

Postgraduate Research Grant Programme 2002

Museum and Olympic Studies Centre International Olympic Committee

The IOC Olympic Studies Centre (OSC) has created an annual programme of grants intended for young researchers 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.

Objective

These grants are intended to enable researchers in human and social sciences who are interested in Olympism and Olympic sport to study the historical archives of the IOC (letters and documents, photos, films), the collections of the library and other documentation stored within the Olympic Studies Centre, with the assistance of OSC archivists, librarians and documentation specialists.

Eligibility

The following are eligible to apply: all current postgraduate students (masters and doctoral candidates), and university professors who have completed the master's degree or doctorate within the past 5 years and currently hold an academic appointment. Applicants should be preparing a thesis, dissertation, scholarly article or book relating to Olympism, Olympic sports or the Olympic Games in one or more of the disciplines of the human and social sciences (e.g. history; sociology; anthropology; communications; economics; political science; linguistics; urban, cultural, religious or literature studies; art and design; education and philosophy).

These eligibility criteria will be strictly applied.

Application procedures and deadline

Applications must be received by post or e-mail at the OSC (see address below) **no later than October 12th, 2001**, in order to be considered for the year in question. Applications received after that date will, upon written request by the applicant, be included among the following year's files.

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted in either French or English, the official languages of the Olympic Movement. (Naturally, the research itself and subsequent publications may be in any language).

Official application forms are available from the OSC upon written request (see address below).

Completed application files must include:

- a detailed presentation of the research proposal, including a description of the research subject and its potential significance, the previous academic work performed in this field of study, the methodology to be applied and the schedule for the project (5 pages maximum);
- a detailed bibliography of sources and studies related to the research (5 pages maximum);
- justification of the need to use the OSC collections (Historical Archives, Library, Documentation, Images & Sound and Photographic Section) and of the proposed length of stay in Lausanne (up to three months), including details of the documents to be studied and the assistance expected from the OSC staff;
- a statement of the applicant's plans for scholarly publication of the research results, and for any other intended form of production (e.g. film, CD-ROM, exhibition);
- a list of the applicant's previous publications;
- three letters of recommendation, at least two of which must be from professors of a university or a university-level research institute, providing an evaluation of the scholarly significance of the project and an assessment of the candidate's training, abilities, and motivation for the research proposed. Those letters must be written on institutional letterhead and sent directly to the Olympic Studies Centre or included with the applicant's dossier. In the latter case, they should be in a sealed envelope signed across the flap by the person recommending the candidate.

Further Information

Application files, and any related correspondence, should be sent to:
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To find out more about the **Olympic Museum** and the **Olympic Studies Centre**: <http://www.museum.olympic.org>