

VISEGRAD FUND LAUNCHES SCHOLARSHIPS AT OPEN SOCIETY ARCHIVES

Press Release

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For a better and deeper understanding of the interdependent recent history of Central Europe, the International Visegrad Fund (the Fund) offers **10 research fellowships** annually in the Open Society Archives (OSA) at the Central European University, Budapest to support research in the holdings of OSA.

The contract between the OSA and the Fund was officially signed in the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, H.E. Jan Kohout, by heads of both institutions—Executive Director of the Fund, Mr. Petr Vágner and Director of the OSA, Mr. István Rév in Prague on 7 May 2010.

The **grants of €2,000** are designed to provide access to the OSA for scholars, researchers, artists and journalists and help cover their travel to and from Budapest, modest subsistence, and accommodation in Budapest for a maximum research period of **two months**.

Altogether 10 annual scholarships will be made available in the following format: 2 for citizens of each of the Visegrad Group (V4) countries (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) and 2 for any other citizens.

Fellows are free to work on projects of their choice, however, in the 2010/2011 academic year, applicants with one of the following topics might enjoy advantage over other applicants:

1. Representations and interpretations of World War II and/or subsequent wars in Europe;
2. The complicated relationship between historiography/history writing and propaganda.

Successful candidates are expected to work on their projects, give a presentation at the Central European University within the framework of the International Visegrad Fund Fellow Lecture Series, and produce a final grant report (in text or in audio-visual format) in English, which will be posted on the websites of the OSA/the Fund.

No deadline is set in the program; applications will be considered by the selection committee as they are received. Final notification is usually within three months from the submission date.

More information: Open Society Archives(OSA)
<http://www.osaarchivum.org/>

Visegrad Scholarship Program
<http://scholarships.visegradfund.org/>