

The **Black Sea Link** Fellowship Program, sponsored by the VolkswagenStiftung (Hannover, Germany), targets talented young researchers from Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, as well as from other regions around the Black Sea. The grants allow fellows to work on projects of their choice while in residence in Bucharest, Romania. NEC welcomes a wide variety of disciplines in the fields of the humanities and social sciences

Conditions: Applicants must be doctoral students, or hold a Ph.D. title. Preference will be given to candidates below the age of 40.

Duration of the Fellowship: **one term** (5 months), from October 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013, or from March 1 to July 31, 2013; or **a full academic year** (10 months) from October 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013.

Location: New Europe College-Institute for Advanced Study in Bucharest.

The Fellowship consists of: a monthly stipend of 650 € (tax free), accommodation, international transportation to and from the home country of the Fellows at the beginning and the end of the Fellowship. Fellows are offered a one-month research trip abroad to an institution of their choice (2,600 € for transportation, accommodation, and *per diem*). In addition, fellows can order literature for up to 500 €, to be used for their research during the Fellowship, and included, at its end, in the library of their home institution.

Working languages: English, French, and German. A good command of English is desirable.

The **deadline** for sending the completed application is **January 15, 2012**.

The evaluation procedure includes several stages, among which an interview with the international Academic Board of the NEC, scheduled for **March 29-31, 2012**. Applicants selected for the interview will be notified by the beginning of March 2012.

The application form and additional information on the Program and on New Europe College can be downloaded from: www.nec.ro or requested by e-mail from: applications@nec.ro (**please include in the Subject entry of the message the following:** "Black Sea Link Fellowships").

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