



G. MARTINI

SCHOLARSHIP

“Never stop inquiring... it provides meaning to our journey”

**ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS
AND RESEARCHERS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION AND
PROCEDURE**

2019-2020

PRESENTATION

The European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA) grants an annual scholarship since 2013, in memory of its Honorary President, Gianfranco Martini. He was one of the founding partners of the Local Democracy Agencies' concept and he became the first President of ALDA in 1999, when the association was established.

Throughout his life, he was passionate and engaged to the promotion of local democracy, the commitment of civil society and the encouragement of interethnic dialogue in Europe, with a particular focus on the Western Balkans.

For this reason, ALDA decided to honour his memory awarding on yearly basis the "Scholarship Gianfranco Martini" to a student or researcher who develops a study or work project related to the following topics: local democracy, engagement of civil society and/or interethnic dialogue. The objective is to encourage high-quality academic research and analysis for ALDA's fields of activity, to develop new strategies of action and further promote these values.

REQUISITES AND PROCEDURES

- *Format and requirements for the application document*

The application must include a concise presentation of 5 pages maximum, in which the candidate indicates the objective of the study or work project, and how it will contribute and foster the topics of local democracy, engagement of civil society and/or interethnic dialogue. The applicant will also indicate how the scholarship offered would be used for the research, presenting a short budget outline.

The application should also include a motivation statement and two relevant references.

- *Deadline for application and selection process*

The selected candidates should send the application by the **22nd of March** to francesco.pala@aldaintranet.org, with the subject line “**Scholarship G. Martini 2019**”

The successful candidate will be awarded during the General Assembly of ALDA, occurring this year in May in France. The presence of the winning candidate is necessary.

Once the selection is finalised and the results are declared, the winner of the scholarship should address a “formal request of payment” to the financial department of ALDA, that will authorise and proceed to the scholarship’s payment.

Payment: 3.000,00 €

The payment will be addressed as following:

-50% at the signature of the contract

-50% at the delivery of the research output.

In case results are not in line with the winning application, ALDA reserves the right to request back the budget initially allocated.

- *Proposed focuses for 2019 scholarship*

1. The European Elections and the Neighbourhood Countries
2. The state of art in the accession process for the Western Balkans countries
3. Support to Participative Democracy all around enlarged Europe
4. The participatory approaches in multi-ethnic communities

- *Visibility of the winning project*

The proposal of the successful candidate will be given visibility through ALDA's communication channels.

- *Timespan of the scholarship*

Since the winner is announced, the timeline of the scholarship is one year. The research project will be therefore implemented during the following 12 months after the presentation of the proposal to the General Assembly. The draft results of the research implemented need to be sent ALDA at least one month before the General Assembly of the following year, where the researcher will present them to participants. Failure to comply with the deadline without prior agreement with ALDA may result in the scholarship cancelled.

- *Dissemination of the final document*

After the presentation of the results to the General Assembly, the awarded will have 6 months to elaborate the first draft of the final document, which will be eventually presented to the Advisory Board of ALDA. The Advisory Board might suggest corrections and amendments on the research document, as a support to the finalisation of the draft. A final version of the document will be agreed between ALDA and the researcher, allowing the Organization to begin with the dissemination phase. At this point, the researcher shall also elaborate an abstract of two pages of the project. The researcher will be in charge of editing, proofreading, and laying-out the final document to be disseminated through ALDA's communication channels.

ALDA will give visibility and disseminate the final document through its channels.