

Call for Proposals

Visegrad-Balkan Public Policy Fund - Young Researchers Programme

Under the Visegrad-Balkan Public Policy Fund - Young Researches Programme, the Pontis Foundation (Slovakia), the Association of Czech Non-governmental Organizations - DEMAS (Czech Republic), the Foundation for Development of Democratic Rights - Demnet (Hungary), the Balkan Civil Society Development Network – BCSDN (Macedonia) and the Kosovar Civil Society Foundation – KCSF (Kosovo) announce the first Call for applications for researchers and organizations from Macedonia and Kosovo to undertake research projects on:

1. National Aspects in Transitional Processes (CZ)
2. Financial instruments of the EU for development of non-governmental actors (SK)
3. Monitoring waiting lists and corruption in the health care system (SK)
4. Regulatory framework for usage of vacant urban properties (HU)
5. Links between civil sector and future-to-be pro bono infrastructure (HU)
6. Reproductive rights – birth rights (HU)

Fellows will be placed in organizations in Slovakia, the Czech Republic or Hungary depending on their chosen research topics for a period of 1 month.

Who can apply?

Eligible candidates should be representatives of civil society organizations or individual researchers, on age between 20-35 years and having permanent residence in Macedonia or Kosovo.

How to apply?

Applicants shall submit their CV and a filled in Application Form, specifying their focus area, field of expertise, motivation and expectations from the fellowship. The Application Form can be downloaded at <http://vbyoungresearchers.eu>. The documents shall be submitted to the following e-mail address: fellowship@pontisfoundation.sk. The deadline for receiving applications is **12 August 2013**. Applications will be evaluated by an independent selection committee by **31 August 2013** and successful candidates' names will be announced on projects website at <http://vbyoungresearchers.eu/> by **6 September 2013**.

Who covers the costs?

Fellows' travel, accommodation and boarding will be provided and covered through the International Visegrad Fund. Fellows are expected to cover their travel insurance themselves. Fellowships are to be agreed individually between successful applicants and receiving organisations. Duration of fellowships is 1 month, covered by the IVF. Fellows can prolong their stay on their own expense.

Contact person for additional information for Macedonian applicants is Ms. Deniza Bundalevska (dbn@balkancsd.net) or + 389 (0)2 614 42 11.

Contact person for additional information for Kosovar applicants is Mr. Fatmir Curri (fatmir.curri@kcsfoundation.org) or + 381 (0)38 248 636.