

Dear EHU Admission Committee,

My name is Angelina Emurlaeva, and I am writing to express my interest in receiving a study grant to pursue a Bachelor's degree in the World Politics and Economics program. This grant will help me advance my academic and professional goals while contributing to EHU's mission of promoting civil society through liberal arts education.

My previous education includes a Bachelor's studies in Political Science from the Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA). Despite having to withdraw from RANEPA due to my stance on Russian aggression in Ukraine, I continue to pursue my academic ambitions. Through the Smolny Beyond Borders project, I completed courses in world history and qualitative research methods at the Global History Lab at Cambridge University. These experiences align with EHU's mission by enhancing my understanding of global academic traditions and my dedication to fostering international cooperation and liberal education. Moreover, I have also attended Smolny Beyond Borders courses on contemporary art in Russia and the paradoxes of Russian history. I am also currently involved in the Narrative Observatories project at the Global History Lab, which further reflects my commitment to academic excellence and the humanities.

Since 2021, I have actively engaged in extracurricular activities that promote democratic values and political activism. At Lubov Sobol's election headquarters, I interacted with over 800 Muscovites, discussing her electoral program and working as an independent observer during the elections. In response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, I protested, participated in rallies, and disseminated information about the war on Instagram. Volunteering as an evacuation operator for 'Helping to Leave,' I assisted over 500 Ukrainians in occupied territories by providing humanitarian aid and developing evacuation plans. These experiences highlight my dedication to civic engagement, social responsibility, and my ability to respond agilely to urgent social issues, aligning with EHU's values.

With EHU being a multilingual and multicultural university and part of the European universities network, I will be able to broaden my international connections, which is crucial for pursuing a degree in World Politics and Economics, and engage in research. I am also interested in participating in student organizations. Post-graduation, I aspire to work in human rights advocacy and democratic development in Eastern Europe in the non-governmental sector, contributing to positive change in the region.

In conclusion, I am confident that this grant will allow me to bring a unique perspective and dedication to EHU's academic community. Supporting my studies will enable me to further promote the values EHU stands for, enhancing the university's mission through active engagement and scholarly excellence.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,
Angelina Emurlaeva