

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 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, gaining international connections and Western academic traditions. I am also currently participating in the Narrative Observatories project of the Global History Lab. Moreover, I have also attended Smolny Beyond Borders courses on contemporary art in Russia and the paradoxes of Russian history. These experiences reflect my determination to study excellence and the humanities.

In addition to my studies, I have been actively involved in various extracurricular activities promoting democratic values and political activism since 2021. Between February and June 2021, I worked at Lubov Sobol's election headquarters, engaging with over 800 Muscovites about her electoral program. I also worked as an independent observer during the elections, reflecting EHU's commitment to democratic attitudes. In response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, I protested, participated in rallies, and shared information about the war on Instagram. I also volunteered as an evacuation operator for 'Helping to Leave,' assisting over 500 Ukrainians in occupied territories. These experiences highlight my dedication to civic engagement, social responsibility, and ability to respond agilely to urgent social issues, aligning with EHU's values.

In addition to my current commitments, I am excited about the opportunities at EHU to engage in research and participate in student organizations. I am also interested in participating in the ERASMUS+ program to gain international connections. After completing my degree, I aspire to work in human rights advocacy and democratic development in Eastern Europe. This will allow me to contribute to positive change in the region, embodying the values of EHU.

In conclusion, I am confident that this grant will allow me to contribute a unique perspective and dedication to EHU's academic community. Supporting my studies will enable me to promote further 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