

**Scholarship for 2 visiting researchers from Georgia or Armenia
September – December 2012 (3 months)
Swiss Forum of Migration and Population Studies, University of
Neuchâtel, Switzerland**

The University of Neuchâtel, in cooperation with the Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN) Programme, offers 2 PhD students from Georgia or Armenia dealing with migration the opportunity to spend 3 months at the Swiss Forum of Migration and Population Studies (SFM) as visiting researchers. The competition is open to PhD students dealing with the following issues:

- Migration movements
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Integration
- Racism and discrimination
- Demography

Selected candidates will have an office space within the SFM premises and will thus have the opportunity to work on their PhD project in a state of the art environment. They will also have the opportunity to exchange and discuss their research project with colleagues from the institute and be advised from well-established experts in the field of migration.

The Swiss Forum of Migration and Population Studies (SFM)

The Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies (SFM) is a research and training institute at the University of Neuchâtel. It participates in the teaching of the Master's Degree in Human and Social Sciences. With its specialism on "Migration and Citizenship" the institute offers an innovative module, unique in Switzerland.

The SFM is affiliated with the Centre for the Understanding of Social Processes (MAPS) at the University of Neuchâtel, contributing to the advancement and strengthening of interdisciplinary research on the circulation of people, capital and knowledge.

The SFM was founded in 1995, with the aim to contribute to pragmatic discussions on migration issues. Since then, the institute has completed over 250 studies financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) or funded by a range of federal, cantonal, communal, and private organisations. The SFM also participates actively in international research programmes.

Eligibility criteria

- Georgian or Armenian citizens residing in Georgia or Armenia
- PhD candidates affiliated with a Georgian or Armenian institution of higher education
- PhD project dealing with one of the above-mentioned topics
- Age : 35 years old maximum
- Language skills : English ; additional knowledge of French or German is an advantage

The selected visiting researchers are expected to be in Neuchâtel for the following period: September-December 2012. Slight variations of dates can be made under special circumstances.

Documents to submit

- motivation letter
- CV with publications (if any)
- description of PhD project (two pages maximum)
- two recommendation letters (with contact details)
- copy of passport
- letter of affiliation from university (confirming your status as a PhD student)

Scholarship

The grant covers the following aspects:

- visa costs
- travel costs (economy class flight ticket; train ticket from and to airport)
- accommodation
- daily allowances

Accommodation will be organized directly by the SFM.

Deadlines

Please merge all your documents into one single pdf file and submit the application to info@ascn.ch AND to gianni.damato@unine.ch **until 4 May 2012** with the following subject line: ASCN/ SFM Scholarship. Applications submitted after 4 May 2012 will not be taken into consideration. The selection procedure will be completed and announced in the beginning of June 2012 at the latest.

Further information

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About ASCN

ASCN is a programme aimed at promoting the social sciences and humanities in the South Caucasus (primarily Georgia and Armenia). Its different activities foster the emergence of a new generation of talented scholars. Promising junior researchers receive support through research projects, capacity-building trainings and scholarships. The programme emphasizes the advancement of individuals who, thanks to their ASCN experience, become better integrated in international academic networks. The ASCN programme is coordinated and operated by the Interfaculty Institute for Central and Eastern Europe (IICEE) at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland). It is initiated and supported by Gebert RUF Stiftung.