The Olympic Studies Centre

PhD Students and Early Career Academics Research Grant Programme

Application form

2027 Award

April 2026

1. General information and academic status

1.1. Applicant's contact details

Family Name	Given Name

Nationality(ies)

Telephone number	Email

Would you like to be part of our academic community and being added to our mailing list in accordance with the International Olympic Committee Privacy Policy? This will enable you to receive updates concerning Olympic studies initiatives. You can unsubscribe at any time.

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ I am already a subscriber

In addition, should you wish to receive the Olympic Studies Centre's quarterly e-newsletter, please sign up here.

1.2. Current academic status

◯ Student enrolled in a PhD Programme

Date of enrolment:
Expected date of thesis submission:

◯ Early Career Academic (ECA) (refer to the eligibility section in the Grant Programme Rules)

1.2.1. Present rank/title/field

(Examples: “Doctoral candidate in Political Science”, “Assistant Professor of Sports History")

1.2.2. Field(s) of study and specialisation

1.3. Title of the doctoral thesis (or master thesis for university professors without PhD degree) and short summary

1.4. Past studies completed (starting with the most recent)

Institution	Field of study	Start (Year)	Finish (Year)	Title of the degree awarded

1.5. Financial support received in the last five years

Name or short description of the research grant, fellowship, award or other sources of funding	Year	Currency	Amount	Related to this project (Y/N)

1.6. Professional background and any other experience relevant to the project (if any)

Positions held during the last five years (professional, teaching, research or administration) starting with the most recent.

Name of institution	Function	Employment dates

1.7. Miscellaneous

1.7.1. Have you ever submitted a candidature to the OSC PhD Students and ECA Research Grant Programme?

◯ Yes (year:.....) ◯ No

If yes and the research proposal has the same objective(s) as the current application, indicate how the present proposal has improved/differs from the previous application.

1.7.2. How did you find out about the OSC PhD Students and ECA Research Grant Programme?

2. University contact details

2.1. University and country where the applicant is based

2.2. Authorised university representative (for ECA/PhD students with a university contract only)

Details of the authorised university representative who would co-sign with the applicant the agreement between the OSC and the university if the project is awarded.

Family Name	Given Name
Function	University's department or section
Telephone	Email

3. Research project overview

3.1. Brief descriptive title of research project

3.2. Brief summary of research proposal (max. 200 words)

3.3. Research ethical approval

Does the applicant's home institution require a research ethical approval, or does the research proposal involve interviews, surveys or any other methodologies involving human subjects, human data and/or fieldwork?

◯ Yes ◯ No

- If yes, include as Appendix 2 a certificate stating that the project has been approved by the university's ethics committee or at least a confirmation that the project has been submitted for approval to that committee.

- If applicable, mention any other ethical considerations:

3.4. Reference

Contact details of the applicant's supervisor/mentor who will send via the OSC portal a separate letter of recommendation supporting the application.

Family name	Given name

Telephone	Email

4. Research proposal – Details

4.1. Description of the research topic (1 page max.)

This must include (i) overall research aims/objectives and (ii) research questions and/or propositions.

4.2. Project justification/rationale and conceptual framing, including key concepts and review of existing literature (2 pages max.)

Describe the background to the issue and the existing knowledge in this area and explain why you believe this study is worth pursuing.

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4.3. Description of the project methodology (2 pages max.)

If the research proposal includes interviews, surveys or any other methodologies that involve human subjects, human data and/or fieldwork, explain how access to the people to be interviewed, the data or the fieldwork site has been **secured in advance**.

List any foreign language skills required for the research project and the applicant's level of proficiency (or if using translators).

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4.4. Description of the project timelines (1 page max.)

Working schedule with key tasks, deliverables and milestones. For this purpose, you may wish to attach a Gantt chart in a separate document. Remember that the final report of the research project must be submitted before the end of 2027.

4.5. Contribution of the project to the field of study and to the Olympic Movement (1 page max.)

4.5.1. **For current PhD students only:** Contribution of the research proposal to the doctoral thesis (1 page max.)

4.5.2. **For ECA only:** Applicant's expertise related to the project (1 page max.)

4.6. For applicants proposing to visit the OSC to consult its collections (1 page max.)

Indicate the proposed length of stay at the OSC: .....(number of working days).
Provide a justification for the need to consult these collections, including identification and details of the documents to be consulted. In this regard, applicants are strongly encouraged to consult the Olympic World Library to find out about the general content of the collections available, as well as the IOC Archives Access Rules).

4.7. Statement of the applicant's plans for (i) scholarly publication(s); and (ii) any other forms of dissemination of the research results (1/2 page max.)

4.8. Budget in USD requested for the award

4.8.1. General overview of the activities included in the budget

Refer to the Grant Programme's Rules for the expenses covered and not covered.

4.8.2. Detailed budget in USD and justification of the different expenses included.

For the applicants requiring travelling to Lausanne to consult the OSC collections, we suggest considering a daily budget of USD 250 including food, accommodation and transport.

Expenses	Justification (incl. timing of expenditures)	Amount (USD)
TOTAL		0

4.9. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools by applicants

Acknowledgement of the AI guidelines: I have taken note of the guidelines concerning the use of AI tools included in section 8 of the rules.

◯ Yes

AI Assistance disclosure: Have you been helped by an AI to submit this application?

◯ Yes ◯ No

If yes, identify at which capacity (editing, proofreading, presentation, summarising, etc.) and for which sections:

5. Guidelines for submitting documents

1. **The application form and appendices must be submitted exclusively via the OSC portal.**
2. Naming of the application form: "FAMILY NAME, Given name – Application form" (e.g. "STEWART, John – Application form").
3. Appendices: to be grouped into a single PDF file and named as follows: "FAMILY NAME, Given name – Appendices" (e.g. "STEWART, John – Appendices").
4. Documents submitted with password protection will not be accepted.

APPENDICES:

- **Academic status (appendix 1):** Proof of current doctoral enrolment (for PhD Students) or proof of current university appointment (for Early Career Academics) covering the period of the grant, issued by the university on institutional letterhead:

  ◯ Done

- **Ethical approval (appendix 2):** If the applicant's home institution requires a research ethical approval, or if the research proposal involves interviews, surveys or any other methodologies involving human subjects, human data and/or fieldwork: a certificate stating that the project has been approved by the university's ethics committee or at least, a confirmation that the project has been submitted for approval to that committee.

  ◯ Done

  ◯ Pending (approximate date of approval expected): .....
  It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that the ethical approval is received by the OSC by the indicated date. If the document is not submitted on time, the reviewers will take this into account in their evaluation.

  ◯ Not applicable

- **PhD Students agreement:** The applicant confirms that he/she has read the "Research Project Agreement" to be signed in case the application will be awarded with a grant.

  ◯ Done ◯ Not applicable

- **Early Career Academics Agreement/PhD Students employed by a university agreement:** The applicant confirms that he/she has read and informed the authorised university representative who would co-sign the "Research Project Agreement" in case the application will be awarded with a grant.

  ◯ Done ◯ Not applicable

- **Conflict of interest:** The applicant declares that her/his participation in the PhD and ECA Research Grant Programme will not create any conflict of interests, in particular with regard to the applicant's affiliations with private entities (if any) that could benefit from the research grant.

  ◯ Done

Note that the OSC will not consider an application until it receives a recommendation letter written on the university's institutional letterhead, signed and sent directly through the OSC portal by the applicant's supervisor or mentor. **It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that the letter is received by the OSC by no later than 22 September 2026.**

For the criteria of eligibility, length and amount of grants, and further information about this Grant Programme, please consult the Programme Announcement available on our website or contact us at studies.centre@olympic.org.

In order to ensure the visibility and sustainability of the Grant Programme, the OSC may publicly disclose, including by publishing on its website and in academic newsletters, the list of projects it has supported, including basic information about the projects and Grant recipients (given name, family name and university name).

To find out more about the activities and collections of the **Olympic Studies Centre**, please consult our webpages.

PRIVACY NOTICE

In order to apply to and to benefit from the PhD Students and Early Career Academics Research Grant Programme, applicants will need to provide certain personal data (in particular given name, family name, academic information, telephone number and email address) and other information (collectively "Applicant Data"). Applicant Data will be managed and processed by the Olympic Studies Centre (the "OSC"), which is part of the Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage (the "OFCH") and the International Olympic Committee (the "IOC").

It is necessary for the OFCH and/or the IOC to process Applicant Data for the following purposes:

- Assessing the Grant Programme application
- Confirming the applicant's eligibility
- Awarding a grant to selected applicants
- Keeping records and establishing statistics and other studies related to the PhD Students and Early Career Academics Research Grant Programme and other activities of the OSC
- Sending newsletters and other communications (subject to the applicants' consent in Clause 1.1 of this application form)
- Any other purpose to which the applicants may expressly agree.

Where necessary for the above-mentioned purposes, Applicant Data may be shared between the OFCH and the IOC, with the IOC's affiliates (IOC Television & Marketing Services SA, Olympic Broadcasting Services S.L. and Olympic Channel Services S.L.) as well as with members of the Selection Committee appointed by the OSC. The OFCH and the IOC may also share Applicant Data with third parties who provide IT services and other services to the OFCH and/or the IOC. Some recipients, particularly the Selection Committee appointed by the OSC may be based in countries that, like the United States of America, do not provide in their laws for a level of protection of your privacy equivalent to the one applied within the European Economic Area and Switzerland.

The OFCH and/or the IOC will retain and process applicants' personal data for no longer than necessary for the above-mentioned purposes and as authorised by the applicable laws and will apply appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect Applicant Data against destruction, loss, theft or unauthorised processing.

The OFCH and the IOC will process Applicant Data based on the following grounds: necessity to perform the review of candidature and grant-related agreement, their legitimate interests to conduct and develop the PhD Students and Early Career Academics Research Grant Programme and applicant's consent for sending newsletters. The Applicant Data applicants provide to the OFCH and/or the IOC shall be accurate, complete and up to date. If any change occurs, it is the applicants' responsibility to contact the OFCH and/or the IOC to update their Applicant Data.

Applicants have the right, in accordance with the law, to request access to their data, to request the deletion or correction of any erroneous or incomplete data, and to object to the use thereof. For these purposes, or for any question related to the processing of Applicant Data, applicants should contact the OFCH and the IOC at the following address: privacy@olympic.org.

Any complaint in relation to the processing of personal data that has not been addressed within a reasonable timeframe may be sent to the Office of the Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner, Feldeggweg 1, CH – 3003 Bern, Switzerland, info@edoeb.admin.ch