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Dear Secretary-General,

I am writing to inform you of the launch on the 1st of March 2022 of the second edition of the “*Silk Roads Youth Research Grant – Reinforcing the Capacity and Contribution of Young Researchers to the Silk Roads*” initiative, organised within the framework of the UNESCO Silk Roads Programme, and with the kind support of the National Commission of the People’s Republic of China for UNESCO.

The grant aims to mobilize young researchers for further study of the Silk Roads shared legacy and spirit, awarding 12 research grants to young women and men (aged 35 and younger). Applicants are invited to address areas of study relating to the shared heritage and plural identities developed over centuries of interaction along the Silk Roads. This research will also highlight the contemporary relevance of these interconnections and the potential of this heritage and these identities for creativity, dialogue, social cohesion, regional and international cooperation, and, ultimately, in keeping with UNESCO’s mandate, for sustainable peace and development.

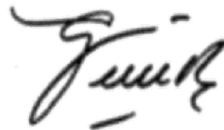
I am pleased to share with you the link to the grant’s website (<https://en.unesco.org/silkroad/youthgrant>) where you will find detailed information about this new call for proposals. I would invite you to disseminate the information on this initiative across academic and youth networks within your country; encouraging them to apply for the grant. This will assist us in reaching as many young researchers as possible and help to achieve a gender and geographic balance once again amongst the grant awardees. The call for proposals will be open until 31 May 2022.

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My colleagues, Mr Mehrdad Shabahang (m.shabahang@unesco.org), Programme Specialist for the UNESCO Silk Roads Programme, and Ms Tara Golkar (t.golkar@unesco.org) remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

With my best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabriela Ramos', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gabriela Ramos
Assistant Director-General

Cc: Permanent Delegations to UNESCO