

CEU/RSP - Roma Graduate Preparation Program

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2019-2020 FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ROMA STUDENTS

Application deadline: 30 April 2019

The Romani Studies Program unit at Central European University is now accepting applications for the Roma Graduate Preparation Program (RGPP) for the academic year 2019-2020.

About the RGPP

The Roma Graduate Preparation Program is an intensive ten-month program that prepares promising Roma to compete for places in English-language Master's degree programs at CEU and other renowned universities. We seek to attract students with a special interest in the social sciences and humanities. RGPP is funded by the Roma Education Fund (REF), the Open Society Foundations, Roma Initiatives Office (OSF RIO), THE VELUX FOUNDATIONS and the Sigrid Rausing Trust (SRT).

If your application is successful, the program will:

- **Prepare** you for further studies in your chosen field through **intensive academic tutoring** in economics, environmental science and policy, gender studies, history, international relations and European studies, legal studies/human rights, mathematics, nationalism studies, philosophy, political science, public policy, or sociology and social anthropology (additional disciplines may be offered).
- **Raise** your level of English to the standard required for post-graduate study, through **intensive English-language training**
- **Develop** your post-graduate level **academic writing, critical thinking and study skills**
- Involve you in the core degree programs of CEU, through the **auditing of CEU Master's level classes**
- **Immerse** you in an environment where you can engage in **critical debates and activities** related to the political, economic and social situation of Roma, through seminars that combine the study of Roma history and identity with an examination of recent developments in the politics of governing Roma communities

Eligibility criteria

The RGPP accepts Roma applicants from the following countries: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, and Ukraine, other countries than the ones listed will be considered.

Besides fulfilling this requirement, you must also have the following:

A university degree, preferably in social sciences or humanities, completed by July 2019

- A strong interest in studying at post-graduate university level
- At least pre-intermediate English language skills
- A desire to study in a multicultural and international environment
- An ambition to become an advocate for change and a role model in your own community and beyond

About CEU

Central European University (CEU) is an English-language graduate university offering degrees in social sciences and humanities. Our students come from over 110 countries and our faculty from more than 40 nations. CEU is accredited both in the U.S. and in Hungary.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying, please create an account at this link and start your application: [here](#)

More information about the application process can be found here: <https://romanistudies.ceu.edu/apply-rgpp>

Your application must include the following:

1. Completed [RGPP Online Application Form 2019/2020](#) in English.
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Academic Records
4. Motivation Letter
5. Identity Essay
6. Interest in Academic Fields Form
7. Letter(s) of Recommendation

Details about each of the documents:

1. **Completed** [RGPP Online Application Form 2019/20](#) in English.

First, you must REGISTER for the ONLINE APPLICATION platform.

Candidates who applied to CEU for 2018/19 should use their existing login and password to start a new application. If you do not remember your password from last year click on *Forgotten Password*.

Candidates should filter for “non-degree programs” and then select RGPP.

There are no application fee charges for applying to RGPP.

Please submit your application only when it is 100% final and complete. Applications cannot be edited after submission with the exception of certain fields that can be updated via the Applicant Portal.

Candidates are asked to please always refer to the program websites for detailed guidelines.

Applying to **RGPP does NOT require providing a written proof of English language proficiency**, therefore, to the following question in the online application: Do you qualify for exemption from providing proof of English proficiency? * please select “YES” and proceed to the next steps in the online application.

With technical problems, bugs or errors related to the online application forms please contact the [CEU IT Help Desk](#).

2. Curriculum Vitae (CV) in English, including academic background, work experience (if any) and involvement in Roma related issues (if any). In addition, the CV must clearly indicate your level of English (minimum B1). Please use the following criteria for assessing your level of English.

3. Academic Records

Your online application must include:

* Scanned copy or photocopy of **BA diploma or certificate of enrollment** confirming that you graduated or will graduate from university by July 2019 (if possible, with English translation, however, we accept the document in your national language at this stage of the application process).

* Scanned copy or photocopy of **BA transcript** showing courses taken and grades received during all the university years (if possible, with English translation, however, we accept the document in your national language at this stage of application process).

Please note that if your application is successful, you will have to provide an official English version/translation of your BA diploma and transcript **PRIOR TO THE START OF YOUR RGPP STUDIES**.

4. Motivation Letter in English (500 words) stating why you would like to participate in this program. The motivation letter should describe the academic and professional achievements, interests and plans for the future. It should also describe your involvement in Roma issues and specifically reflect on the ways in which you intend to serve as a role model for your community in the future.

5. Identity Essay in English (250 words) describing the factors you see as important for defining you as a Roma.

6. Interest in Academic Fields Form: Please use the attached form below to indicate which subjects you are interested in studying during RGPP and upload the form in the online application.

7. Letters of Recommendation assess your ability to conduct graduate-level work and potential for a successful academic or professional career. One mandatory Recommendation Letter via the Online Platform of CEU as well as optional - but strongly advised - Recommendation Letter(s) sent to us via email as it follows:

* **One Recommendation Letter** from a **university professor** who is familiar with your academic work is mandatory. As part of the official application package, **this mandatory reference letter should be uploaded to the online platform**. The letter should be in English, but if not possible it will also be accepted in the native or national language of the applicant. **First, candidates will need to register the referee/recommender in the relevant section of the online application form**. After applicants have submitted their final/completed application package (by clicking the "Submit" button), their recommender receives an automated reference request from CEU and s/he has maximum 7 days to complete and upload the reference letter.

* In addition to the first mandatory reference letter, **candidates may attach optional second or third reference letters from a professor or an employer or a supervisor. It is strongly advised** to submit at least one additional **Recommendation Letter** from a **recognized Roma organization**. This additional letter should be sent by the recommender not via the online CEU platform but to the following email address: RGPP_Enrollment@ceu.edu by **April 30, 2019**. The subject line should indicate: RGPP 2019/20 and the full name of the CEU applicant. The letter should be in English, but if not possible, it will also be accepted in the native or national language of the applicant.

Program dates

RGPP's academic year runs from September 2019 till the middle of June 2020. This is a full-time program and students are expected to be in fully presented for the duration of all the semesters.

Financial aid

All successful applicants will be awarded a **full scholarship** for the whole duration of the program. The financial aid covers travel to and from Budapest, tuition and fees, accommodation, health insurance, study materials, and living expenses.

Application deadline

Your complete application must be uploaded online until 30 April 2019 to: [here](#)

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General inquiries

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