

The Alexandros Petersen Scholarship

About the Scholarship

The Alexandros Petersen Scholarship is designed to provide the best and brightest students resident in Afghanistan, Central Asia, or the South Caucasus with the opportunity to continue onto a Masters programme in the Department of War Studies without the worry of financial constraint.

The programme will support rising stars whose work reflects Alexandros's aims and ambitions and those who hope to become future practitioners on the ground, spanning the world of academia and policy. Our hope is that this programme will not only perpetuate Alexandros's academic and personal memory but also encourage other young people - through his example - to continue the work that he was unable to finish.

One scholarship will be available per year. Each student will receive £42,000 through a tuition fee waiver and a monthly stipend. Scholarships are open to applicants residing in Afghanistan, Central Asia, or the South Caucasus, who wish to undertake a one year Masters programme in the Conflict, Security, and Development programme within the War Studies Department. To be eligible for the scheme, students will have to complete an application form which will include an overview of recent academic achievements, demonstrate their financial need, and include a personal statement.

King's College London is extremely grateful to the Petersen Family for establishing this scholarship programme in the Department of War Studies and proud to be working with them to celebrate the life of Alexandros in this way.

How to Apply

The Alexandros Petersen Scholarship provides one Masters student per year with financial support to study towards an MA in Conflict, Security and Development at the Department of War Studies, King's College London. The scholarship will help towards the cost of tuition fees and living costs for the duration of the recipient's study.

The scholarship is £42,000 for full time study and is available to students commencing their studies in September of each academic year.

Am I eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applying for an MA in the War Studies programme; priority is given to students applying to the [Conflict, Security and Development MA](#) but other War Studies MAs may be considered
 - Visit the 'Entry requirements & how to apply' section on the [Conflict, Security and Development MA](#) page for the programme criteria, International Requirements and English Language requirements.
 - Please note that English Language Test scores can be submitted after the application deadline if required.
- Resident of Central Asia or South Caucasus (Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)

- Demonstrate the need of financial assistance
- Provide a thank you letter and an end of year report to the donor
- Intend to return to the home country after completion of the MA programme to practice what was learned.

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Applications for 2020-21 are now **CLOSED**.

Applicants must submit 2 applications by 18 December to be considered –

1. The formal programme application for King's through the King's Apply portal (<https://apply.kcl.ac.uk/>) and
2. The Scholarship [application form](#) which must be submitted to pgt-warstudies@kcl.ac.uk.

Both of these must be completed before the closing day of 18 December 2019.

Please note: For all Alexandros Petersen Scholarship applicants, the application fee for the formal programme application will be refunded in full after the application deadline.

Providing evidence of the sample writing

Please provide a copy of a paper you have already completed, which links to the themes of conflict, security, or development. An academic essay would be best, but you can use a policy report that showcases your analytical skills

When will I know the outcome of my application?

Provided your application form has been accurately completed and the appropriate documentary evidence supplied, shortlisted applicants will be contacted no later than the end of February with instructions on the next step of the application process, with the final decision to be made by 29 February 2020.

When will the award be paid?

The award will be paid in the form of a full tuition, fee waiver and a monthly stipend, including a small travel bursary.

Where can I get further information?

To find out more about the scholarship, please contact the War Studies department at pgt-warstudies@kcl.ac.uk.

How to Support the Scholarship

The Alexandros Petersen Scholarship is open to donations from outside, with the aim to increase the number of scholarships over time.

Contributions to the fund can be made in either of the two following ways:

1. In the US, please send cheques payable to the registered charitable trust:

Friends of King's College London Association, Inc.

c/o Chapel & York Limited
1000 N West Street, Suite 1200
Wilmington, DE 19801
Reference: 363778 The Alexandros Petersen Scholarship Fund

2. In the UK, Europe and other countries, please send cheques payable to:

King's College London
Fundraising & Supporter Development
Virginia Woolf Building, 22 Kingsway
London WC2B 6LE
Reference: 363778 The Alexandros Petersen Scholarship Fund

For all other means of donating, including bank transfers, please contact giving@kcl.ac.uk or +44 020 7848 3053.

Please include this unique reference number with all donations: 363778 - The Alexandros Petersen Scholarship Fund

Receipts for all donations can be provided accordingly for banking and tax purposes.

Past Recipients

Abdullah Khenjani

Najib Sharifi

Kanatbek Abdiev