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Eastern Partnership European School  
Scholarship Programme

**2018-2019**  
for Secondary Education

**An International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma**

with a focus on European Studies  
at the New School, Tbilisi, Georgia

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO STUDENTS FROM

ARMENIA | AZERBAIJAN | BELARUS |  
GEORGIA | REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA | UKRAINE

## DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

31 March 2018 at 12:00, Georgia time (noon, UTC +4.00)



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**New School**

International School of Georgia





**Students from  
Armenia, Azerbaijan,  
Georgia, Belarus,  
Republic of Moldova  
and Ukraine.**

**Students  
16-17 years old  
30 scholarships  
6 countries**

The New School, in Tbilisi, Georgia, is pleased to launch a Call for Scholarships for an International Baccalaureate Diploma open to all eligible students from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova<sup>1</sup> and Ukraine aged 16-17 years old. The scholarship programme is supported by the European Union, in partnership with the International Baccalaureate (IB).

The programme offers a unique opportunity to obtain an International Baccalaureate Diploma (<http://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme>) with a focus on European Studies.

The scholarship is intended to cover the full two-year cycle of the IB Diploma Programme, plus boarding costs, where relevant. Up to 30 scholarships will be awarded to students of the six eligible countries. The list of scholarship recipients for the academic year 2018-2019 will be announced in May 2018.

## 1 WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME?

The Scholarship programme has been set up as part of the efforts of the European Union and its partners to strengthen educational opportunities for youth in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Obtaining the International Baccalaureate at the New School, an IB authorized school, will increase students' chances to enrol in the world's top universities.



<sup>1</sup> hereafter referred to as Moldova





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## WHAT IS THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME WITH A FOCUS ON EUROPEAN STUDIES?

The IB Diploma Programme with a focus on European Studies will offer the standard IB Diploma Programme – a highly comprehensive and rigorous two year academic course – while providing students a unique opportunity to engage in the study of Europe and European Union issues.

Courses in human sciences, languages and literatures, arts and history, will encourage a European perspective. Students will also have the chance to reflect on European topics and themes in their essays and learning activities.

Extra-curricular activities will include attendance to conferences and events on European subjects. High level lecturers and academics in EU subjects as well as EU Senior Officials will be invited to deliver specific lectures, and possible study visits to the European Institutions in Brussels or other activities will aim at reinforcing students' knowledge of Europe and its people.



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## WHO DELIVERS THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME WITH A FOCUS ON EUROPEAN STUDIES?



The IB Diploma Programme will be delivered by the **New School in Tbilisi**, Georgia. The New School, Tbilisi, Georgia, has been authorised by the International Baccalaureate (IB) since 2010. The IB is an international foundation motivated by a mission to create a better world through education. The IB offers an education with a focus on teaching students to think critically and independently, and how to inquire with care and logic. The IB prepares students to succeed in a world where facts and fiction merge in the news, and where asking the right questions is a crucial skill that will allow them to flourish.

Over the last decade, the New School has contributed to multilingual and multi-cultural teaching in Georgia, and to the successful studies and careers of many of its national and foreign alumni and graduates. Over 85% of the students who passed the Diploma Programme had a mother tongue other than English (Georgian, Russian, Persian, Ukrainian, Korean, Chinese, Serbian, Lithuanian or Turkish).

**The New School is looking forward to starting this learning experience with its new students from the region!**





## 4 WHO FUNDS THE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME FOCUSED ON EUROPEAN STUDIES AND WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

**The Scholarship programme is funded by the European Union.**

Up to 30 scholarships will be awarded to students from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine that meet the programme entry requirements and that obtain the highest marks in the selection tests. The scholarship is intended to cover the full two-year cycle of the IB Diploma Programme, plus boarding costs, where relevant.

The scholarship will be awarded the first academic year and will be automatically extended to the second and last academic year, subject to the students' successful completion of year 1. Students will not need to reapply for scholarship in their second year.



### Included in the scholarship:

- ✓ Tuition fees for academic year 2018/2019 for the European-focused International Baccalaureate Programme at the New School located in Tbilisi, Georgia
- ✓ Boarding in Tbilisi, Georgia, including meals. Students will be accommodated in boarding facilities, on or near campus. The high quality and safety standards already adopted at the New School premises will be maintained
- ✓ Two round trips between Tbilisi and family residence per year, during school breaks
- ✓ Allowance for local transportation, accessible to each student on a personal debit card of the Bank of Georgia
- ✓ Study materials and resources needed for students to perform in the programme (books, laptops, calculators, smart phones for the duration of the studies)
- ✓ Participation in EU sponsored seminars, conferences, study tours and other events
- ✓ Medical insurance, including dental care, and repatriation insurance in case of severe illness.

### The scholarship does not include:

- ✗ Direct transfers of funds or cash to students or students' families
- ✗ Domestic or international travel to/from Tbilisi of students' family members
- ✗ Students' personal expenses such as clothing, out of campus food or drinks, mobile phones and personal computers other those provided for the purposes of carrying out the Diploma Programme.



## 5 WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY TO THE PROGRAMME?

To ensure equal opportunities to each of the Eastern Partnership Countries, the competition for the scholarship is based on merit and open at no cost to applicants who meet the requirements.

**Eligible applicants must meet all of the following requirements:**

- 1 Be a citizen of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova or Ukraine and be able to receive an international travel document to go to Georgia;
- 2 Reside in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, or Ukraine at the time of application;
- 3 Meet the grade/age requirements set for their country, as set out below;

Country	Eligible Grades as of Application Submission	Eligible Age as of 1 September, 2018
Armenia	9-10	16-17
Azerbaijan	9-10	16-17
Belarus	10	16-17
Georgia	10	16-17
Moldova	9-10	16-17
Ukraine	9-10	16-17

- 4 Be enrolled in a secondary school in one of the six countries at the time of application;
- 5 Demonstrate a minimum average of 70% of GPA over the previous and current year of secondary school studies;
- 6 Have previously studied English and demonstrate English language ability at the time of registration (B2 Level and higher).
- 7 Knowledge of another EU language will be considered an **advantage**.

**Note:** Students who are required to complete military service in their final grade of school may not be eligible.

## 6 SELECTION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The selection process will ensure that all eligible applications will receive equal consideration and will be scrutinised using objective and transparent scoring methods. A qualified selection panel will oversee all stages of selection and make the final decision on finalists to be offered the scholarship. The Selection Panel will include members from the New School as well as external assessors recognised by the IB. The decisions by the Selection Panel will be final and without appeal. The selection process consists of the following stages:

- **Submission of Applications** – by 31 March 2018
- **Written tests** – during April 2018
- **Interview** – from 1 to 15 May 2018

### Submission of Applications

The deadline for submitting applications is **31 March 2018, at 12:00, Georgia time (noon, UCT+4.00)**.

The complete Application package is available on the New School website at:

[www.newschoolgeorgia-app.com](http://www.newschoolgeorgia-app.com)

Candidates are requested to create an online applicant profile to submit their application. Any application received after the indicated date or incomplete application will be disregarded. All applicants that apply within the deadline will receive an automatic notification of receipt.

The Selection panel will review only the applications received before the deadline.

The Selection Panel will shortlist candidates for testing and interviews. In April 2018, the shortlisted candidates will receive an invitation to the written exams in their country of residence, and to the interview.

## Written tests in Mathematics and English

There will be two written tests: a maths test and an English language test. All tests will be conducted in English.

### Mathematics examination:

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Minimum level of competence 35% (However, students achieving higher scores will have an advantage over students with a lower percentage during selection).

Students achieving 60% or higher will be allowed to enrol for higher level courses in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics.

Maths test topics are as follows: Number, Set and Numbers, Algebra, Trigonometry, Geometry, Coordinate Geometry, Statistics and Probability (details are available upon request).

### English examination:

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The test is composed of two sections. In the reading test section, students will be asked to read texts and answer given questions, thus demonstrating understanding of the texts.

In the written section, students will be asked to produce a text (150-250 words) about a real or imaginary event related to culture, health, leisure, science or technology.

To ensure accessibility and equal opportunity for all written tests, requested physical presence will be administered locally, in all six countries, by recognised partner organisations. Testing will be held in all six countries at the same time, during April 2018.

Candidates will be notified of the exact date of the tests and of the location of the testing centres.

### Interview:

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An interview with candidate students will be conducted after the written tests, to assess the following elements of a students' preparedness for the course:

- Openness to new learning experiences and cultures;
- Readiness for boarding life and living in a foreign country or far from home (as applicable);
- Curiosity and motivation;
- Study subjects of interest and courses the candidate would like to enrol in;
- Communication and oral skills, including but not limited to spoken English;

- Social Competences and active involvement in after-school activities (sports, clubs, competitions, etc.).

Individual interviews with personnel from the New School and other assessors will be held by video link such as Skype and are scheduled to take place from 01 to 15 May 2018.

During the interviews, the Selection Panel will give high consideration to the motivation of students, their openness to other cultures and interest in European affairs.

## Additional information

The Scholarship programme has the objective of ensuring a fair gender balance and balanced geographical representation on the basis of the applications received. The objective is to award 4 to 6 students from each of the eligible countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine.

The EU-focused International Baccalaureate Diploma benefits from international recognition in a wide number of universities and countries worldwide. In addition, Diploma Programme graduates will be able to seek and receive official equivalence with a secondary school diploma available by the Ministry of Education of Georgia. Candidates may also submit the Diploma Programme to their own national authorities to receive official equivalence in their country of origin.

**The list of scholarship recipients for the academic year 2018-2019 will be announced in the second half of May 2018.**

The entire application process for the scholarship is free of charge. However, the travel charges to the location where the testing will be organised have to be covered by the applicants and are not reimbursable.

For additional information during the application process please contact:

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