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# RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

## João Havelange



### João Havelange Research Scholarship

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## Introduction

The Joao Havelange Scholarship was set up by current FIFA President, Mr. Joseph S. Blatter, in honour of former President, Dr. João Havelange, who stepped down from his role in 1998.

Even more than for his senior position at the International Olympic Committee, Dr. Havelange was recognised for his leadership of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association, for twenty-four consecutive years. It was as the head of the world's pre-eminent single sports organisation that João Havelange did so much to revolutionise the administration of the world's most popular sport and to give it an even more global dimension. In this role, he was responsible for a series of innovations that took FIFA from a relatively humble status to a position of economic security and social influence.



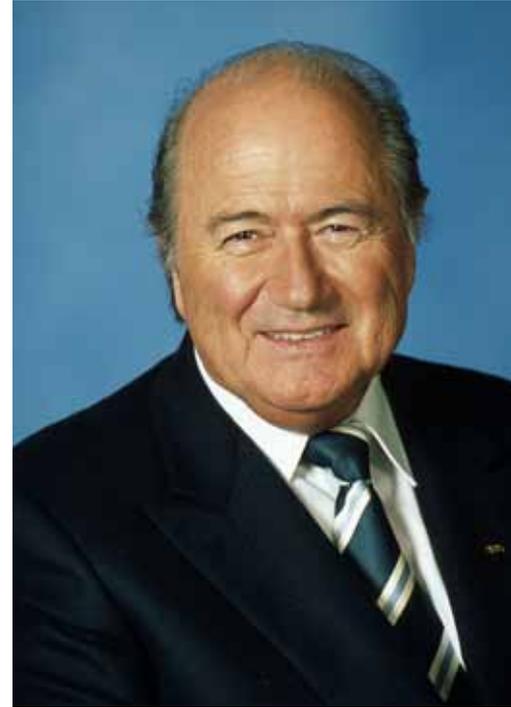
The perceptive football leader pioneered cooperation between FIFA and academic circles, first with the University of Neuchâtel in Switzerland, to facilitate the serious study of sport as a social and economic phenomenon. It is within the framework of the International Centre for Sports Studies (CIES) that a scholarship was created to enable researchers to benefit from a steady infrastructure and special funds.

Aimed at promoting football-related academic research, the Joao Havelange Scholarship is awarded to researchers holding a university degree or equivalent in one of the following areas of study: Law, Economics, Sociology, Ethics, Geography, History and Medicine.

## Perpetuating a legacy

Sport plays a special role in society. On the one hand, it supports well-being and movement, and on the other it teaches us how to follow rules. These rules form an important basis for highlighting values such as respect, discipline and fair play. What is more, from a socio-cultural point of view, sport is an ideal communication tool for young people today.

In this connection, I am very pleased that CIES has created the foundations not only for providing students with first-class academic training, but also for making valuable consultancy and research findings available to the entire sports industry. It is gratifying to note that thanks to CIES's wide-ranging programme, the FIFA Master is considered by many students to be the ideal platform for further development, thus enabling us to constantly strengthen our international university network.



As Secretary General, I am proud to have launched the initiative to combine sport and science at an academic level. Over the last 15 years we have been able to develop excellent working and research conditions, continuously adapt and improve CIES's services, and offer the FIFA Master to an increasingly international range of students.

The increasing professionalisation of the sports industry and the growing interest in further developing not only the economic dimension of sport, but also its cultural and educational aspects, will form an important basis for the future development of CIES. I am proud to continue to actively support this organisation as FIFA President.

I wish all the students every success!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Blatter', written in a cursive style.

**Joseph S. Blatter**  
President of FIFA

The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) founded the João Havelange Research Scholarship to encourage academic research in football. The International Centre for Sports Studies (CIES) in Neuchâtel, which is supported by FIFA, manages on its behalf, the evaluation and awarding of scholarships through a Selection Committee composed of academics specialised in the field.

## 1. GENERAL RULES

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1.1 FIFA shall grant scholarships to encourage academic research connected with football, in compliance with these regulations, in any of the following fields: law, economics, sociology, ethics, geography, history and medicine.

1.2 The researchers are free to choose the subjects themselves. Notwithstanding this freedom, FIFA and CIES may, taking into account academic priorities or topical themes, promote some specific subjects. These research areas will be announced on the CIES website ([www.cies.ch](http://www.cies.ch)).

1.3 The number of scholarships granted each year is not fixed and will be decided by the Selection Committee.

1.4 The maximum possible amount for one given scholarship is USD 30'000.-.

1.5 The beneficiary must, in principle, submit his/her research project within the 12 month limit.

## 2. OBJECTIVE

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The scholarships are intended to encourage and facilitate the work of researchers who have

completed their studies and have been awarded a university diploma, bachelor's degree, state examination, doctorate or an equivalent degree. The research shall be conducted in an academic environment (i.e. supervised by a professor, lecturer or academic). Upon request by the candidate, the research may be conducted under the supervision of the International Centre for Sports Studies (CIES) at Neuchâtel University.

## 3. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

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3.1 Interested applicants may download the brochure from the CIES website ([www.cies.ch](http://www.cies.ch)). The brochure includes the regulations and the application form for the João Havelange Scholarship.

3.2 Applications may be made as a group; in such cases, the group of researchers shall designate one person to act as the project leader before the Selection Committee. This person shall assume the responsibility for all the obligations stipulated in these regulations. Only one application per person per year may be submitted to the committee. Multiple applications per applicant will not be accepted. Applicants may apply for the João Havelange

# Regulations

Research Scholarship repeatedly; however, applications with identical research topics (having been refused the previous year) will not be accepted.

3.3 The applicants shall fill in the form and return it, duly completed, to CIES with the following documents (in this order, please do not fold or staple the sheets):

a) Research plan (maximum 7 pages) which must include :

- Summary of the project (maximum 1 page)
- Theoretical framework
- Methodology, questions and hypotheses
- Objectives and academic relevance of the study
- Main results/outputs expected
- Table of contents

b) List of prior publications and research work

c) Curriculum vitae

d) Copy of passport

e) Detailed budget in US Dollars (maximum USD 30'000.-)

f) Certified copies of academic qualifications (diploma, degree, doctorate, etc.)

g) Recommendation letters from two professors

h) Certification of language proficiency (e.g. copies of language course diplomas) if mother tongue is not one of the official FIFA languages (English, French, Spanish or German)

3.4 The deadline for submitting applications is the 1<sup>st</sup> of September of each year. Any applications received after this deadline will be considered as part of the next year's application process.



## 4. EXAMINATION OF APPLICATIONS

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4.1 The Selection Committee shall examine the applications for the João Havelange Research Scholarship.

4.2 The Selection Committee is the body responsible for making all decisions concerning the evaluation and awarding of the scholarship. It shall be composed of between six and eight individuals from the academic world and representative of the different areas of research covered by the scholarship. If necessary, the committee may call on outside experts.

4.3 In awarding the scholarship, the Selection Committee shall consider the quality and originality of the proposals as well as the importance such a project may have for academic (or scientific) research in the study of football. Applications with the highest chance for success will be those which have further potential in the form of publication or presentation in academic colloquia.

4.4 The Selection Committee shall decide on the total number of scholarships and the amount offered to each beneficiary.

4.5 FIFA and CIES shall notify the applicants of the Selection Committee's decision in writing by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

## 5. APPEALS

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The Selection Committee's decisions are final and no appeals will be accepted. In submitting an application it is implied that the candidate accepts this and all regulations in this document.



## 6. BENEFICIARIES' COMMITMENTS

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6.1 At the end of the research the beneficiary of the scholarship shall produce an academic report (point 8) in compliance with the Selection Committee's instructions. This report shall be sent by post in two hard copies to CIES and also by electronic mail. Final reports will be examined by the Selection Committee.

6.2 The beneficiary of a João Havelange Scholarship is expected to send quarterly reports on the research progress.

6.3 At the end of the project the beneficiary shall provide a final calculation of expenses incurred for the research work (travel costs, purchase of relevant material, etc.). The expenses will be examined by the accounting division of CIES and all receipts will be archived.

6.4 The CIES shall inform the beneficiary when his/her reports and expense statements have been approved.

## 7. PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

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7.1 Before the start of the research project, 25% of the scholarship amount shall be paid to the beneficiary. Two payments of 25% each shall be made after receipt of the interim quarterly reports. The remaining 25% shall be paid upon receipt of the final report.

7.2 The CIES reserves the right at any time to request from the beneficiary a report and an interim statement of expenses.

7.3 The amount of the scholarship will be paid to the beneficiary only if the Selection Committee is satisfied with the quarterly and final reports.

## 8. FINAL ACADEMIC REPORT

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8.1 The final academic report shall be written in English, French, Spanish or German and approximately 50 pages in length on A4 size paper single spaced and written in Arial font size 12.

8.2 The final academic report must include at least two parts:

- a) a first section that explains the theoretical background, methodology and hypotheses.
- b) a second part that explains the principal research results and the nature of the academic contribution to football.

## 9. PROMOTION OF ACADEMIC RESEARCH

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9.1 The Selection Committee of the João Havelange Scholarship aims to publish the best sponsored research work in the CIES edited collections. It aims to promote the publication of journal articles based on the research conducted.

9.2 The Selection Committee has an additional objective to diffuse and promote funded research and researchers at academic gatherings.

## 10. PUBLICATIONS AND COPYRIGHT

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10.1 The intellectual property rights of the work funded by the scholarship belong to the beneficiaries. If however, the author wishes to use the research for commercial purposes, he/she must obtain prior approval from CIES and FIFA. In such cases, CIES and FIFA may request partial or full repayment of the funds awarded

to the beneficiary. Neither CIES, nor FIFA will demand a share of any earnings. The beneficiary shall, however, inform CIES immediately in writing if they receive any patents or any other rights, during or after the completion of their research as well as if they will be used for commercial purposes.

10.2 CIES reserves the right within 6 months after receipt of the final report to publish the results of the research in its edited collections without further remuneration to the beneficiary. The beneficiary shall not assign any rights to third parties interfering with this right of priority without the explicit written agreement of CIES. CIES shall inform the beneficiary whether or not it intends to make use of this right within six months of receipt of the final report.

10.3 Wherever possible, the beneficiary shall publicly present the results of the research he/she has carried out with the support of the Havelange Scholarship in an appropriate manner. Unless decided otherwise by CIES, the names of the author, FIFA and CIES as well as the term "João Havelange Research Scholarship" shall appear on any papers published, in a manner subject to the approval of CIES.

10.4 In the interests of supporting further research, CIES is entitled to access the data compiled by the beneficiary during his/her research under the Havelange Scholarship.

## **11. BENEFICIARIES' RESPONSIBILITIES, MISUSE AND VIOLATIONS**

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11.1 As soon as the application has been approved, the applicant becomes a beneficiary of a João Havelange Research Scholarship.

11.2 The beneficiary commits him/herself to use the grant in a reasonable manner, to adhere to the research plan and the established budget. He/she commits him/herself to carry out the research conscientiously and in accordance with academic ethics, to comply with these regulations and any directives issued by the Selection Committee, and lastly, to make the results of his/her research available in an appropriate manner.

11.3 The beneficiary shall inform CIES immediately of any altering in circumstances which imply a change to the conditions according to which the scholarship was awarded.

11.4 A scholarship that has not been utilised by the end of the calendar year in which it was awarded shall be null and void. However, if extenuating circumstances are considered justified by the Selection Committee, it may prolong, at the beneficiary's request, the deadline for completion by a maximum of twelve months.

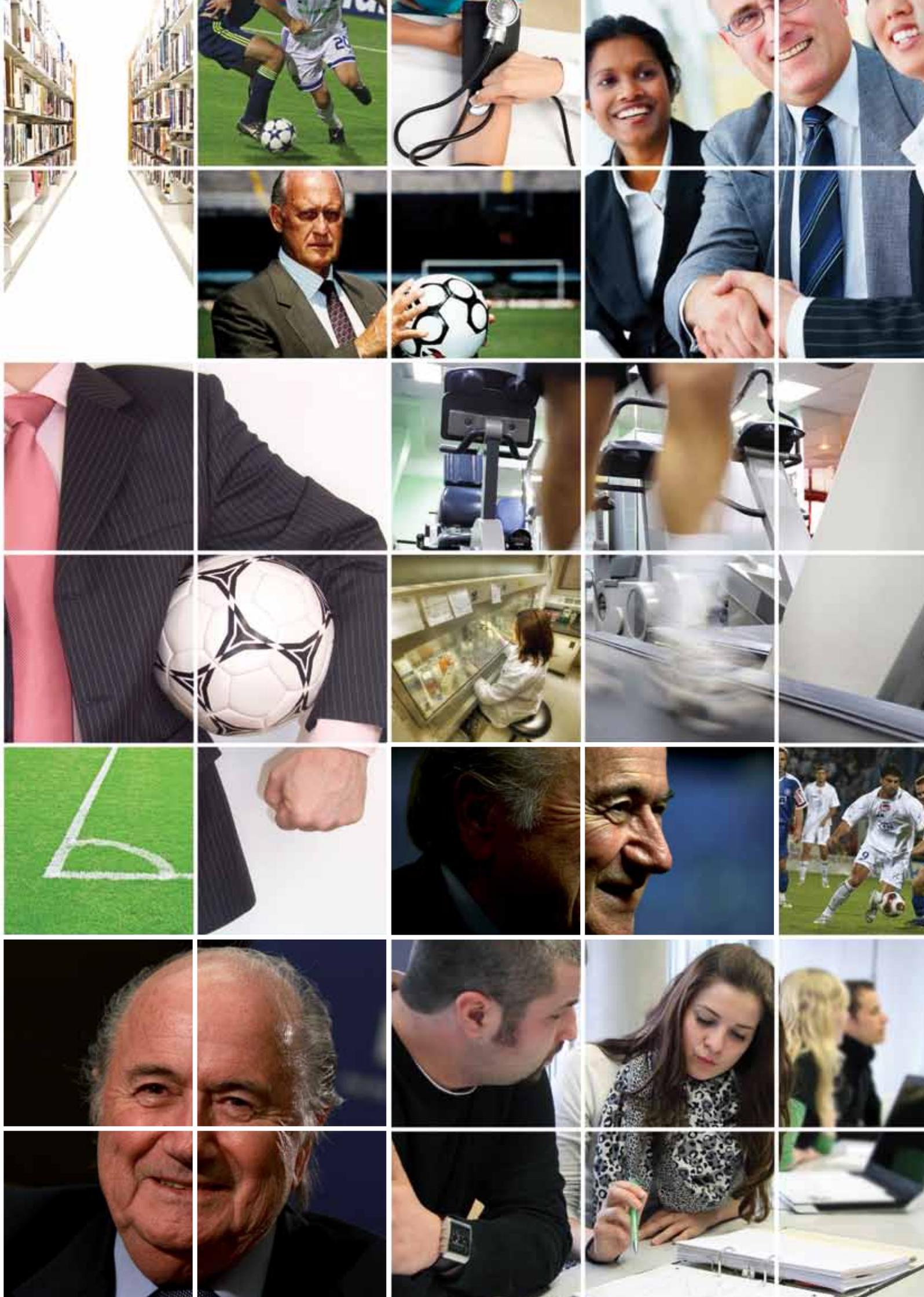
11.5 If a scholarship is misused, if the research does not proceed in a satisfactory manner, or if these regulations are violated, CIES reserves the right to suspend scholarship payments, to rescind the award, to demand a refund of the amounts already paid and to take any other action considered necessary.

## **12. FINAL PROVISIONS**

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12.1 CIES, conferring with the Selection Committee, shall take all decisions on any matters not provided for within these regulations.

12.2 These regulations come into force as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2010.



# Application for scholarship

**Please use a typewriter with large bold letters or print in CAPITALS.**

Please send these pages of the Application form along with your other documents to CIES.  
The remainder of the brochure is to remain with you for your information.

## A. Personal information

Family name:		First name(s):	
Nationality:	Civil status:	Date of birth:	Mother tongue:
University degree and faculty:			
Private address:			
Tel.:		Fax:	
E-mail:			
Title/profession:			
Business address:			
Tel.:		Fax:	
E-mail:			

## B. Project

Title/topic:	
Subject:	
Start of project:	Duration:
University:	
Address:	
Tel.:	Fax:
E-mail:	

Grant requested (in US Dollars)

USD:

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## *Documents to be enclosed in this order (please do not fold or staple the sheets):*

1. *Research plan (maximum 7 pages) which must include :*
  - a) *Summary of the project (maximum 1 page)*
  - b) *Theoretical framework*
  - c) *Methodology, questions and hypotheses*
  - d) *Objectives and academic relevance of the study*
  - e) *Main results/outputs expected*
  - f) *Table of contents*
2. *List of prior publications and research work*
3. *Curriculum vitae*
4. *Copy of passport*
5. *Detailed budget in US Dollars (maximum USD 30'000.-)*
6. *Certified copies of academic qualifications (diploma, degree, doctorate, etc.)*
7. *Recommendation letters from two professors*
8. *Certification of language proficiency (e.g. copies of language course diplomas) if mother tongue is not one of the official FIFA languages (English, French, Spanish or German)*

Family name:	First name(s):
Signature:	Place and date:



## **D. Research Plan**

The research plan enclosed with the application for a scholarship must contain the following documents:

- a) Summary of the project (maximum 1 page)
- b) Theoretical framework
- c) Methodology, questions and hypotheses
- d) Objectives and academic relevance of the study
- e) Main results/outputs expected
- f) Table of contents

This research plan must not exceed 7 pages in total.

**Please send the form by post before the 1<sup>st</sup> of September to:**

**CIES (Centre International d'Etude du Sport)  
Avenue DuPeyrou 1  
2000 Neuchâtel  
Switzerland**





FIFA Headquarters, Zurich, Switzerland

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