

Call for fellowship applications to attend 2019 Oxford Social Finance Programme

This is the third consecutive year that University of Oxford and the Vladimir Potanin Foundation is accepting applications for representatives of the Russian non-profit sector to study the Oxford Social Finance Programme at Saïd Business School. Five managers from Russian non-profit organizations will have the opportunity to participate in the week-long executive development programme, designed for professionals working in philanthropy, foundations, public institutions, endowments and other organizations to develop their capacity to be creative leaders.

The international programme introduces participants to the key instruments of social financing, public-private partnership, models and cases of successful foundations and organizations. Guest speakers of the course are the heads of the world's largest foundations and corporations –Phyllis Costanza, CEO, UBS Optimum Foundation, Ellen Dorsey, Executive Director of Wallace Global Fund, Jennifer Pryce, President and CEO of Calvert Impact Capital, Randy Newcombe, President and CEO of Humanity United, have shared insights from their experiences.

Oksana Oracheva, Vladimir Potanin Foundation said: The ability to plan and create partnerships, to be open to experiments and creative solutions are one of the important conditions for successful work of NGOs today. The programme, offered by the world's leading research University, focuses on important aspects of the non-profit sector: strategic planning to maximize social impact, various types of financing (from grants, revenues from endowments, to high-yield investments) and deliberate leadership of complex projects.

And the most interesting things are waiting for our participants on their return from Oxford, when they begin to put into the practice the obtained knowledge. On our course we would like to meet new leaders of changes, those who are ready to go beyond the usual framework, searching for the new solutions and achieving results.'

Professor Peter Tufano, Dean of Saïd Business School said: 'We are extremely grateful for the Vladimir Potanin Foundation's ongoing support and look forward to continuing this work with the scholars. Securing capital is a key part of addressing complex societal issues and the programme aims to help people think creatively about how different and alternative sources of finance can support social impact programmes.'

Applications for the scholarships are open until 28 June 2019. For full details of the programme please visit <http://www.sbs.oxford.edu/socialfinance>

The fellowship will cover tuition fees and materials, travel to Oxford and accommodation during the programme in November 2019.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate their potential and commitment to developing and utilising knowledge, professionalism and philanthropy in Russia.

To be eligible to apply for the Vladimir Potanin Foundation Scholarship individuals are required to meet the following criteria:

- Reside and work in Russia
- Be confident in reading and conversing in business English

- Work for an NGO or non-profit organisation such as, but not limited to, an educational or cultural institution, community or charitable foundation, endowment or resource centre. Corporate organisations are not eligible.

Applicants will need to provide a personal statement of 500 words maximum, written in English. This will be assessed for:

- your motivation for applying
- how you plan to apply the learning to catalyse social change in Russia
- the ability to present a reasoned case in English

Winners will be announced by August 10, 2019.