



# Eastern Partnership European School Scholarship Programme 2020-2021

for Secondary Education

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) DIPLOMA  
WITH A FOCUS ON EUROPEAN STUDIES  
AT NEW SCHOOL, TBILISI, GEORGIA

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO STUDENTS FROM  
ARMENIA · AZERBAIJAN · BELARUS · GEORGIA  
THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:  
14 MARCH 2020 AT 12:00, GEORGIA TIME  
(NOON, UTC+4.00)



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16-17

YEARS OLD STUDENTS

35

SCHOLARSHIPS

6

COUNTRIES

ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA, BELARUS,  
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE.

New School, in Tbilisi, Georgia, with the support of the European Union and the International Baccalaureate, is pleased to announce its Call for Applications for the Eastern Partnership European School Scholarship programme for the academic year 2020/2021.

All eligible students from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova<sup>1</sup> and Ukraine aged 16-17 years old are invited to apply.

Up to thirty-five successful students will be chosen among the best performing in the region to obtain a full scholarship for an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma programme with a focus on European Studies.

Funded by the European Union (EU), the Eastern Partnership European School Programme aims to promote secondary education opportunities for students from the six Eastern Partnership countries. The programme was successfully launched in 2018 and is now in its second year. Students selected for the current call will join the programme in the academic year 2020-21.

<sup>1</sup> Hereinafter referred to as Moldova.





## 1 | THE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The Diploma Programme will consist of a two-year course of study based on the International Baccalaureate standard requirements combined with the unique opportunity of a specialised study of Europe and European affairs.

Standard IB courses in human sciences, languages and literature, arts and history, have been aligned to the European Baccalaureate (EB) studies and complemented by a distinct European perspective. In their studies, essays and learning activities, students will thus have the chance to also reflect on European topics and themes.

Extra-curricular activities will further define the European angle of students' experience at New School, allowing them to attend conferences and events on European subjects with the participation of the EU academics and senior officials. Possible study visits to the European Institutions aimed at reinforcing students' knowledge of Europe and its people may be organised.

The IB Diploma Programme with a focus on European Studies will be delivered by **New School in Tbilisi, Georgia**, an authorised IB School since 2010 and a partner of the European Union.





## 2 THE SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

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

The scholarship covers 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 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 the academic year 2020/2021 for the European focused International Baccalaureate Programme at New School located in Tbilisi, Georgia.
- ✔ Boarding in Tbilisi, Georgia, including meals. Students will be accommodated in the on-campus dormitory at New School premises.
- ✔ Round trips between Tbilisi and family residence, during four annual 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, and smartphones for the duration of the studies).
- ✔ Participation in EU sponsored seminars, conferences, study tours and other events.
- ✔ Medical insurance, including dental care.

### 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 than those provided for the purposes of carrying out the Diploma Programme.





### 3 ELIGIBILITY

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 in the chart below:
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 as an **advantage**.

	ARMENIA 16-17 <small>ELIGIBLE AGE *</small>	9-10 <small>ELIGIBLE GRADES **</small>
	AZERBAIJAN 16-17 <small>ELIGIBLE AGE *</small>	9-10 <small>ELIGIBLE GRADES **</small>
	BELARUS 16-17 <small>ELIGIBLE AGE *</small>	10 <small>ELIGIBLE GRADE **</small>
	GEORGIA 16-17 <small>ELIGIBLE AGE *</small>	10 <small>ELIGIBLE GRADE **</small>
	MOLDOVA 16-17 <small>ELIGIBLE AGE *</small>	9-10 <small>ELIGIBLE GRADES **</small>
	UKRAINE 16-17 <small>ELIGIBLE AGE *</small>	9-10 <small>ELIGIBLE GRADES **</small>

**Notes:**

- Students who are required to complete military service in their final grade of school may not be eligible.
- Students who already hold a high school graduation diploma or certificate are not eligible to apply.

\* As of 1 September, 2020      \*\* As of Application Submission

## 4 SELECTION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURE

The selection process will give equal consideration to all eligible applications received.

The selection process consists of the following stages:



A qualified selection panel will conduct the selection process, using objective and transparent scoring methods. The decisions of the selection panel will be final and without appeal.

### Submission of Applications

The deadline for submitting applications is **14 March 2020, at 12:00 Georgia time (noon, UCT+4.00)**.

Candidates are requested to create an online applicant profile on New School website ([www.eapeuropeanschool.eu](http://www.eapeuropeanschool.eu)) to submit their application.

Any late or incomplete application will be disregarded. After successful submission of their complete file, applicants will receive an automatic acknowledgement email.

Shortlisted candidate will be invited to sit the written tests.

### 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. The written tests will be conducted in the country of residence of shortlisted candidates.

#### Mathematics test:

Minimum level of competence 40% (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.

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

#### English examination:

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 opportunities 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 the month of March 2020.

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



## Interview

Based on the written test results, successful applicants will be invited to a Skype interview – the third and final stage of the selection procedure. These are tentatively scheduled to take place in April 2020.

The interview will 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.).

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.

**The list of scholarship recipients for the academic year 2020-2021 will be announced in the second half of May 2020.**

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.

APPLY  
NOW!



For additional information during the application process please contact:

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## What is the objective of the Eastern Partnership European School Scholarship Programme?

By offering a high quality internationally recognized diploma and promoting intra-regional exchanges among students from the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries, this scholarship programme funded by the European Union tends to strengthen educational opportunities for youth in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.



## What is the IB Diploma Programme with a focus on European Studies?

The Programme offers the comprehensive and rigorous two-year academic course of the IB Diploma combined with the unique opportunity to engage in the specialised study of Europe and European issues. Through the guidance and support of the European Schools General Secretariat courses in human sciences, languages and literatures, arts and history, have been aligned to the European Baccalaureate (EB) studies and complemented by a distinct European perspective. In their studies, essays and learning activities, pupils have the chance to also reflect on European topics and themes.



## What is the concept of IB?

The International Baccalaureate 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 also offers an international and multicultural learning environment to its students all over the world and prepares students to face the challenges of our globalised world. In this respect the IB education is in line with the principles and objectives of the EB education.



## Will the students have the advantage with the IB diploma in the universities?

IB Diploma is accepted in 75 countries at over 2,000 universities and it has a search directory on its website ([www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)). The IB also maintains a list of universities offering scholarships to IBDP graduates under conditions specified by each institution. After completion of the Scholarship Programme, students may also submit their Diploma to the national authorities in their home country to receive the official equivalence.



## What is the concept of IB?

This IB Diploma Programme is delivered by the New School in Tbilisi, Georgia, an authorised IB School since 2010. 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. New School also achieved a major success in delivering on its first IB Diploma with a focus on European studies and is now even more ready to continue this learning experience with its new students from the region.



## Which extra-curricular activities are envisaged?

Extra-curricular activities further define the European angle of students' experience at New School, allowing them to attend conferences and events on European subjects by EU academics and Senior Officials. Possible study visits to the European Institutions aimed at reinforcing students' knowledge of Europe and its people may be organised. During this two-year programme, students may also participate in different activities including football, basketball, volleyball, swimming, chess, Model United Nations, drama, cooking club, etc. Each semester students are able to travel to different areas of Georgia and it is the one of the most favourite events of the scholarship students.



## Does the Scholarship Programme provide the equal opportunities to the applicants?

This Scholarship Programme has the objective of ensuring a fair gender balance and balanced geographical representation on the basis of the applications received. This has been successfully addressed with the first cohort, composed of students from all six EaP counties. Students who hold IDP or refugee status and are citizens of one of the EaP countries are encouraged to apply.



## Where will the students live during the school year(s)?

Students will be living in the boarding facility located on the premises of New School. The new boarding facility will provide comfort to students and school personnel. The common space areas in the facility for studying and social gathering give good opportunity for sharing knowledge to fellow students. The Head of Boarding and a team of mentors will be supervising the students at all times, ensuring their comfort, safety and general welfare.



## What are the living conditions in the boarding facility?

In the boarding facility, two students will share a room, fully equipped with necessary devices and appliances to ensure study atmosphere. The food served in the New School is prepared under the highest quality standards, being healthy and fresh at all times, with separate options for the students with food restrictions.



## How often students are able to travel home per year?

Students are allowed to travel to their home country four times per year (during winter, autumn, summer and spring holidays). The transportation expenses are included in the scholarship.



## Will learning materials will be provided to the students?

Learning materials are provided by the New School, while specific equipment required for IB Diploma (e.g. TI calculators) is included in the scholarship.





## What does the medical insurance cover?

Students will have a medical insurance which covers fully most of the basic medical expenses, including the dental interventions. The list of medical treatments is renewed every year.



## Which expenses have to be covered by students?

Most of the basic leaving expenses are included in the scholarship, so students may need to buy their clothes and pay for additional activities not covered by the scholarship.



## What is the dress code in the school?

There are no formal uniforms in the school, but students are required to wear white shirts and dark trousers/dress.



## Which personal documents are necessary for the students?

During the application process, students need to submit Parent Consent form, Birth Certificate and Grades from the previous school year(s) in English, or have it translated to English and notarized if the original documents are not in English. The students awarded the scholarship are required to have their passports, birth certificates and grade sheets.



## Is the transportation free for school students within Tbilisi?

Use of the public transportation including busses and subway within Tbilisi is free for the scholarship students.

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