarships—includes the following (not including the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia):

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, the Russian Federation, Serbia and Ukraine.

II.2 80 SEMESTERS FOR BELARUS

Also, the Council of Ambassadors of the International Visegrad Fund approved the establishment of a new subprogram within the In-Coming scholarship scheme. The new Visegrad Scholarships Program for Belarusian scholars offers altogether 80 semesters of scholarship funding to Belarusian scholars who intend to study at any accredited public or private university in the Visegrad Group countries.

For details and further information please visit:

- * <http://scholarships.visegradfund.org/>

III. VISEGRAD ARTIST RESIDENCIES

The annual deadline for the artist residencies is approaching inexorably: Please do not forget that the application and all other relevant documents need to be submitted or uploaded on-line:

- * <http://artists.visegradfund.org/>

IV. FURTHER VISEGRAD NEWS

To see a list of recent high-level meetings within the Visegrad Group please visit the Calendar section of the official portal of the Visegrad Group:

- * <http://www.visegradgroup.eu/main.php?folderID=859>

To see further news or daily-updated media monitor of main current issues in the V4 region please see the main page of the portal:

- * <http://www.visegradgroup.eu/main.php>