

Center for Social Sciences at Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

is announcing II round of call for applications for

International, Interdisciplinary Master's programs in Social Sciences

for AY 2010 -2011

- **"Gender Studies"** (English-language program, the only Master's program in Gender in whole South Caucasus); Georgian, Armenian, Azeri and International applicants can submit their applications by July 26, 2010.
- **"Transformation in the South Caucasus"** (English-language, international Master's program) Only regional (Armenia and Azerbaijan) and international applicants can submit the applications by July 26, 2010.

Full educational grants for 2 academic years are provided for top students

9 Fellowships for Transformation in the South Caucasus

6 Fellowships for Gender Studies

Deadline for application submission: July 26, 2010, 17.00 PM.

Brief information about programs:

Academic Degree awarded: **Master of Social Sciences (MSocSc)**

Main Field of Study:

- 1) **Gender Studies**
- 2) **Transformation in the South Caucasus**

Length of study: four semesters (15-week terms) to be completed within 1.5 calendar years (from September 2010 to February 2012)

Language of instruction: English

Degree requirements: 120 credits (ECTS) acquired through course work (85 ECTS for Gender Studies; 80 ECTS for TSC), internship (5 ECTS for Gender Studies, 10 ECTS for TSC), masters' thesis (30 ECTS)

The programs are offered by I. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and administered by the Center for Social Sciences. The Center for Social Sciences (CSS) is a network institution of Higher Education Support Program of Open Society Institute in the South Caucasus and is committed to promoting research and quality education in social sciences www.ucss.ge. I. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU), the oldest university of Georgia and Caucasus, is an internationally recognized research university www.tsu.ge.

The Center for Social Sciences has been administering the interdisciplinary Master Programs "Gender Studies" and "Transformation in the South Caucasus" since September 2005. These programs belong to the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences and were developed on the basis of CSS through intensive cooperation with foreign partners from prominent Western Universities: University of Oxford, Mount Holyoke College, Rutgers State University, Central European University.

Lectures and research seminars are delivered by guest professors from different European and US universities are included in the curriculums of Master Programs. Students have access to various academic resources including CSS Library, E-resources and archives of academic journals, audio and video educational materials. The programs provide students' internship in governmental structures, local and international non-governmental organizations. Center also works on the perspectives of employment for the graduates of the programs. Students have unique chance to get academic degree: Master of Social Sciences (MSocSc) in TSC or Gender Studies, adequate to Western standards of education. Both academic programs are funded by Higher Educational Support program of Open Society Institute, Budapest.

RESEARCH RESOURCES

A variety of academic resources is available to students of TSU Gender Studies program. These include: CSS library (with 6000 volumes, up to 1000 in gender studies), Computer lab (connected to DSL and wireless internet, SPSS installed), free access to on-line resources - EBSCOHost, Cambridge University Journals, The University of Chicago Press Journals. Students are provided with readers for courses, extended syllabi and other educational materials developed by CSS.

FINANCIAL AID

Owing to Open Society Institute's Higher Education Support Program (OSI HESP), several full scholarships are available for the students of Master's Program in Gender Studies. Scholarships cover tuition fee, transportation costs and stipend for living expenses. Scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled with top ranking admission grades for the whole study period, provided they remain in good standing. **Only citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia are eligible for OSI HESP scholarships**; two scholarships are available for each country.

Tuition fees for students not qualifying for an OSI HESP scholarship are as follows:

- for Georgian citizens -1125 GEL per semester

- for international students -1125 USD per semester

Living expenses: there is no formal requirement for visa or other purposes, however, CSS estimates that students living in Tbilisi need to budget an average 600 GEL (approximately 350 USD) per month to cover rental costs, costs of utilities, meals, city transportation, personal expenses and incidentals.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree or Diploma in any academic area. Some background in social sciences is an asset.
- Current students expecting to graduate in June 2010 are eligible to apply.
- No working experience is required.

APPLICATION

• [Complete CSS application package](#)*

*Application package should be submitted in English. In case of admission, international applicants shall submit certified Georgian translations of documentation to the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia.

SELECTION

- ✓ **Written examination**** 40% (Get list of exam topics for TSC and Gender Studies programs from dlezhava@ucss.ge)
- ✓ **English test** 20% - English language proficiency level B2- demonstrated either by taking the corresponding examination at TSU Language Center or submitting standardized English Language test scores (TOEFL IBT80 or equivalent on IELTS, Cambridge, etc.)-
- ✓ **Interview** with the admissions committee 40%

** Trip to Tbilisi for admission examinations will be covered by CSS for short listed applicants from Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Registration of applications for II round of AY 2010-2011 will start from **June 25, 2010**.

Consultations for applicants at CSS

- **July 1, 15, 22 at 12.00 pm; CSS office**, TSU II building 3 Chavchavadze Avenue, III floor, Room # 336 (CSS library).

Application Timeline

- Georgian applicants of Gender Studies program must be registered for **Graduate Record Examination** for Master's programs (for Georgian applicants only) <http://www.naec.ge/index.php?lang=geo>
- In order to be registered at CSS and get [reading materials on CDs](#) for admission examinations all applicants should send e-versions of [CSS application cover page](#) (1 page only) to CSS Students' Dean at dlezhava@ucss.ge;
- **June 25 – July 26, 2010** - Submission of applications to CSS. Time: 10.00 am – 18.00 on working days of week. (Georgian applicants should submit both e-version and hard copy of application. Download the [CSS Application form](#) or receive it from CSS Students' Dean dlezhava@ucss.ge;
- International/Regional applicants should submit [package of documentations](#) translated into Georgia and attested notarially to the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia (Please address dlezhava@ucss.ge to get detailed information on this point).

Admission Examinations:

- July – **Graduate Record Examination** (for Georgian applicants only)
- **July 29, 10.00 am** – **Written examination** in specialization -40%; (Examination topics for [TSC](#); [Gender Studies](#))
- **July 30, 10.00 am** – **English test**. Applicants will require B2 level (TOEFL IBT min 80, or equivalent I - 20%)
- **July 30, 14.00 am** – **Interview** - 40%

CSS examination results will be announced in the first week of August. Final results will be announced after announcement of scores in Graduate Record Examination.

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