



SPECIAL AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS

Special and Extension Programs (SPE)/Special Projects Office (SPO) is part of Central European University which is an internationally recognized institution of graduate education in the social sciences and the humanities. CEU serves as an advanced center of research and policy analysis, facilitates academic dialogue and provides an environment in which the region's next generation of leaders and scholars can meet and interact. Following the purpose and goal of the university, SPO supports all activities in higher education in Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Central Asia, Mongolia, and Southeastern Europe.

The programs provide:

- Administrative support to Soros network institutions such as CEU, Higher Education Support Program (HESP), Open Society Institute (OSI), and other programs and projects
- Expertise on project development and implementation
- Advice on higher education development and reform
- Evaluation and quality control
- A contact point for external inquiries
- Research opportunities
- Seminars, workshops, and roundtables related to specific topics

SPO also initiates new programs and projects that are related to higher education in the target regions, closely working with the Soros network and with the other two SEP offices, the Curriculum Resource Center (CRC) and Summer University (SUN).

For further information visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/sep/>

CEU Professorial and CEU Visiting Research Fellowships

The Visiting Research Fellowship Program is designed to increase exchanges between scholars of the region and Central European University, and to promote original research, which can be of practical benefit to a particular country or region. The program is applicable to citizens of countries in Central and Eastern Europe (except EU member states), the former Soviet Union, or of Mongolia, that hold a PhD or equivalent, and who are affiliated with a teaching or research institution within the above countries.

The program supports two types of Research Fellows. CEU Professorial Visiting Research Fellows hold a full professorship, and are academics of established (preferably national) standing within their discipline. CEU Visiting Research Fellows are academics who have made a contribution to their discipline through publications, conference presentations, or other academic forums. Fellows are supported for a period from one to six months, depending upon the type of research being undertaken. Both types of fellowship cover travel costs to/from Budapest, accommodation during the period of the fellowship, and a monthly stipend. CEU Fellows receive \$750 per month stipend, and CEU Professorial Fellows—\$1500 per month.

For more information (including program requirements and application procedures) visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/fellowships.html#AP>

Hosting a CEU Lecturer

The "Hosting a CEU Lecturer" Program enables institutions of Higher Education in the region to receive CEU professors for short lecture visits. This program is designed to create or strengthen ties between CEU and the host institution, to respond to specific regional needs in terms of academic expertise, and to allow both academics and students to experience CEU's approach to teaching. The hope is that such short intensive visits will form the beginnings of further collaboration—from joint research projects to curriculum development.

Any university in Central and Eastern Europe (EU—in exceptional cases) and the former Soviet Union may request such a visit, as long as the request is for a discipline area that is taught at CEU. The Lecturers' Mobility Program is an opportunity for all those interested in establishing stronger contacts with CEU or for those who may benefit from short term expertise in a particular subject area.

All academic departments and programs at CEU are actively involved in Mobility Grants and can send their faculty for short lecture trips into the region. Therefore, requests or applications in the following discipline areas are accepted: Economics, Environmental Sciences and Policy, Gender Studies, History (Modern and Early Modern), International Relations and European Studies, Legal Studies (Business Law, Comparative Constitutional Law and Human Rights), Mathematics and Its Applications, Medieval Studies, Nationalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology and Social Anthropology.

For more information (including program requirements and application procedures) visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/lmobility.html>

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Regional Mobility Program

The Regional Mobility Program was launched in the year 2001 with the aim of enabling and providing financial support for university professors from the “Soros network region” to participate in CEU events (workshops, roundtables and seminars) organized by SEP/SPO.

Participation in such events is often the first step for an ongoing relationship/collaboration between CEU professors/departments and a regional university, that can be considered as a basis for longer cooperation. For example, regional professors offered research opportunities at CEU may do general promotion and recruitment work after their experience in CEU’s academic environment.

For more information (including program requirements and application procedures) visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/rmobility.html>

Roma Scholarship

CEU, with the financial support of the Roma Education Fund, is offering a nine-month Preparatory Course for international graduate studies in Budapest for promising young Roma. Full scholarships will be awarded, covering travel, tuition, housing and living stipend. The goal is to prepare Roma to access international graduate education (at Master’s level) through open competition at CEU, North American or Western European universities.

For more information (including program requirements and application procedures) visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/roma.html>

Human Rights Students’ Initiative (HRSI)

HRSI is an organization comprising students and alumni of CEU, and supported by SPO, OSI and CEU’s Department of Legal Studies. The organization was established as an initiative of students of CEU legal studies department’s Human Rights Program, and received a first grant from OSI in May 2000.

HRSI now actively involves students and alumni from almost all CEU academic departments, as well as NGO representatives and human rights activists from the region.

For more information visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/hrsi.html>

Central Asian Resource Center (CARC)

Central Asian Resource Center was established in 2001 with funding from the Higher Education Support Program of the Open Society Institute together with the National Soros Foundations in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, who all act as the founders of the Center. SPO is managing HESP’s grant to CARC, and is providing managerial support and assistance in their initiatives.

The mission of the Central Asian Resource Center is to ‘aid the development of a common higher education space in the social sciences in Central Asian countries’. CARC enhances core academic skills and knowledge of academics in sociology, political science, and history through bringing about content changes, introducing new teaching and assessment methods, providing access to both classical and modern fundamental publications, and forming academic networks.

For more information visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/sep/spo/carc.html>

Curriculum Resource Center

The Curriculum Resource Center is Central European University’s external and internal resource, consultancy, and training unit in curriculum development and related issues, with a special emphasis on the social sciences and the humanities. CRC is part of the Special and Extension Program and is funded by Open Society Institute’s Higher Education Support Program (OSI-HESP). CRC’s main goals are capacity building, providing targeted resources to selected academics and consultancy, as well as professional development in higher education.

Activities include training in course design; supporting and developing selected faculty through course development grants; organizing workshops, events and conferences that explore innovative trends within the curriculum development context; as well as preparing CEU’s graduate students for successful teaching careers at universities in the region.

Those teaching in an institution of higher education in CEU’s target region—Central and Eastern Europe, former Soviet Union and Mongolia—may find the programs, workshops and grants of professional interest. Current and upcoming CRC events, as well as a large database of syllabi from CEU and the region, are available on the CRC website. New calls for applications to the programs are announced every semester; visit the site regularly for updates.

For more information visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/crc/>

Non-discrimination Policy

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