



INTERNATIONAL
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PHD STUDENTS RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME 2014
IOC OLYMPIC STUDIES CENTRE

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. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this programme are as follows:

- 1.1. Encourage PhD students to undertake doctoral research with a humanities or social sciences perspective on the Olympic phenomena. All projects dealing with the Olympic Movement and/or the Olympic Games will be considered.
- 1.2. Promote IOC patrimony 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.

The intention of this programme is to support thesis 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 completely 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 and a letter of recommendation) must be sent by e-mail to research_grants@olympic.org **no later than 27 September 2013**. 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 web site](#), under Academic Activities and Networks 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 (400 words maximum).
 - 4.2 Description of the project's contribution to academic knowledge (400 words 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 (400 words 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 (400 words maximum).
- 4.6 Description of the methodology to be applied and the working schedule for the project, including key tasks, deliverables and milestones (800 words 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 (800 words maximum).
- 4.8 Detailed bibliography of sources and studies related to the research (five pages maximum). Two pages are visible in the form, but the limit is set at five pages.
- 4.9 Identification of the collections the applicant plans to consult. 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's web site (<http://www.olympic.org/studies>) 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.
- 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.

Appendices to be included in the application file are:

- Official proof of registration as a university doctoral student from the administration of the university (*Appendix 1*).
- 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 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. The recommendation letter must be written on the institutional letterhead, scanned and sent directly by the referee to **research_grants@olympic.org**. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that the letter is received by the OSC by no later than 27 September 2013.

General comments on completing and sending the application form:

The application form must be completed in PDF format. To do this, you will need to download the free Adobe Reader programme if it is not already installed on your computer (at least Adobe Reader version 8.0).

Please note that all the answers in the *Application Form* are compulsory. The obligatory fields are indicated in red. If a question does not apply to your situation, please type "N/A" (for "not applicable"). You must answer all the questions in order to return the application form to us.

The word limits given for certain questions are indicative, as they correspond to a character limit in our system.

Please avoid using hard returns in your answers, as these affect the way the application file is printed (all the text has to appear on the screen for it to be printed).

Please note that the sending procedure may be different depending on the type of email software you are using. Please read and act on the message which will appear when you send the application file.

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 it has 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 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.).

Research projects supported by a grant must be **completed and submitted** to the IOC in either French or English **before 31 December 2014**.

The grant will be awarded to successful applicants according to the following schedule: one half when awarded, one quarter after an intermediary progress report is submitted and one quarter on receipt of the final research report.

5. SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

The Grant Programme Selection Committee is composed of experts who are world-renowned for their involvement in Olympic studies, and the 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.

Applicants will be notified of the results of their application **by the end of December 2013**. For selected applicants who have requested to consult the OSC collections, the Centre will schedule their research visits between February and December 2014 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 with a progress report (template to be provided by the OSC) six months after the award notification. This report will include a description of the project development, including an explanation of any major changes in the research project since submission to the grant programme; an updated working schedule, describing the work already done, ongoing and yet to be done until completion of the research; and the identification of any difficulties the grant holder faces in conducting the project (2,000 words maximum).

The final research report will be provided to the OSC (electronic version and two paper copies) one year after the award notification.

The final report, which may be used by the IOC for publication, must be presented on A4 paper, numbered consecutively, and it must be typed in size 12 font 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; 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 of all funds provided by the OSC (receipts required). This last part must be sent in a separate document.

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 in whole, or in part, the results obtained under the auspices of the research grant, will appropriately acknowledge the IOC OSC and the PhD Students Research Grant Programme. In addition, they will provide the OSC with one copy of any such publications or productions.

7. SECRETARIAT

For any additional information concerning the PhD Students Research Grant Programme, please contact the OSC via email (research_grants@olympic.org) or phone (+41 21 621 6318).

To find out more about the activities and collections of the **IOC Olympic Studies Centre**, please consult our web site: <http://www.olympic.org/studies>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For the Postgraduate Research Grant Programme 2013, the Selection Committee received 41 candidatures and awarded 9 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 2012 AND 2013 GRANT HOLDERS

- *A historical and current 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
- *An Olympic City in the Making: Rio de Janeiro mega-event strategy 1996-2016* – Gabriel Silvestre, Brazil
- *A philosophic analysis of Olympic entourages: Views from the perspectives of fairness, justice, and Olympism* – Sarah Teetzal, Canada
- *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
- *Evaluation of the innovative elements of the YOG 2012 sports programme with particular emphasis on Spectators and Media* – Martin Schnitzer, Italy

- *Influence of the Entourage in Developing Athletes' Readiness for Career Transition out of Sport* – Sunghee Park, South Korea
- *International Olympic Committee resistance to political interference from governments and state officials* – Byron Peacock, United States of America
- *Olympism as foundation for meaningful legacy: Philosophical and historical implications for Olympic governance* - Douglas McLaughlin, USA
- *The impact of Olympic Games bidding on sustainable development projects in candidate cities* - John Laueremann, USA
- *The Olympic Movement and the Development of Global Citizenship Education Policy* – Simon Darnell, Canada
- *The sport and physical activity legacy of the Olympic Games for youth of low social economic classes in Rio de Janeiro* - Arianne Carvalhedo Dias Dos Reis and Fabiana Rodrigues De Sousa Mast, Brazil
- *The 1980 Summer Olympic Games in Moscow, Tallinn and Kiev, its organization, function and legacies* - Carol Marmor, Republic of Estonia
- *To show that they were not half men: Sex testing in the Olympic Games, 1968-2000* - Lindsay Pieper, USA
- *Which Americas? Ideas, political culture and rituals in the Pan-American Games' design* - Mariadele Di Blasio and Francesco Davide Ragno, Italy