

**Profile of participating scholars:**

- Applicants must be residents in a country in which the teaching of history is made difficult by **government repression, state propaganda, or armed conflict**
- Between 20 and 25 at the beginning of their professional career
- Students at University or comparable higher learning institutions and/or recent graduates
- **History teachers, history students, or young professionals in education and in the media** who are engaged in disseminating historical knowledge and debate
- **Proficient written and oral use of English**
- should appreciate staying with local host families
- Willingness to use/share their own experience as well as their communities' history within the coursework
- Willingness to adopt a sensitive intercultural approach when working with the other scholarship holders and their life experiences
- Eagerness to work on sensitive topics with a diverse group of other scholarship holders
- Available to travel to and stay in Austria from August 10th until the end of September 2025 (presumably September 26)
- Participation in online meetings before August 10th
- Interest in participating in a continuous alumni network

**Must haves (for the visa process):**

- a valid passport not older than 10 years, valid for three months after expiry of the visa and with two free pages
- willingness to consent to the collection of fingerprints (unless already stored within the last 59 months)

**Applications must include:**

- 2-3 letters of recommendation by professors, advisers, nominators or equivalent.
- Written statement answering the following questions (max. 1000 words):
  - Please describe your motivation to participate in the program.
  - Why are you the best candidate for the program?
  - How do you plan on ensuring a long-term impact of your learnings on your community?

**Scholars are invited to contribute the following:**

- written statement on the story of their life and that of their community
- one political song
- one object that somehow embodies or expresses part of their story.