



INTERNATIONAL
OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE

**PHD STUDENTS RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME
2015 AWARD
IOC OLYMPIC STUDIES CENTRE
OBJECTIVES, RULES AND GUIDELINES**

The IOC Olympic Studies Centre (OSC) organises an annual grant programme intended for PhD students engaged in scholarly research on the Olympic Movement, its history and ideals, and the impact of the Olympic Games on the various aspects of contemporary society and culture.

1. CATEGORIES AND OBJECTIVES

The grants are allocated to candidates whose applications are submitted under two differentiated categories and objectives:

A. Open Subject

Objective: Encourage PhD students to undertake doctoral research with a humanities or social sciences perspective on any aspect of the Olympic phenomena. All projects dealing with the Olympic Movement and/or the Olympic Games will be considered.

B. National Olympic Committees' Policy Priority

Objective: Encourage PhD students to undertake doctoral research with a humanities or social sciences perspective on topics of interest to the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of their country.

The B category is organised in collaboration with Olympic Solidarity.

The grant programme has a third objective common for both categories which is to promote IOC heritage consultation by facilitating access to the historical archives of the IOC, the library collections and the image archives.

2. ELIGIBILITY

All current postgraduate students enrolled in a PhD degree programme are eligible to apply.

Applicants should be preparing a PhD thesis in one or more of the disciplines within the human and social sciences (e.g. anthropology; arts; communications; economics/management; history; law; linguistics; pedagogy; philosophy; political sciences; sociology; sport sciences and urban, cultural, religious or literature studies) and have Olympism, Olympic sports or the Olympic Games as one of the research topics.

It is expected that candidates will submit an application when the theoretical framework, the methodology and the literature review relevant to the project are already clearly defined.

Applicants can apply for only one of the two categories.

The intention of this programme is to support thesis research but not post- or non-doctoral research. Students who have completed their thesis research or submitted their thesis for examination before receiving the grant are not eligible to apply.

Other eligibility criteria to be fulfilled are as follows:

- Applicants must be fluent in either French or English.
- Applicants may submit their candidature with the same research subject for no more than two editions of the programme.

Previous IOC OSC grant holders are not eligible to apply.

These eligibility criteria will be strictly applied.

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE

Completed application files (including the application form, the appendices, a letter of recommendation and a letter of support for category B candidates) must be sent **by e-mail no later than 26 September 2014**. After the deadline, incomplete or new applications will not be accepted. A candidature acceptance confirmation e-mail will be sent at the latest one week after the application is received.

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted in either French or English, the two official languages of the Olympic Movement.

The **official application form** (available through the [OSC website](#) or from the OSC upon written request – see address below) must be duly completed and must include:

- 1) General information on the applicant.
- 2) Information concerning current PhD studies followed by the applicant.
- 3) General information concerning the research project.

- 4) Detailed information on the research proposal:
- 4.1 Description of the research topic and objectives (one page maximum).
 - 4.2 Description of the project's contribution to academic knowledge (one page maximum).
 - 4.3 Description of the relevance of the research to the understanding of the Olympic Movement and/or its potential impact on the practical activities of the Olympic Movement (or specifically on the NOC's activities in the event of applications submitted for category B) (one page maximum).
 - 4.4 Description of the applicant's training and preparation for this project, any work already undertaken by the applicant on the project and a list of any of the applicant's relevant publications (two pages maximum).
 - 4.5 Explanation of how the research project for which the grant is being requested fits in with the applicant's doctoral thesis plan (one page maximum).
 - 4.6 Description of the methodology to be applied, explanation of the activities included in the budget and identification of the working schedule, including key tasks, deliverables and milestones (two pages maximum). In the event that the applicant's research proposal involves interviews or surveys, he/she must explain how access to the data or to the people to be interviewed is guaranteed beforehand. In addition, if ethical approval is requested by the applicant's university, the application file must include a certificate written on the university letterhead, signed by the head of the appropriate university division and stating that all the ethical requirements have been fulfilled (*Appendix 2*).
 - 4.7 Description of previous academic work undertaken by others in this field of study, including a detailed analysis of the relevant literature and a description of how the applicant's research builds on the existing scholarship (two pages maximum).
 - 4.8 Detailed bibliography of the most relevant sources and studies related to the research (two pages maximum).
 - 4.9 Identification of the collections the applicant plans to consult (one page maximum). If the applicant wishes to use the OSC collections, the application must include justification of the need to use these collections and the proposed length of stay in Lausanne, including details of the documents to be studied (with this in mind, it is highly recommended that applicants consult the [OSC website](#) to find out about the general content of the collections available and the IOC Archives Access Rules).
 - 4.10 Statement of the applicant's plans for scholarly publication of the research results (one page maximum).
 - 4.11 Detailed budget in Swiss francs and justification of the amount requested for the award¹.

¹ For candidates proposing to stay in Lausanne, we suggest considering a daily budget of CHF 200 including food, accommodation and transport.

Appendice(s) to be included in the application file is (are):

- 5.1 Official proof of registration as a university doctoral student from the administration of the university (*Appendix 1*).
- 5.2 If ethical approval is requested by the candidate's university (see 4.6), a certificate written on the university letterhead and signed by the head of the appropriate university division stating that all ethical requirements have been fulfilled (*Appendix 2*).

To complete the application file, the OSC should receive a **letter of recommendation** written, signed and sent by the **applicant's supervisor**. The Selection Committee is particularly interested in the referee's assessment of the following points: the scholarly significance of the research project; the methodology and original nature of the study; the impact of the project on the Olympic Movement; the candidate's training, abilities, achievements to date and motivation for the research proposed; and the likelihood that the applicant will complete the project on time.

For applications in the NOCs' Policy Priority category, the OSC should also receive a **letter of support** written and signed by the **President** or **Secretary General** of the **NOC** explaining the significance of the research proposal for the NOC's activities and projects.

The recommendation/support letter(s) must be written on the institutional letterhead, scanned and sent directly by the referee (and the NOC if applicable) to research_grants@olympic.org. **It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that the letter(s) is/are received by the OSC by no later than 26 September 2014.**

4. GRANT AWARDS

Successful applicants will receive a research grant of a maximum of CHF 8,000. The total amount to be awarded will be decided by the Grant Programme Selection Committee after having analysed all the elements of the application.

Grants will not cover international travel expenses, except for those who need to come to consult the OSC's collections in Lausanne.

Expenses permitted:

Research expenses directly related and essential to the project as follows:

- National travel (economy class) and living expenses when outside the applicant's place of residence.
- Translation costs for relevant research materials.
- Other relevant research expenditure.

Research assistance and transcription costs will only be funded in exceptional circumstances.

Expenses for participation in relevant conferences where applicants are presenting results of this research must not exceed 10% of the total budget.

Expenses not permitted:

- Salary and/or fringe benefits, including insurance.
- Tuition and study fees.
- Institutional overheads or institutional support.
- Expenses incurred prior to the effective date of the grant.
- Purchase of technological material (laptop, camera, etc.).

The grant will be awarded to successful applicants according to the following schedule: one half when awarded, one quarter after a mid-term progress report has been submitted and one quarter on receipt of the final research report.

For NOCs' Policy Priority grant holders, the grant will be paid via the NOC supporting the project.

5. SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

The Grant Programme Selection Committee is composed of experts who are world-renowned for their involvement in Olympic studies, and of OSC officers and professionals. Decisions are based upon the quality of the application file, the significance and originality of the proposed research, the feasibility of the project and the candidate's ability to carry out the research satisfactorily.

The same criteria will be taken into consideration by the OSC to determine the maximum number of grants available each year.

For the NOCs' Policy Priority category, the Selection Committee will recommend the list of grant holders to Olympic Solidarity. Based on this list, Olympic Solidarity will make the final selection taking into consideration additional factors such as continental balance, potential benefits for the NOC and the national sports movement and the NOC's use of the Olympic education, culture and legacy programme.

Applicants will be notified of **the results of their application by the end of December 2014**. For those selected applicants who have requested to consult the OSC collections, the Centre will schedule their research visits between February and December 2015 in consultation with them.

6. PUBLICATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

All grants are conditional upon the successful applicant's signature of an agreement describing the terms and conditions of the collaboration between the grant holder and the IOC OSC.

Grant holders undertake to provide the OSC (and the NOC for category B grant holders) with the following documents, in either French or English:

- A **progress report six months after notification of the award**. This report will include a description of the project's development, including an explanation of any major changes to the research project since submission to the grant programme; an updated working schedule, describing the work already done, ongoing and yet to be done for completion of the research; and the identification of any difficulties the grant holder faces in conducting the project (2,000 words maximum).

- A **final research report** (electronic version) **before 31 December 2015**. The final report, which may be used by the IOC for publication, must be presented on A4 paper, numbered consecutively, typed in Arial size 12 font type and using single spacing. It will be made up of four parts:

- An executive summary of the research result with a list of key words;

- A 30-50 page (12,000-20,000 words) document including the research subject and objectives; the academic significance of the project and its impact on the Olympic Movement (or specifically on the NOC's activities for applications submitted to category B); the methodology applied; the key information sources consulted for the project; and the results and conclusions of the research project;

- The annexes, including any additional information of interest for the project;

- A financial accounting report for all funds provided by the OSC (receipts required). This last part must be sent in a separate document. For the NOCs' Policy Priority category, grant holders will have to submit a financial report co-signed with their NOC.

Grant holders will undertake to publish/disseminate their research results within the academic world. They will undertake to ensure that all subsequent publications or productions, using all or part of the results obtained under the auspices of the research grant, will appropriately acknowledge the IOC OSC and the PhD Students Research Grant Programme (and their NOC for category B grant holders). In addition, they will provide the OSC with one copy of all such publications or productions.

7. SECRETARIAT

For any additional information concerning the PhD Students Research Grant Programme, please contact the OSC [via email](#) or phone (+41 21 621 6318).

To find out more about the activities and collections of the **IOC Olympic Studies Centre**, please consult [our website](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For the PhD Students Research Grant Programme 2014, the Selection Committee received 20 candidatures and awarded 4 grants. The Selection Committee was composed of OSC officers and professionals and the following experts: Gudrun DOLL-TEPPER (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany), Beatriz GARCÍA (University of Liverpool, Great Britain), Ian HENRY (Loughborough University, Great Britain), Bruce KIDD (University of Toronto, Canada), Françoise PAPA (Université Stendhal Grenoble 3, France), Cesar TORRES (State University of New York, United States) and Thierry ZINTZ (Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium).

RESEARCH SUBJECTS OF THE 2013 AND 2014 GRANT HOLDERS

- *A cross-cultural study into the junior-senior transition of Olympic athletes* - Nathalie Rosier, Belgium
- *A historical examination of the IOC and UN partnership* - Nicolien Van Luijk, New Zealand
- *An integrative approach to indicator-based impact assessment: The Olympic Games Impact Study and its potential for change* - Caitlin Pentifallo, USA
- *Archives research on the IOA and its linkage with the Olympic Movement* - Paraskevi Salepi, Greece
- *Creating urban legacies: Similar concepts in different times? A comparative study of Munich 1972 and London 2012* - Valerie Angelika Viehoff and Holger Kretschmer, Germany
- *Entourage role on development and termination of an athletic career: A process not an event* - Tshepang Tshube, Botswana
- *Gender testing (per se) is no longer necessary: Gender verification testing, 1985 – 2000* - Lindsay Pieper, USA
- *Italy and the Olympic Movement after the Second World War. From exclusion to glory* - Nicola Sbeti, Italy
- *Olympic values and sports journalism ethics. The international press coverage of the 2012 Olympics* - Xavier Ramon, Spain
- *Olympism as foundation for meaningful legacy: Philosophical and historical implications for Olympic governance* - Douglas McLaughlin, USA
- *Sustainable development legacies after the bid? A spatial analysis of urban sustainability initiatives in Olympic Games candidate cities* - John Lauermann, USA
- *The 1980 Summer Olympic Games in Moscow, Tallinn and in Kiev, its organization, function and its legacies* - Carol Marmor, Republic of Estonia
- *Which Americas? Ideas, political culture and rituals in the Pan-American Games' design* - Mariadele Di Blasio and Francesco Davide Ragno, Italy