



Call for Applications to the 12th Round of the Young Cell Scheme, Post-Graduate EU Scholarship Programme 2018-2019

The **European Union Office in Kosovo** and the **Ministry of European Integration** announce the opening of the 12th Round of applications of the Young Cell Scheme, the EU post-graduate scholarships programme for Kosovo, which is currently implemented by the British Council. Applications are open from **Monday 12th November 2018** until **Monday 3rd December 2018**. Successful applicants will be offered the opportunity to study in **one year Master programmes** at Universities in the EU Member States. The Scholarship Programme, **whose working language is only English**, will offer up to 40 full grants (the actual number of grants awarded may also be less depending on suitability of candidates and availability of funding). This call is open to general public and to civil servants (up to 10% of the total of awarded grants) who are graduates in Law, Political Sciences, Economics, Business Management, Social Sciences, History, Humanities, International Relations, Diplomacy, Criminology and other academic backgrounds (as specified in the **Rules of Procedures available on the official website of the programme at <http://ycskosovo.eu>**) in line with the following sectors:

- ◇ **Law – up to 16 scholarships available**
- ◇ **Public Administration – up to 8 scholarships available**
- ◇ **Economics – up to 8 scholarships available**
- ◇ **Culture and Health – up to 8 scholarships available**

Eligible applicants are:

- ◇ **Kosovo citizens** with a valid Kosovo passport or ID card issued by Kosovo Authorities or those who provide proofs of birth and of residency in Kosovo (**NB: both birth certificate and residence certificate** are required where any form of Kosovo ID cannot be provided).
- ◇ University graduates holding a bachelor degree in one of the areas of study pertaining to the sectors (please refer to Annex I to the Rules of Procedure available at <https://ycskosovo.eu>). Undergraduate students may also be eligible provided that they obtain their degree no later than 31st July 2019.
- ◇ **Fluent in English** and Albanian or Serbian. Knowledge of other EU languages will not be considered an asset.
- ◇ Available to travel and to move abroad from August 2019 to October 2020, and to undergo intensive training from the second half of February 2019 onwards.
- ◇ Born on 1st January 1984 or later.

Scholarships will cover the following costs for up to **40 grantees**:

- ◇ application costs at master programmes and tuition fees
- ◇ 12 months living allowances
- ◇ visa costs & health insurance
- ◇ one return flight ticket
- ◇ English language training and IELTS English test

Selected participants will commit to:

- ◇ Work for the Kosovo Public Administration as an intern for at least 1 month before departure (with the exception of civil servants already employed in Public Administration of Kosovo).
- ◇ Follow the YCS language training programme (where needed).
- ◇ Attend and complete their chosen one year post-graduate studies.
- ◇ Complete 3 consecutive years of employment or re-employment (if civil servants) in the Public Administration of Kosovo (including employment in municipalities and local government, preferably in their place of residence) upon return.

Selections will be carried out in 3 stages and include:

- ◇ Pre-Selection on administrative and eligibility criteria.
- ◇ Written tests (English knowledge, EU General Knowledge and Verbal & Numerical Reasoning).
- ◇ Interviews by a panel composed of European academics. EUO and MEI representatives will sit the panel as observers.

Women and representatives of minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Application forms, Rules of Procedure and the full set of accompanying documents will be sent by email to all interested applicants upon registration at the following website: <https://ycskosovo.eu> until 3rd December 2018. **YCS Round XII Scholarships' Rules of procedure, including selections criteria and related procedures must be carefully read and understood** before submitting an application. Round XII Rules of Procedure are available at <https://ycskosovo.eu>.

Applicants must complete in **English** the **YCS RXII Application Form**, the **Europass CV format** and they must accompany their application with a signed and dated **Letter of Motivation** explaining why they wish to take part in the scheme. All applicants must also enclose with their application **copies of diplomas or degrees** and **original (or certified copies of) transcripts** and copies of **valid Passport/ID card issued by Kosovo authorities or other proofs of birth and of residency in Kosovo**.

In case of **undergraduate applicants**, they must enclose with their applications up to date **original (or certified copy of) transcripts with the exams** and a **self-declaration regarding the expected date of graduation**.

Make sure to include a **VALID e-mail address and phone number** both in the **YCS RXII Application Form** and in the **Europass CV** of your application. **All communications to applicants will be sent only through emails**. The **Europass CV format**, the **YCS RXII Application Form** and the **YCS RXII Rules of Procedure** will be received by email by registering on the YCS official website and filling the application form (under the page "Round XII Applications").

NB: Incomplete applications (missing the CV, the application form, the letter of motivation), applications not in English, and applications including CVs not in the Europass format will not be reviewed and will be automatically excluded from the selection procedure!

Applications deadline: 17:00 on Monday, 3rd December 2018

Applications received after this deadline will not be considered under any circumstance.

Deliver application, Monday to Friday, 10:00-16:00, in person or by registered post/express courier in a sealed envelope addressed to:

**Young Cell Scheme - Round XII Applications
British Council, Perandori Justinian 106, Qyteza Pejton, 10000 Prishtina (Kosovo)**

APPLICATIONS SENT BY EMAIL ARE NOT VALID AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Please do not make direct inquiries regarding your application.

Applicants who have not been contacted by 10th December 2018 have not passed the pre-selection phase and have not been short-listed to sit written exams.

For further information you can consult <https://ycskosovo.eu> or write at info@ycskosovo.eu

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