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INTERNATIONAL VISEGRAD FUND

PRESENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL VISEGRAD FUND AND ITS GRANT PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR APPLICANTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

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The mission of the International Visegrad Fund with the seat in Bratislava (Slovak Republic) is to promote the development of closer cooperation among the Visegrad Group (V4) countries—the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia—and between the V4 countries and other states, namely those in Central and Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans and the South Caucasus. The Fund provides funding for common cultural, scientific, research and educational projects, youth exchanges, promotion of tourism and cross-border cooperation.

The Fund's Strategic Program priorities for 2010, also available for Azerbaijan applicants, are mainly: Building a Green Visegrad and Sharing Know-How with Neighboring Regions. Most of the grant recipients are non-governmental organizations, municipalities and local governments, universities, schools and other public institutions and also individual citizens.

The Fund also awards individual scholarships available also for students from the Republic of Azerbaijan to study at any accredited public or private university in V4 countries. By the end of 2009 the Fund has supported more than 2,600 grant projects and awarded almost 800 scholarships. From the overall 220 supported students in 2009, 3 Azerbaijan scholars were awarded scholarships to Hungary. In 2010 from the 187 supported, 4 Azerbaijan scholars were supported to Hungary and Poland.

Within the Visegrad University Studies Grant, the Fund also supports university courses and degree programs that deal with specific phenomena related to V4 countries.

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