



Researcher's Guide to Georgia

If you are a researcher planning your next stay in Georgia,

relevant information and assistance can be found here

<https://www.euraxess.ge/>

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EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion is a unique pan-European initiative delivering information and support services to professional researchers. Backed by the European Union, member states and associated countries, it supports researcher mobility and career development, while enhancing scientific collaboration between Europe and the world.

The mission of the EURAXESS Network is to facilitate building a common European labour market of researchers by providing free information services, as well as timely and high-quality support to facilitate the relocation and career development of researchers in Europe. The EURAXESS initiative serves as an implementation tool, translating European Research Area (ERA) policies into everyday working practice.

In 2019 Georgia became a member of EURAXESS network, so if you are a researcher planning the next stage of your career EURAXESS Georgia team can provide you with assistance to relocate in Georgia.

EURAXESS Georgia provides information and assistance to researchers and their families on mobility issues and career development opportunities. It also allows universities and research-oriented institutions to attract talents, partners and funding.

EURAXESS Georgia is a platform for researchers, entrepreneurs, universities and businesses to engage with each other. The goal of EURAXESS Georgia is to operate in harmony with all other national networks, facilitate barrier-free movement of knowledge within Europe. EURAXESS Georgia provides information and assistance by all means of this portal and with support of our national Service Centre to researchers who are coming to work in Georgia, as well as to researchers who are leaving for a foreign country.

The Georgian Network consists of National Bridge Head Organisation (BHO), EURAXESS Service Centre (ESC) and EURAXESS Contact Points (ECP) at 6 leading universities.

The National BHO and the ESC are based at the Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia, a Legal Entity of Public Law under the aegis of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.euraxess.ge/>



Georgian Research Landscape

Georgia is a partner country in the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) and also included in the Eastern Partnership (EaP). Georgia has been associated to Horizon 2020 since 2016. The association of Georgia with Horizon 2020 was an important milestone in the field of research and innovation cooperation with the EU.

In 2018, the Policy Support Facility (PSF) provided specific support to Georgia in three focus areas: identification of promising research fields, developing a proposal for the performance-based funding of research entities, and suggesting measures for narrowing the gap between research and industry/business. Georgia is committed to reform its research and innovation system and the Georgian research and innovation system has undergone considerable restructuring in recent years.

There are several research-oriented organizations in the country. The majority of research institutions including those formerly acted under the umbrella of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences, are merged into 6 leading public universities, some of them are conglomerated as a state military scientific-technical center “Delta“, and the others represent standalone research organizations. Also, several think-tanks and national labs are among research performers. The research institutions are largely concentrated in Tbilisi - the capital of Georgia.

Detailed information on Scientific Academies and Scientific Research Institutions can be found here <https://mes.gov.ge/content.php?id=599&lang=eng>

Research Funding at a national level

The Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia (SRNSFG) is a Legal Entity of Public Law under the aegis of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, which supports the development of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) system in Georgia. The vision and strategy of the foundation is in line with Georgia's socio-economic development strategy - «Georgia 2020», the four point governmental reform plan and the EU-Georgia Association Agreement requirements regarding the STI system development.

Foundation is designed to ensure the rational spending of financial means, intended for the science, making the unified science financing system and establishing public trust as well as monitoring stakeholders' activities of State Scientific grants and introducing the report to the Ministry about new scientific products and expected economic effects on data, based on the grant financing.

The foundation implements grant calls, targeted programmes and projects, and is involved in international scientific networks and joint projects. SRNSFG administers more than 20 national and bilateral programmes. SRNSFG funds all the scientific fields in accordance with EUROSTAT and OECD classification.

Further information can be found here [https://rustaveli.org/ge/eng](https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng)

Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia

Funding opportunities

There are various ways foreign citizen can participate in conducting research together with the Georgian colleagues. Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia which is the main funding organization of scientific research implements several national and binational programs

with participation of foreign researchers. Brief information about these calls and programs as well as the links to get more information are given below.



Name of the program: *Call for Fundamental Research*

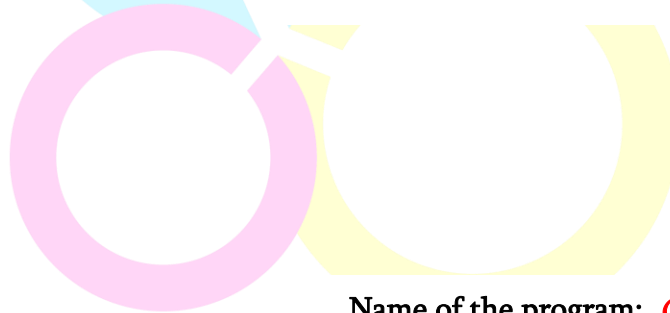
Target audience: higher educational institutions of Georgia, research-focused institutions, independent centers and the related researchers.

Duration: 2 or 3 years

Foreign citizen can participate in the call as a principal investigator, key personnel or foreign advisor

Source for further information:

<https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/fundamenturi-kvlevebi>



Name of the program: *Call for Applied Research*

Target group: Higher educational institutions in Georgia, research-focused institutions, independent scientific centers and researchers.

Duration: 2,3,4 years.

Foreign citizen can participate in the call as a key personnel. Foreign Organization can apply as a part of consortia

Source for further information:

<https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/gamokenebiti-kvlevebi>





Name of the program: *Research with participation of compatriots residing abroad*

Target audience: successful Georgian scientists working at higher educational and research-focused institutions and independent centers abroad, as well as higher educational and research-focused institutions of Georgia

Duration: 24 or 36 months.

Foreign citizen can participate in the call with as a key personnel

Source for further information:

<https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/kvlevebi-utskhoetshi-moghvatsetanamemamuleta-monatsileobit>



Name of the program: *Grant call for promoting scientific research projects and international scientific activities in the field of Caucasus Studies*

Target audience: Georgian higher education institutions, scientific-research institutes, independent research centers and scientists

Foreign citizen can participate in the as a principal investigator, co-principal investigator (in case of joint project) and key personnel

Source for further information:

<https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/kavkasiologia>



Name of the program: *Call for Research of Georgia`s cultural and material Heritage abroad*

Target group: Higher educational institutions of Georgia, research-focused institutions, independent centers and the related researchers

Duration: 24-36 months

Foreign citizen can participate in the call as a principal investigator or co-principal investigator (in case of joint project)

Source for further information:

<https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/sazghvargaret-arsebuli-qartuli-materialuri-da-sulieri-memkvidreobis-kvleva>



Name of the program: *Scientific Prize for the best foreign researcher in the field of Georgian Studies*

Target audience: To get the Best Foreign Scientist award in the field of Georgian Studies, a researcher should be working in the field of Georgian studies, hold a foreign citizenship and have a PhD or an equivalent degree

Source for further information:

<https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/shota-rustavelis-erovnuli-sametsniero-fondis-djildo-tslis-sauketeso-metsnierisa-dametsnierta-djgufisatvis>



Name of the Program: ***Targeted Grant Call for Science Popularization***

Target group: Legal Entity of Public Law, Non-entrepreneurial (Non-commercial) Legal Entity registered in Georgia, also Georgian higher education institutions or individuals

Duration: minimum 3 months, maximum 1 year

Foreign citizen can participate in the call as a key personnel or advisor

Source for further information:

[*https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/metsnierebis-nonularizatsiisatvis-miznohriვი-sagranto-konkursი*](https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/metsnierebis-nonularizatsiisatvis-miznohriვი-sagranto-konkursი)



Name of the Program: ***Research Grant to Young Scientists***

Target audience: Citizens of Georgia, holders of PhD or equivalent academic degree awarded during last 7 years before the call announcement date

Duration: 2 years

Foreign citizen can participate in the call as Young Scientist`s research advisor

Source for further information:

[*https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/akhalgazrda-metsnierta-postdoqtorantebis-kvleviti-grantebis-konkursი*](https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/akhalgazrda-metsnierta-postdoqtorantebis-kvleviti-grantebis-konkursი)



Name of the Program: *PHD Programme call*

Target audience: PhD students at the accredited educational programmes of Georgian higher education institutions

Duration: 6-36 months

Foreign citizen can participate in the call as an advisor

Source for further information:

<https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/doqtorantebis-kvleviti->



Name of the Program: *Grant call for supporting scientific-research projects and international scientific events in Cross-border regions of Georgia*

Target audience: Institutions of higher education and research of Georgia, scientific-research institutes, independent research centers and scientists

Foreign citizen can participate as a principal investigator, co-principal investigator or key personnel

Source for further information:

<https://cutt.ly/NEw0411>



Name of the program: *Grant call for promotion of scientific research projects and international scientific events in occupied territories of Georgia*

Target audience: Georgian higher education institutions, scientific-research institutes, independent research centers and scientists

Foreign citizen can participate as a principal investigator, co-principal investigator or key personnel

Source for further information:

<https://cutt.ly/TEw2DrO>

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Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia

Bilateral Programmes



Name of the program: *Joint Call with National Research Council of Italy (CNR)*

Aim of the call: Strengthening cooperation between scientists and scientific centers of Georgia and Italy, supporting the mobility of researchers of the two countries, financial support of joint research projects, strengthening of scientific research potential of Georgia, integration of scientific circles in the international scientific area, establishing new collaboration groups / networks.

Competition provides grant funding to conduct:

- joint research projects;
- joint workshops.

Target group: higher educational institutions of Georgia and Italy, scientific research institutions, independent research centers and scientists working there

Source for further information:

<https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/CNR-italiis-kvlevebis-erovnuli-sabcho->

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Name of the program: *The French National Center for Scientific Research and Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation joint call*

Aim of the call: PICS is a joint research programme aimed at supporting joint research projects carried out by two research teams: The French and the foreign one.

Funding required by the cooperation to support exchanges between Georgia and France comes from both partners: CNRS and SRNFG

Duration: PICS joint project duration can be up to 36 months

Source for further information:

<https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/CNRS-safrangetis-sametsniro-kvleveis-erovnuli-tsentri->

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Name of the program: *Joint scientific grant call of Turkish Scientific and Technological Research Council (TUBITAK) and Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation*

The competition provides grant funding to conduct:

- Joint research projects
- Short-term exchange research visits of scientists

Target Group: A group of scientists of Georgia and a group of Turkish scientists have the right to present a joint research project

Duration: Duration of the joint research project should not exceed 24 months

Source for further information:

<https://rustaveli.org.ge/eng/TUBITAK-turqetis-sametsnihero-da-teqnologiuri-kvlevis-sabcho>

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International Education Center

Funding Opportunities



Name of the program: *Scholarship for Hungarian Students and Researchers*

Target audience: citizens of Hungary, who wish to study or conduct researches at the selected Georgian universities

Source for further information:

<https://cutt.ly/8Ew9Zbn>

Erasmus + Opportunities



Name of the Program: *International Credit Mobility*

Target audience: students and teaching staff of higher education institutions in any subject area/academic discipline

Source for further information:

<https://erasmusplus.org/ge/en/services/icm>

Postdoctoral fellowship under Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions



Name of the program: *European Postdoctoral Fellowships*

Target audience: researchers moving within Europe or coming to Europe from another part of the world to pursue their research career. These fellowships take place in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. Researchers of any nationality can apply.

Duration: between 1 and 2 years.

Source for further information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/postdoctoral-fellowships>

International MA and PhD programs in Georgia

Every year thousands of students travel to study in Georgia. Georgia is fast becoming a favorite study destination among international students. Georgia's education system offers world class education programs to local and international students, currently there are over 50 higher education institutions in Georgia, they all have programs that are accredited by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia. Top Georgian students are signatories of Bologna process and many other international treaties, which means that degrees and diplomas of these universities are accepted in Europe and many other countries in the world. The biggest portion of the students are from India. The most attractive faculty for foreign students in Georgia is the faculty of healthcare and social support.

English language programs for local and international MA and PhD students as well as admission requirements are available on „ Study Georgia” web-page. <http://www.studyingeorgia.ge/>