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## THE OSCE ACADEMY IN BISHKEK

is a public foundation, created in 2002 as a product of the partnership between the OSCE and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic. The OSCE Academy promotes principles and values of the OSCE through higher education, professional training and intellectual exchange. The Academy provides a regional and international public forum for professionals and students in the fields of **international relations, comprehensive security, democratization, the rule of law, human rights, good governance and economic development.**

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# UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE EDUCATION



## BA Programme in Economics

BA Programme in Economics enrolls up to 20-25 students on a highly competitive basis each year. It is designed for talented applicants with a strong learning and work discipline who wish to gain the education in the areas of international development studies, economics and questions of good governance.

Economic growth and development, global financial crisis and consequences, efficient use of natural resources, international organisations and their effect on the global economy, government's regulation of national economy, working with a large volume of economic data, and more challenges are waiting for new approaches. We are waiting for you at OSCE Academy for finding new approaches together.



BA students, class of 2026



**MA Programme in Politics and Security** is an 18-month programme that offers an interdisciplinary curriculum in politics and security based on international standards of teaching.



**MA Programme in Economic Governance and Development** is an 18-month programme that offers an interdisciplinary curriculum in economics, development and governance based on international standards of teaching.



**The MA in Human Rights and Sustainability (MAHRS) Programme** is a new graduate programme focusing on Human Rights and Sustainability in Central Asian countries and beyond. MAHRS is the eighth regional MA Programme of Global Campus of Human Rights in Venice, Italy and co-funded by the European Union.

**The MA Programmes** accept up to 30 graduate students each. Students are carefully selected through a competitive recruitment process from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. A limited number of students from other OSCE participating States can be accepted to the programmes.



MA students, class of 2023

Quality Education

Excellent Career Track

Academic Freedom and Integrity

Financial Support/Scholarship

### Financial Support/Scholarship:

- Full tuition fee waiver
- Stipend of 360 euros per month
- Round trip travel to Bishkek
- Medical insurance (except for the citizens of Kyrgyzstan)
- Funded exclusive internship opportunities in Europe

### Internship Opportunities for Students

The OSCE Academy offers fully paid internships to students on a competitive basis. Internship takes place during the fall semester in one of the following partner organizations, including:

- The OSCE Secretariat, Vienna
- Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo
- Norwegian Helsinki Committee, Oslo
- OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, The Hague
- Aleksanteri Institute in Helsinki
- European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg
- Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Geneva
- CRISP - Crisis Simulation for Peace e.V., Berlin

In addition to the listed institutes, students have an opportunity to undertake paid internship at ministries, state agencies, NGOs and international organizations in the region, as well as partner institutes abroad. The full list of institutes and organizations can be found on the website.

### Faculty

The OSCE Academy recruits and invites highly qualified scholars and experts from regional and international partner institutions, western universities and international organizations to serve as faculty members.



### Summer School Programme

While meant as a preparatory course for the MA programmes offered at the OSCE Academy – in Politics & Security and in Economic Governance & Development – the School is open for applications from ALL interested young graduates in related disciplines. All participants will undergo training in academic writing (in English), Mathematics for Economists, Probability and Statistics and Research Methods in Social Sciences, thus developing a necessary skill-set to enter into one of the Academy's programmes or any other international graduate course.

## ALUMNI NETWORK

The OSCE Academy is proud of its increasing alumni network that includes almost 600 young professionals in Central Asia, Afghanistan, Mongolia and beyond.



More than **70%** of Alumni live and work in Central Asia, Afghanistan and Mongolia.

More than **85%**

Non-Profit Sector  
Private Sector  
Public Sector  
International Organizations  
Education & Research Institutions

More than hold **35%** senior positions

More than **5%** continue their education



### Professional and Education Opportunities:

**Junior Public Officers' Programme** provides an opportunity to the OSCE AiB graduates from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Afghanistan to intern at the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and State Agencies of the country of their respective citizenship.

**International Junior Professional Officers' Programme** allows graduates to undergo three-month internship at the OSCE or find their own placement at the international organization/institution worldwide.

**One-Year Stay at NUPI** fellowship is exclusively targeted at the alumni of the AiB to spend a year at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI).



**Research Assistanship at the OSCE PA** engages eight or nine graduate students from universities in OSCE countries. Starting from 2017, one Research Assistant's position is granted to a graduate of the OSCE Academy every year.

Every year one of the graduates of the OSCE AiB receives a European Scholarship to study **MAS at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)** and the Global Studies Institute (GSI) of the University of Geneva.



The OSCE AiB Alumni Network, with the support of the NUPI, offers **Alumni Travel Grants** to qualified OSCE AiB alumni to attend conferences and trainings worldwide or events for professional certification.

**Junior Teaching Fellowship** allows OSCE AiB graduates to teach selected disciplines at regional universities. The programme is intended to further grow and foster the Academy's intellectual input into the region.

**The Central Asia-Azerbaijan Fellowship Program (CAAFP)** is intended for young professionals – scholars, government officials, public policy experts, and social activists – who seek to enhance their research and analytical skills and become public policy leaders.

## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

### Associate Research Fellowship



The Associate Research Fellowship (ARF), launched in 2017, supports PhD Candidates and/or Post-Doctoral researchers in conducting their research projects and provides them with institutional affiliation.

The ARF is open for researchers of any nationalities, whose proposed research topics are in line with the OSCE Academy's mission. The Academy provides the ARF access to the library and all available online resources as well as an opportunity to make a public presentation and research paper published in one of the OSCE Academy's publication outlets. The Fellowship is unpaid and usually lasts 6 – 12 months.

### Postdoctoral Research Fellowship



In January 2020, in partnership with the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), the Academy launched its joint Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. Based at the Academy and under close supervision of NUPI, two Research Fellows will be involved in increasing the Academy's research capacity and research output, focusing on such topics as energy, natural resource management, climate change, geopolitics, and the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

### Research Fellowship



Research Fellowship is a short term fellowship that aims to offer young researchers the possibility to carry out research for up to seven months in a variety of disciplines related to the OSCE Academy's scope of work.

### OSCE Academy Policy Briefs



The Academy welcomes proposals for its Policy Brief Series (in English) or Yearbook (in Russian) on topics related to various facets of comprehensive security and development, including, but not limited to,

socio-economic determinants of security, identity-based conflicts, politics and religion, ethnopolitics, security organizations, economic development, international relations, the situation in Afghanistan and other neighboring states. OSCE Academy Policy Briefs are intended to foster interaction among policy, expert, and scholarly communities. The Academy offers an honorarium of 200 euro per Policy Brief and provides with a peer review process, proofreading support, and further guidance. Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis.

### Springer Open Access Series



Since 2020 the OSCE Academy's Open Access Series published by Springer Nature offers comparative studies on development and transformation in the OSCE region.

### Special Collection



A Special Collection is a select group of contributions focused on a central theme, topic, or research direction. Special collections are initiated and supervised by Research and Training Unit at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek.



## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS



### HORIZON 2020: AGRUMIG

Since February 2019 the Academy is part of the project AGRUMIG, funded by the EU's Horizon 2020. Within the Kyrgyzstan project country team, that includes the UCA and Polis Asia Center, OSCE Academy is a key Policy Dialogue Partner. The project duration is from February 2019 to December 2023. The project is coordinated by School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.



Horizon 2020  
European Union Funding  
for Research & Innovation

## DIALOGUE



### Organize joint conferences, seminars and workshops

The OSCE Academy organizes a wide range of academic and policy-oriented conferences, seminars and workshops.

Some of the events that the OSCE Academy organized in 2022, in cooperation with partner institutions included 4th Interdisciplinary Conference on "Adaptation and Transformation in Central Asia" (jointly with FES in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan), and Open Workshop on "Energy Transition and Central Asia" (with NUPI and EUCAM).

The OSCE Academy welcomes the possibility of organizing joint academic events with various universities and organizations abroad and in the region.



## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING



The Academy organizes training for young and mid-career professionals from public administration, civil service, academic circles, NGOs and international organizations. Training are for citizens of Central Asian countries, Afghanistan and Mongolia, and conducted in a variety of fields including human rights, media, conflict prevention, and policy paper writing. All expenses of training are covered by the Academy. The training allow participants to establish regional networks in their professional spheres.

The Academy welcomes cooperation with interested institutions and individuals from Central Asia and beyond in developing practical and sustainable training projects in the fields of democratization, media, conflict prevention and human rights.



## INTERNATIONAL

The OSCE Academy continuously expands its partnership network and currently established cooperation with the universities, think tanks and state institutions in more than 20 countries. Bilateral Agreements aim at the promotion of students, faculty and expert exchange; organization of joint conferences, roundtables, seminars and training; research collaboration and information and exchange of academic information and publications.



## Erasmus+



In 2018 the OSCE Academy started exploring the opportunities provided to Higher Education Institutions (HEI) by the European Commission, particularly via Erasmus+. In 2019 the first incoming Erasmus+ exchange student was welcomed at the OSCE Academy and the first outgoing MA student benefitted from the International Credit Mobility programme. In 2022 the Academy became a first HEI in Kyrgyzstan to receive Jean Monnet Module grant for 2022-2025 on European Climate Policy.

### Interested in establishing partnership?

Please contact Ms. Victoria Orazova, Head of the International Office at [v.orazova@osce-academy.net](mailto:v.orazova@osce-academy.net).

## LIBRARY

The Library serves as the information centre of the OSCE Academy and plays a crucial role in supporting the educational process as well as ongoing research activities at the Academy. The Library contains a specialized collection of books in political science and economics and development, with focus on International Relations, Conflict and Security Studies, Economic Governance, Human Rights, Development Studies, Comparative Politics, and Political Theory. Additionally, the library regularly receives publications from the OSCE and other related partner institutions. Additions to the Library's stock are made in line with the needs provided in the curricula of the Academy's programmes, and requests made by faculty, students, and permanent and visiting researchers.

