

The National  
Scholarship Programme  
of the Slovak Republic  
for the Support of Mobility

of Students,  
PhD. Students,  
University Teachers  
and Researchers



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## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS, PhD. STUDENTS, UNIVERSITY TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS

The National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic is intended to support mobility of foreign students, PhD. students, university teachers and researchers to make a study and/or research stay at Slovak universities and research institutions.

### Types of scholarships:

- Scholarships for foreign university students to take a part of Master (graduate) study over a period of 1 to 2 semesters (from 5 to 10 months) at Slovak universities.
- Scholarships for foreign PhD. students to take a part of PhD. study over a period of 1 to 12 months at the Slovak universities or research institutes.
- Scholarships for foreign university teachers and researchers over a period of 1 to 12 months to carry out teaching or research at the Slovak universities, research institutes or nongovernmental organisations on the basis of an invitation.

Due to the mobility nature of the programme applicants cannot be considered if they have been studying, teaching or researching in Slovakia at the time of submitting their applications.

### Citizens from following countries can apply for scholarships:

- European Union member states — Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom;
- Other countries participating in the Bologna process (named are only countries that are not stated in item a) — Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Switzerland, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine;
- Belarus;
- Canada, Central American countries, Latin American countries, Mexico, the United States of America;
- Australia, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of South Africa, Taiwan.

### Amount of a monthly scholarship:

a) university students	7 000 SKK
b) PhD. students	14 000 SKK
c) university teachers:	
lecturers	20 000 SKK
associated professors	25 000 SKK
professors	30 000 SKK
d) researchers:	
post-graduates (or < 4 years of experience)	20 000 SKK
PhD. holders (or > 4 years of experience)	25 000 SKK
senior researchers (> 10 years of experience)	30 000 SKK
1 EUR $\approx$ 37,5 SKK      1 USD $\approx$ 29,5 SKK	

### Application form

Application form is available in a print and an electronic version. Print versions are at applicants' disposal at Slovak diplomatic missions (embassies) abroad, electronic version is accessible at the Ministry of Education of the SR website [www.minedu.sk](http://www.minedu.sk) and Slovak Academic Information Agency (SAIA, n. o.) websites — [www.saia.sk](http://www.saia.sk), [www.scholarships.sk](http://www.scholarships.sk).

### Application forms must be received by deadline at:

SAIA, n. o. | Námestie slobody 23 | 812 20 Bratislava 1 | Slovak Republic

### Applications deadlines:

**15 November 2006** — for summer semester 2006 / 2007

**15 May 2007** — for academic year 2007 / 2008

**15 November 2007** — for summer semester 2007 / 2008

### Selection procedure of applicants from abroad

The Selection Committee, appointed by the Minister of Education of the SR, will carry out the selection of scholarship holders. The Selection Committee will include representatives of the Ministry of Education of the SR, Slovak universities, the Slovak Academy of Sciences and SAIA, n. o.



**Required documents that must be attached to the application form by foreign students and PhD. students applying for a study/research stay**

**(1 set of original documents + 2 sets of copies)**

- completed scholarship application form;
- structured Curriculum Vitae;
- motivation letter;
- detailed study programme in case of students (incl. date of arrival and period of stay)
- detailed research programme in case of PhD. students (incl. date of arrival, period of stay and programme time schedule);
- 2 recommendation letters provided by applicant's professors;
- language certificate (Slovak or other foreign language in which the scholarship programme will be conducted);
- confirmation letter from a sending university certifying that applicant is a full-time student or in case of a PhD. student a confirmation certifying enrolment in a PhD. study;
- certified copy of a Bachelor's diploma or Master's diploma and a certificate of a state exam;
- transcript of records (in case of students);
- list of publications (in case of PhD. students);
- admission or invitation letter from a receiving Slovak university or research institute proclaiming commitment that applicant will be enrolled in a study or PhD. programme;
- one photograph for each set.

**Required documents that must be attached to the application form by foreign university teachers and researchers**

**(1 set of original documents + 2 sets of copies)**

- completed scholarship application form;
- structured Curriculum Vitae;
- detailed professional programme (incl. date of arrival, period of stay and programme time schedule);
- list of publications;
- invitation letter issued by Slovak university or research institute;
- one photograph for each set.

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The term "university" used in this programme refers to all higher education institutions.



Establishment of the National Scholarship Programme for the Support of Mobility of Students, PhD. Students, University Teachers and Researchers was approved by the Government of the Slovak Republic under the terms of MINERVA programme.

MINERVA is official governmental programme for the development of knowledge-based economy in Slovakia. It is based on the Competitiveness Strategy of Slovakia until 2010: the National Lisbon Strategy that was adopted by the Government of the SR in February 2005. The aim of MINERVA is to pursue activities to support development of so called knowledge-based economy in Slovakia. These activities focus on four basic areas:

1. science, R&D and innovations;
2. education and employment;
3. business environment and
4. information society.

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