SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT

The Turkish Cypriot Government has announced 10 scholarships under the OIC Educational Exchange Programme, starting from the fall semester of 2015-2016 academic year.

Pursuant to the scholarship offer, qualified students from OIC Member States may avail the opportunity to study at undergraduate (Bachelor) and graduate (Master) programs in one of the following higher education institutions in Northern Cyprus:

- i. Cyprus International University (CIU) <u>www.ciu.edu.tr</u>
- ii. Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) www.emu.edu.tr
- iii. European University of Lefke (EUL) www.eul.edu.tr
- iv. Girne American University (GAU) www.gau.edu.tr
- v. Near East University (NEU) <u>www.neu.edu.tr</u>

The scholarship <u>application form</u> and information notes on Northern Cyprus universities and the scope, <u>terms and conditions</u> of the scholarships are enclosed herewith. The scholarship offer <u>does not include Medicine and PhD studies</u>.

The medium of instruction at the aforementioned universities is English. Applicants are therefore expected to be proficient in English or attend the English Preparatory School of the university they are enrolled at. However, study at the preparatory school should not, in any case, last more than one year.

Further information about the educational programmes of the universities are available on the websites of the respective universities mentioned above.

Scholarships include tuition fees, lodging and US\$200/- allowance (pocket money) per month.

Interested students may select the programme of study except Medicine from one of the abovementioned universities, Completed application forms, together with copies of relevant certificates and documents specified in the application form, must reach the OIC General Secretariat no later than <u>30 July 2015</u> at the following address:

Mr. Mohamed A. Zaghoul/Mr. Sher Rehman, Department of Science & Technology, OIC General Secretariat, P.O. Box 178, Jeddah 21411 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia zghoul@oic-oci.org and shero@oic-oci.org

The results of the selection process will be announced by the end of August 2015.

TRNC State Scholarship Application Form

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VI. Scholarships

Have you already requested one or more scholarships? If you have, indicate below which organisation(s) you have applied to:

Any letters of recommendation will be helpful for the final decision.

VII. Reasons for wishing to pursue TRNC State Scholarship
(An additional Explanatory Letter for convincing the committee about obtaining the scholarship should be attached)
Applicants are requested to enclose the following documents with their application form:
 Photocopies of degrees or diplomas already obtained together with an officially certified translation of those diplomas or degrees which are not in Turkish or English. The full transcript of academic records. Explanatory Letter.
Note: Incomplete application forms will not be considered and the decision is not subject to question.
The undersigned certifies that the statements made are complete and true.

Place and	Date	
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INFORMATION NOTE FOR ALL STUDENTS RECEIVING TRNC STATE SCHOLARSHIP

I. Coverage of the TRNC State Scholarship:

Scholarships granted by the TRNC to students from third countries (other than TRNC and Turkey) include tuition fee, lodging and 200 USD allowance (pocket money) per month.

II. The Scholarship Committee and Meetings:

- 1. The Committee meetings are held twice a year, prior to the beginning of each semester, or as decided.
- 2. All scholarship issues (i.e. evaluation of applications, extension/termination of scholarships) are to be discussed and decided by the Scholarship Committee.
- 3. Students can contact and forward any written request to the TRNC Ministry of National Education or the TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs for evaluation in the Scholarship Committee.

III. Duration of Scholarship:

- 1. The scholarship covers the Fall and Spring Semesters.
- 2. Only those successful students who maintain an academic record (CGPA + GPA) above 2.00 may continue to obtain a scholarship throughout the summer vacation. Those students have to file their request with the Scholarship Committee through the TRNC Ministry of National Education.
- 3. The scholarship is valid only for the duration of the regular period of study.
 - a) For undergraduate education (bachelor degree): 10 semesters (including preparatory classes).
 - b) For graduate education (master degree): 4 semesters. (including preparatory classes).

IV. Maintenance of Scholarship:

- 1. Registrations for scholarship holders will be accepted until up to one month after the university opens. Registrations made after this period will not be accepted and will be postponed to the following semester. The scholarship will be reserved for a maximum of one year. If by the end of this period, however, the scholarship holder does not register at the university, the scholarship will be automatically cancelled.
- 2. Scholarship holders who meet the necessary academic records for bachelor degree (CGPA+GPA) above 2.00 and for master degree (CGPA+GPA 3,00) may continue to maintain scholarship throughout their education.

Following an evaluation at the end of each semester, a written warning will be send by the TRNC Ministry of National Education via the universities' registrar office to those students who have not maintained the required academic records required. Accordingly, undergraduate students whose CGPA and GPA are below 2.00 and graduate students whose CGPA and GPA is below 3.00 will be regarded as unsuccessful. Similarly, scholarship holders who fail to attend compulsory courses and receive a warning or NA/NG (non-attendance/nil grades) will also be regarded as unsuccessful.

In this case, the scholarship will be extended for one more semester. If in the next semester scholarship holders are still unable to meet the necessary academic records, the scholarship will be automatically cancelled.

The scholarship will be directly waived in case of a poor academic performance (GPA and/or CGPA below 1.00) without a written notice of probation.

- 3. For the summer school students have academic records indicated below, is expected to file their request to the Scholarship Committee:
 - a) GPA of 3.50 or above and CGPA of 3.00 or above;
 - b) GPA of 3.00 or above and CGPA of 3.50 or above.
- 4. Transfer of scholarship students to another department/university or leave of absence is subject to the necessary permission from the Scholarship Committee. If prior permission is not obtained, the scholarship will be terminated and the student's right to a scholarship will be cancelled.

- 5. Scholarship holders who attend preparatory classes have to complete their classes successfully. Otherwise, the scholarship will be terminated without prior warning.
- 6. In the event of non-attendance, being discharged for an indefinite period for committing any disciplinary offence, or conviction of a shameful offence the scholarship will be terminated without prior warning, and the student's right to a scholarship will be cancelled.
- 7. In the event of scholarship holders having jobs with a regular income, the scholarship will be terminated upon the decision of the Scholarship Committee.
- 8. Scholarship holders having an academic record of 3.00 and above can apply to the Scholarship Committee for continuance of their studies on a Masters program.
- 9. Scholarship holders who need to go abroad during the academic year due to unforeseen/pressing reasons have to deliver a written request to the TRNC Ministry of National Education, subject to the Committee decision. Those students who are leaving the TRNC without any prior permission will be dismissed from the scholarship list.
- 10. The lodging fees of those students who do not attend summer school, but who stay in the TRNC, will be paid, provided that an advance payment of their allowance is not requested by them. Requests for advance payments have to be directed to the Scholarship Committee through the TRNC Ministry of National Education.

INFORMATION NOTE ON EDUCATION

The TRNC is proud of its ten universities namely, the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), The Near East University (NEU), the European University of Lefke (EUL), Girne American University(GAU), Cyprus International University (CIU), Middle East Technical University-North Cyprus Campus (METU-NCC), Istanbul Technical University Northern Cyprus Campus (ITU-NCC), University of Mediterranean Karpasia (AKUN), the University of Kyrenia, and British University of Nicosia.

Higher education is a rapidly growing sector in the TRNC. The TRNC Universities offer instruction in English. The number of students pursuing higher education in the above-mentioned universities is 75,489 from 110 different countries in the 2014 -2015 academic year. Out of this amount, 13,668 are Turkish Cypriots, 41,694 are Turkish and 20,127 foreign students.

All of our universities are members of the European University Association (EUA), International University Association (IUA) and the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW).

The TRNC is an observer member of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), which is one of the most important institutions of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

All of our universities have accreditation from Higher Education Council of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (YÖDAK) and Higher Education Council of Turkey (YÖK). According to a protocol between the YÖK and YÖDAK, all universities in the TRNC will be audited by a joint commission of YÖK and YÖDAK with the aim of enhancing of quality and reliability.

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) (www.emu.edu.tr)

The University was established as a Higher Technological Institute in 1979 and received its parliamentary charter as a trust-endowed university in 1986. Currently, the campus spreads over an area of 3000 acres in Gazimağusa with approximately 16000 students from 85 countries and more than 1000 highly qualified and experienced faculty members from 35 different countries.

Currently, there are 91 associate and undergraduate programs and 73 postgraduate and doctoral programs. It is a full individual member of the institutions like Community of Mediterranean Universities (CMU), European Association for Architectural Education (EAAE) and the American Board for Engineering and Technology(ABET).

Near East University (NEU) (www.neu.edu.tr)

Near East University (NEU) is a private international institute of higher education established in Lefkoşa, in 1988. Today, the Near East University has more than 21000 students from 90 different countries; with qualified academic staff from 27 different countries. The university is offering 98 undergraduate and associate degrees while providing 187 postgraduate and doctoral (PHD) degrees. Apart from the academic programs, there are various extracurricular facilities. There is an Olympic size indoor swimming pool in the campus with 1000 spectator seat capacity.

On the other hand, the university has established and incorporated a fully-fledged new hospital into the university's campus. It serves patients from all over the world. Having a closed area of 55,000 square meters with 209 private, single patient rooms, 8 operating theatres, 30 bed Intensive care unit, 17 bed Neonatal Intensive care unit, a laboratory where a wide array of tests can be carried out and a diagnostic imaging center, the Near East university training and Research hospital adopted international standards according to the Joint Commission International (JCI).

The university is a full member of institutions like UNESCO, International Society for Engineering Pedagogy (IGIP) and Joint Commission International (JCI).

Girne American University (GAU) (www.gau.edu.tr)

Girne American University (GAU) was founded in 1985 as a private institution of higher education. GAU within the framework of its international mission has five campuses namely in Canterbury, England, Istanbul, Singapore, Washington and a central campus in Kyrenia (Girne). The university is serving around 11,000 students from 85 countries with its qualified academic staff from 35 countries.

In 1995, GAU started its expansion into the international higher education sector and developed educational partnerships in India, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, the USA, the UK, the Czech Republic and Hong Kong.

GAU is accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) Prime Accrediting body for specialist business colleges and schools in the USA. The University is an institutional member of the Society of Business Practitioners; the European Council of International Schools (ECIS), the International Federation for Business Education (IFBE) and the

International Award Association for Young People (IAA). GAU is also a founder member of the America Educational Consortium (AEC), an international body formed to encourage and exchange information between international institutions offering education based on the American system.

European University of Lefke (EUL) (www.lefke.edu.tr)

The European University of Lefke was founded by the Cyprus Science Foundation in 1989. EUL currently provides 6 associate, 38 undergraduate degree programmes,12 postgraduate degree programmes and 5 PhD programmes together with 10 vocational and advanced vocational school programs under 9 faculties.

EUL has around 4000 students from 35 different countries and with distinguished and experienced international academic staff.

The University is accredited by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in the United Arab Emirates, Ministry of Higher Education in the Sultanate of Oman, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Iran and the Secretariat of General Peoples Committee for Higher Education of the Geatest Socialist Peoples Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

It also has international memberships from the Global Compact (UNGC), American Council on Education (ACE), International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) and collaborations with various universities like Marshall and University of Houston in USA, Queen Mary and Liverpool John Moores University in the UK as well as Istanbul Technical University, Galatasaray University and Ankara University and etc. in Turkey.

Cyprus International University (CIU) (www.ciu.edu.tr)

Cyprus International University was established as privately owned university in 1997. The University has around 8000 students from 64 different countries. MBA and MA programmes are offered in cooperation by the Cyprus International University and University of Wolverhampton.

Cyprus International University is also a full member of institutions and organizations such as the European Council for Business Education (ECBE), The Council on Hotel Restaurant and Institutional Educational (CHIRE), the Association of International Educators (NAFSA), The National Recognition Information Centre Cyprus International University for the United Kingdom (UK NARIC), the European Association for International Education(EAIE) and the International Association for Computer Information Systems(IACIS).