SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SEMESTER PROGRAMME IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES Pokhara, Nepal



Open to Nepali nationals* Deadline: 1 June for autumn semester / 1 November for spring semester

The Norwegian organization Kulturstudier (Culture Studies) is offering 10-week scholarships to Nepali nationals wishing to attend the university undergraduate course, Peace and Conflict Studies, in Pokhara, Nepal. The program is offered in cooperation with Oslo Metropolitan University (OsloMet) which issues internationally transferable university credits (30 ECTS credits [European Credit Transfer System]) **.

For information about the program, see http://www.kulturstudier.com/peace-and-conflict-studies

The program is suitable for:

• Students who wish to include Peace and Conflict Studies as a part of a bachelor degree.

• Professionals (teachers, diplomats, NGO workers, etc.) and others who seek further

education in international and comparative perspectives on peace and conflict.

Program period:

- 8 weeks of self-study with e-mail-based supervision prior to semester in Pokhara.
- 10 weeks of full-time studies in Pokhara starting first week of September for the autumn semester and first week of February for the spring semester
- 3 weeks of Individual home exam

The Scholarship includes:

- Tuition fees
- Breakfast and lunch from Monday to Friday during the 10 weeks
- Accommodation (in double or multiple room sharing with other students)
- Travel expenses to and from Pokhara
- Monthly allowance covering basic expenses during 10 weeks

Requirements:

1. The applicants are required to hand their Curriculum Vitae (CV) and a motivation letter. The motivation letter in English should be approximately 500 words, answering the following questions:

- What makes you a good candidate for the course?
- Why do you wish to study Peace and Conflict Studies?
- What part do you envisage the course will play in your future career/work/life plans?

Finalists may be contacted to submit an essay on a topic of our choosing.

- 2. Candidates must prove their university eligibility by documenting completed upper secondary school/high school education and minimum 1 year of completed higher education (see appendix for more details).
- 3. Successful candidates must be tested for their English proficiency prior to the semester and before being accepted into the program. Kulturstudier will cover the test fee (see appendix).
- 4. Candidates need to have a passport to apply for the scholarship.

To apply for the scholarship, or for further information, please contact Kulturstudier at <u>mail@kulturstudier.no</u> and put "PCS Scholarship" as the subject of the e-mail.

* We advise the applicant to check in advance with his/her university if these credits are transferable, as this might be different from faculty to faculty.

The applicants are required to hand their Curriculum Vitae (CV) and a motivation letter. The motivation letter in English should be approximately 500 words, answering the following questions:

- What makes you a good candidate for the course?
- Why do you wish to study Religion and Power/Peace and Conflict Studies?
- What part do you envisage the course will play in your future career/work/life

plans? Finalists may be contacted to submit an essay on a topic of our choosing.

2. Candidates must prove their university eligibility by documenting completed upper secondary school/high school education *and* minimum 1 year of completed higher education.

See below for a list of certificates and diplomas that document upper secondary school/high school diplomas. The transcript or diploma must be in English. If you cannot obtain an English version from your school the successful candidate must send us a copy of your original transcript <u>and</u> an English translation done by an authorized translator. Kulturstudier will cover these translation fees.

- School Leaving Certificate and Proficiency Certificate, or
- School Leaving Certificate and Higher Secondary Certificate, or
- School Leaving Certificate and Diploma level/Proficiency Certificate in Engineering, Pharmacy or Nursing

3. Successful candidates must be tested for their English proficiency prior to the semester and before being accepted into the program. NB! Kulturstudier will cover the test fee.

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 500 for a paper- based test, a score of at least 170 for a computer-based test or minimum 60 for an internet- based test
- International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) with a minimum score of 5.0.
- Advanced Placement International English Language examination (APIEL) with a minimum score of 3
- University of Cambridge examinations: First Certificate in English, Certificate in Advanced English or Certificate of Proficiency in English.

All scholarship students have to take one of the English tests presented above.

If you need to take a test, TOEFL and IELTS-tests can be taken relatively frequently and at a number of venues. For example:

http://www.ets.org/bin/getprogram.cgi?urlSource=toefl&newRegURL=&test=TOEFL&greClosed=ne w&greClosedCountry=China&browserType=&toeflType=&redirect=&t_country1=group_Nepal

NB! Students must take the test as soon as they are offered the scholarship and not later than December 1.

If you have any questions please contact Kulturstudier at mail@kulturstudier.se.