<u>Chevening relaunches in Greece: apply</u> now for 2020/2021

Chevening Scholarships are awarded to individuals with demonstrable leadership potential who also have strong academic backgrounds. The scholarship offers full financial support for future leaders to study for any eligible master's degree at any UK university whilst also gaining access to a wide range of exclusive academic, professional, and cultural experiences.

Since the programme was created in 1983, over 50,000 outstanding professionals have had the opportunity to develop in the UK through Chevening. There are more than 1,500 scholarships on offer globally for the 2020/2021 academic year, demonstrating the UK's ongoing commitment towards developing the leaders of tomorrow.

HM Ambassador Kate Smith CMG said:

I am delighted that Chevening is relaunching its programme in Greece. This is a programme that aims to support the most brilliant and exceptional Greek students. By taking advantage of the opportunity to pursue their postgraduate studies in a sophisticated academic environment, Chevening Scholars develop the foundations with which to build their future on back in Greece.

I would like to extend heartfelt thank you to the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation for the confidence it is showing for yet another year in this collaboration. Our common goal is to choose a unique young man or woman, who will impress us not only with his or her performance but also with his or her vision of bringing back to Greece the knowledge and experience which will have been gained in the United Kingdom.

Ms. Eva Lianou, General Director of the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation, stated:

We are very pleased to continue our collaboration with the British Embassy in the framework of the Chevening Scholarship Programme for the academic year 2020/2021, which will enable a Greek student to pursue a fully-funded postgraduate program in the United Kingdom. This collaboration is part of the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation's broader strategy to support activities targeted at all levels of education, aiming to enhance young people's access to education.

Head of Scholarships at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Ben Coates, said:

Chevening represents the very best of the UK, welcoming exceptional people from across the world to study, grow, and thrive at some of the world's best universities. Chevening can be a transformative experience, not just for the scholars, but for their communities and countries as they return and use the benefit of their UK experience to make a positive difference in their chosen field.

Our universities promote the creation and exchange of information and ideas, as well as the building of knowledge and networks. Chevening Scholars find themselves immersed in that world, and leave the UK after their studies having grown academically, professionally, and personally as a result.

Since the programme started in 1983, many of those selected for this scholarship have gone on to become respected leaders across a range of sectors. Being a part of the Chevening network instils a strong sense of pride and responsibility, I have seen this first hand and am consistently impressed by the passion and commitment of the scholars and alumni I meet.

With our world facing countless challenges, the role that the Chevening community plays in building bridges and collaborating across borders to solve big issues is more important than ever.

Chevening's Head of Programme Management, Louise Thomson, said:

Chevening puts you in control of your experience. You can choose from over 12,000 master's courses at over 150 different higher education institutions. UK institutions consistently rank highly in global university rankings, so be prepared for an academically challenging and fulfilling experience.

We organise an exclusive programme of events and activities, enabling you to experience Britain's heritage and history, discuss international policy, and interact with thought leaders at a range of academic, cultural, and social events.

Recently, scholars have visited the UK prime minister's residence

at 10 Downing Street, hiked up Mount Snowdon in Wales, exhibited art in London galleries, interned at the BBC, volunteered with the elderly, debated current affairs at the Cambridge Union, and sat in the home dressing room at Anfield. Some have even visited the locations where scenes from 'Game of Thrones' was shot. All this whilst studying on an intense master's course.

Chevening doesn't just open doors, it opens your mind. You will learn so much simply by interacting with people from all over the world, travelling around the UK in your spare time, and getting involved in the communities you live in. Those who get the most out of the experience are the ones who put the most into it.

With so much to learn and achieve, a year goes by faster than you can imagine. But your time in the UK is only the beginning of a life-long journey as a part of an international community of changemakers. Our hope is that you will leave the UK inspired, motivated, and better equipped to bring your own ideas to life.'

The call for new applicants follows the selection of one scholar from Greece, who won an award to study at a UK university this year. Successful applicants have been sharing their stories through the #ChosenForChevening hashtag on Twitter and Instagram.

For detailed information on the eligibility criteria and scholarship specifications visit www.chevening.org/scholarships as well as the designated page for Greece www.chevening.org/scholarship/greece/.