

Jacques Delors Scholarship

Rules and regulations for the attribution of the Jacques Delors Scholarship to researchers and students interested in the European Construction – applicable as of January 2016

In the framework of a mission to research and put into use the archives of Jacques Delors, the Jacques Delors Institute and its partners welcome researchers from universities or research institutions, Ph.D holders, and people of exceptional scientific merit.

The Jacques Delors Institute and its partners give them the opportunity to conduct post-doctoral research and to this end provide them a scholarship with the objective of:

- Studying and analysing the **Jacques Delors Archives** - Presidency of the European Commission (1985-1994)
- **Promoting study of the history of the European Union** by highlighting relevant analytical works.
- **Shedding light on today's Europe** through primary sources to better understand and respond to modern challenges.

The present regulations determine the Jacques Delors Institute's conditions of eligibility for the Jacques Delors Scholarship. They apply to beneficiaries of this scholarship.

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1. Objective of the scholarship

The Jacques Delors Scholarship is awarded to post-doctoral researchers by the **Jacques Delors Institute**, *a European think tank founded by Jacques Delors with the objective of producing analyses and propositions for European decisionmakers and the wider public, as well as contributing to debates relating to the European Union*. The scholarship has three objectives:

- Studying and analysing the **Jacques Delors Archives** - Presidency of the European Commission (1985-1994)
- **Promoting study of the history of the European Construction** by highlighting relevant analytical works
- **Shedding light on today's Europe** through primary sources to better understand and respond to modern challenges.

This scholarship is offered to researchers who wish to conduct a full-time research project with complete independence.

2. Conditions of eligibility

2.1. Degree

The candidate for the Jacques Delors Scholarship must be the **holder of a doctoral degree** obtained after the defense of an original thesis or dissertation, and hold recognized scientific qualities.

Researchers who, without fulfilling these conditions, demonstrate exceptional **scientific merits and aptitudes** may also, on the basis of a motivation accepted by the Jacques Delors Institute, apply for the Jacques Delors Scholarship.

2.2. Subject of research

The subject of the research project must concern the **challenges of the European Construction**.

- The work must obligatorily be based on **elements of analysis of the archives of Jacques Delors**, President of the European Commission between 1985 and 1994. The said archives are consultable through our different academic Historical Archives of the European Union, Centre d'histoire de Sciences Po, College of Europe - Brugge and Natolin, Fondation Jean Monnet) ;
- The general theme of the research project must conform to the annual work program of the Jacques Delors Institute (see : <http://www.delorsinstitute.eu/011-3076-Our-Work-Programme.html>) ;
- The work must be written in French or English.

2.3. Financing of the research project

The Jacques Delors Scholarship is given in periods of **a minimum of three months** without exceeding a total length of six months (with exception, see Article 5.5). It may be coupled with other means of financing:

- means for **financing independent research**, provided among others by the *Fonds Spécial pour la Recherche*, interuniversity attraction poles, the FNRS, FRIA, and community, regional, federal, or supranational authorities.
- other **external means of financing**, under the condition that the post-doctoral researcher concerned has large possibilities for personal initiative in the pursuit of his own research activities and that the external means of financing do not create contractual obligations with the donor, especially in terms of intellectual property.

3. Application

3.1. Application procedure

To apply, researchers must send their applications to the address, delors_grant@delorsinstitute.eu conforming to the timeframe indicated in the information packet.

It must contain at the minimum:

- A **letter of motivation** from the candidate
- A **curriculum vitae** along with a list of publications
- A copy of the **most recent degree obtained**
- A copy of the applicant's **ID or passport**
- A **summary of the last research project** completed (thesis, article, publication)
- An **explanation of the research subject envisioned** with the principal areas that must be developed in the research project, in explaining the **contributions that the Jacques Delors Archives will bring to it**
- Any other documentation that would strengthen the application

Any applications received after the deadline will not be considered by the jury.

3.2. Selection of candidates

The most qualified applications will be selected based on the following conditions:

- Compatibility between the research project and the work programme of the Jacques Delors Institute (see : <http://www.delorsinstitute.eu/011-3076-Our-Work-Programme.html>)
- The candidate's European engagement

The candidate must have good understanding of the French language, the majority of the archival documents being written in French.

The recipient will be informed once a definitive decision is made by the executive board of the Jacques Delors Institute. The jury's decision cannot be contested.

4. Rights and obligations of the recipient

4.1. Value of the scholarship

The scholarship must be sufficient to cover the housing, transportation and living costs of the researcher.

The upper limit of the Jacques Delors Scholarship is available on the website of the Jacques Delors Institute. It is updated every year on 1 January.

The scholarships's value can, with duly motivated exception approved by the director of the Jacques Delors Institute, be of a sum superior to this limit.

The scholarship is paid on a monthly basis in arrears, with the exception of the advancement of transportation fees.

The first payment is dependent upon the communication to the Jacques Delors Institute of all personal information needed to treat the applicant's file.

4.2. Time consecrated to research

The Jacques Delors Scholarship is only awarded to he or she who carries out the given research project on a full-time basis.

No teaching duties, supervision, or scientific logistics can be imposed on the recipient. The "full-time" exercise of the research activity excludes any labor or service contract with a person or organisation.

4.3. Respecting the regulations

The researcher agrees to respect the discipline, usages, and regulations in place within the partner institution that receives him or her, notably the relevant provisions of the Administrative Regulation of Members of the Scientific Body, and the regulations concerning propriety and the protection and promotion of the results of research carried out within the Jacques Delors Institute, of which a copy is given at the start of his or her mandate and of which he accepts the terms.

4.4. Publications

The researcher has the right to publish his or her research project in respecting the provisions outlined in Paragraph 7.

4.5. Fulfillment in good faith

The researcher and the Jacques Delors Institute agree to keep one another informed of all situations which may compromise the realisation of the research project or any situation that could put at risk the payment of the scholarship.

4.6. Exceptional cases

If a major situation recognised by the Jacques Delors Institute suspends research, **the period of the scholarship's activity may be prolonged accordingly**. In case of maternity, adoption, or paternity, the recipient has the right to a prolongation of the scholarship's period of activity for up to the legal duration of maternity, adoption, or paternity leave.

In these situations, the request for prolongation must be sent to the Jacques Delors Institute at least one month before the end of the current period of activity.

The scholarship's period of activity cannot, even under these prolongations, exceed **12 successive months**.

4.7. Annulment

The Jacques Delors Institute in concert with its partner can decide to annul the scholarship if its beneficiary does not satisfy the conditions of the scholarship or the provisions of the present

regulations, or if, by his or her attitude or comportment, the recipient makes the pursuit of the research project impossible.

The recipient must be notified of this decision one month before it takes effect in order to allow him or her to be heard by the Jacques Delors Institute and offer his or her case. The recipient can be accompanied by a person of his or her choice.

After hearing the recipient, the Jacques Delors Institute can either confirm, revoke, or suspend its decision for a chosen duration.

5. Promoting the research project

The recipient's research project will be presented in an **Archive seminar** during which the researcher will orally explain the process and conclusion of his or her research.

Following the project, the researcher must write **a synthesis of the conclusions of the research project on the Jacques Delors Archives**. This document will be edited on the site of the Jacques Delors Institute and in a paper version, and will be distributed via the communication tools of the Jacques Delors Institute.

The date and place of the event will be given to the recipient at least one month beforehand.

Following the research project, the beneficiary of the Jacques Delors Scholarship allows the Jacques Delors Institute **primacy**, with the exception of truly confidential sections, to the use of all or part of the said work in publications and/or communications by the Jacques Delors Institute and its partners. This primacy will last for the duration of 1 month after the presentation of the project at the Archive seminar.