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DEAR STUDENTS,

I am pleased to draw your attention to the third edition of the Guidebook of scholarships. Here you will find relevant information about scholarships funded by the European Union (EU) and its 27 Member States. These scholarships will offer you a great opportunity to continue your study in Europe, to meet new people and to learn new languages.

The European Union is currently promoting mobility of students and academic staff in Russia and worldwide through programmes such as Tempus, Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window.

The EU funded programmes are additional to the EU Member States' own scholarships programmes. It is very important that this information has been gathered in one Guidebook: this makes it easier for you to choose the most appropriate scholarship programme.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge that the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia is also associated with this initiative. Russia is one of the countries participating in the Bologna process to build a European Area of Higher Education. The aim of this process is to eliminate all obstacles to student and academic mobility.

This Guidebook is developed within the framework of the Common Space of Research, Education and Culture, approved by the leaders of the European Union and Russia on 10 May, 2005 at the 15th EU/Russia summit.

Education is increasingly playing a central role in the development of contemporary societies, enhancing social, cultural and economic development. I believe student and academic mobility will contribute to the reinforcement of people-to-people contact and will help to promote common values, making the relations between the European Union and Russia even closer.

More than 120 students from Russia are studying or have been studying in prestigious European Masters programmes thanks to Erasmus Mundus. More than 250 students will be studying in Europe in 2008 thanks to Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window.

Reading this Guidebook you will find more about study opportunities in Europe and will be able to choose the most appropriate scholarship programme.

I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST DURING YOUR STUDY TIME IN EUROPE.

H.E. Marc Franco
Ambassador,

Head of Delegation of the European Commission to Russia



DEAR FRIENDS,

The Guidebook you are now holding in your hands marks the beginning of a new stage in the development of the European Area of Higher Education, which will help us strengthen relations between Russian and European Union students and scholars.

Fruitful cooperation between Russia and Europe in higher education and science has always existed. We have always engaged in student exchanges and internships for scholars, as well as hosted students and scholars from a great number of European countries.

Now that Russia has become a full participant of the Bologna process, academic mobility is acquiring a new impetus for development. This cooperation will no doubt be useful, mutually beneficial, and oriented towards the welfare of our common European home.

I am sure that the further development of contacts between students and scholars will actively support the creation of the Common European Space of Research and Education, including Cultural Aspects.

I would like to wish all students and scholars success, and I am sure that you will contribute commendably to the further development of the Russian higher education system, as well as to the formation of the Common European Space of Higher Education.

Minister of Education and Science of the Russian Federation

A.A. Fursenko



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Introduction

Moscow, September 2007

Have you ever dreamt of living and studying abroad? Have you ever wanted to get to know a different culture, study at a foreign university, meet new friends and learn another language, all at the same time?

If so, this Guidebook is what you are looking for. It provides information about scholarships funded by the European Union (EU) and its Member States.

Every year, more and more students pack their bags and go and study abroad. As part of the Erasmus programme only, about 100,000 university students every year in Europe spend up to 12 months in one of more than 1,800 European higher educational institutions located in 30 participating countries (27 EU Member States, but also Island, Liechtenstein and Norway).

In 2004, the European Commission launched Erasmus Mundus. This programme enables you to continue your studies at European universities and obtain a European Masters degree. To date, more than 120 Russian students have entered European Masters programmes.

Recently the European Commission launched Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window. This new programme is aimed at attracting more students from non-EU countries. In 2007, more than 250 students and professors from Russia were awarded scholarships and grants for a total amount of €5 million. In 2008, the grant allocation for Russia will be €12 million with an increase of the number of students and teachers that will be awarded scholarships.

The initiatives funded by the European Union complement the offer of scholarships provided by the EU Member States. As you may know, almost each Member State has a tradition of providing scholarship opportunities for Russian students and researchers. The type, duration and content of scholarships may differ significantly, however the aim is always the same, to encourage Russian students to visit new countries, learn new languages and meet new friends.

If you wish to apply for a scholarship please remember that there are four main ways to find out further information:

1. Contact the Embassy of the country where you wish to apply for a scholarship. As a rule, scholarships fall under the responsibility of the Cultural Section;
2. Contact the appropriate Embassy's education agency (if one exists), such as the British Council, DAAD (Germany), Campus France, Sweden Institute, etc;
3. Contact the Department of International Education and Cooperation (Federal Agency of Education, Ministry of Education and Science, Russia);



4. Contact the International Department of your own university to find out whether it has already established contacts with universities in the EU and/or whether it plans to do so.

Information on the number of scholarships, including those provided by several EU Member States, can also be found on the federal portal "Russian Education" at: <http://www.edu.ru> (section "Foreign Programmes and Funds").

Before submitting an application, collect as much information as possible about the course of study, the university, and the country that provides it. Once your choice is made, you will need time to make visa, travel, and accommodation arrangements. We recommend that you start the application process one year in advance of the date you plan to commence your study programme.

This guidebook is distributed for free. It can be obtained at Delegation of the European Commission to Russia, the Tempus office in Moscow, the European Documentation Centres, the local support offices of the EC-Russia Cooperation programme and the Embassies of the EU Member States. The guidebook can also be downloaded for free from a number of websites, including the website of the Delegation of the European Commission to Russia (<http://www.delrus.ec.europa.eu>).

This guidebook is an attempt to provide comprehensive information about scholarships for Russian students and researchers funded by the European Union and its Member States. We hope it will meet the interest of students and researchers in Russia. Questions and comments about this guidebook can be addressed to the Delegation of the European Commission to Russia at Delegation-Russia@ec.europa.eu.



European Union

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union (EU) is a family of democratic European countries committed to working together for peace and prosperity. It is not a State intended to replace existing states, but it is more far-reaching than any international organisation. Its Member States have set up common institutions to which they delegate some of their sovereignty so that decisions on specific matters of joint interest can be made democratically at the European level. This pooling of sovereignty is also called «European integration».

Initially, the EU consisted of just six countries: Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom joined in 1973, Greece in 1981, Spain and Portugal in 1986, and Austria, Finland and Sweden in 1995. In 2004, 10 new countries joined the EU: The Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia. In 2007, Bulgaria and Romania also became members of the European Union.

The EU has five institutions, each playing a specific role: the European Parliament (elected by the peoples of the Member States); the Council of the European Union (representing the governments of the Member States); the European Commission (the driving force and executive body); the Court of Justice (ensuring compliance with the law); and the Court of Auditors (controlling the sound and lawful management of the EU budget).

The European Union has provided half a century of stability, peace and prosperity. It has helped to raise living standards, build a single Europe-wide market, launch a single European currency, the Euro, and strengthened Europe's voice in the world.

Europe is a continent with many different traditions and languages, but also with shared values. The EU defends these values. It fosters co-operation among the peoples of Europe, promoting unity while preserving diversity and ensuring that decisions made are as close as possible to its citizens. More information on the EU: http://europa.eu/abc/index_en.htm.

HIGHER EDUCATION IN EUROPE

Higher education plays a central role in the development of both human beings and modern societies. It enhances social, cultural and economic development, active citizenship and ethical values. At the European level, education in general and higher education in particular are not subjects of a «common European policy». Jurisdiction over the content and organisation of studies remains at the national level. However, according to Article 149 of the Treaty of Amsterdam, the Community «shall contribute to the development of quality education by encouraging cooperation between Member States» through a wide range of



actions, such as promoting citizen mobility, designing joint study programmes, establishing networks, exchanging information and teaching European Union languages. The Treaty also contains a commitment to promoting life-long learning for all EU citizens. Therefore, the Community has a complementary role to play: to add a European dimension to education, to help develop quality education and encourage life-long learning. All the recent European summits (from Lisbon 2000 onwards) underlined the contribution of education in setting up the «European knowledge society». The main tool for putting this ambition into practice is the Lifelong Learning Programme, the flagship European funding programme in the field of education and training. For the first time, a single programme covers learning opportunities from childhood to old age. The Lifelong Learning Programme covers the period between 2007 and 2013, and is the successor to the Socrates, Leonardo da Vinci and eLearning programmes. More information on higher education in the EU can be found at following address: http://www.ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/programmes_en.html.

This programme is complemented by an EU-funded programme for third countries such as Russia. The most relevant EU-funded higher education programmes for Russia are Tempus, Erasmus Mundus, Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window, scholarships to study at the College of Europe, and the European Studies Institute in Moscow. More information on EU-funded higher education programmes for Russians is available here: http://www.delrus.ec.europa.eu/p_220.htm.

TEMPUS STUDENT MOBILITY

Tempus is one of a number of European Community programmes designed to promote social and economic reform, foster reciprocal development of human resources and enhance the mutual understanding between peoples and cultures by working together in partner countries.

These countries are located in the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe (including Russia), Central Asia and the Mediterranean.

The Tempus programme funds university cooperation projects in the areas of curriculum development, university governance, opening the academic world to civil society and structural reforms in higher education. Mobility of students, academic and administrative staff from higher education institutions, both from the EU and partner countries, is funded as part of a Tempus project.

The Tempus programme was established in Russia in 1994. The third phase of the Tempus programme (Tempus III) ended on 31 December 2006. However, the Tempus programme, with its strong focus on institution-based university co-operation, will be continued over the period between 2007 and 2013.

The new Tempus programme will cover three types of project:

- Joint projects based on multilateral partnerships between higher education institutions in the EU and partner countries. Joint projects can develop, promote and disseminate



new curricula, teaching methods and materials; promote a quality culture; modernise the governance of higher education institutions or develop life-long learning and partnerships with industry, etc.

- Structural projects will seek to contribute to the development of structural reform of the national higher education systems in partner countries, as well as to enhance their quality and increase their convergence with EU developments.
- Accompanying activities will be focused on dissemination activities, thematic conferences, and studies on specific issues, identification and dissemination of good practices developed in the framework of joint projects and/or structural projects.

Small-scale and short-term mobility flows for students, academic staff and university administrators can be promoted in the framework of joint projects and structural projects as long as the mobility flows contribute to the achievement of the project objective/s. The first deadline for submitting applications for joint projects and Structural Projects under the new programme is 28 April 2008.

ERASMUS MUNDUS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Erasmus Mundus programme is a higher education co-operation and mobility programme promoting the European Union as a centre of excellence in learning around the world. It supports European top-quality Masters courses and enhances the visibility and attractiveness of European higher education in third countries, including Russia.

If you are a graduate Russian student and wish to continue your postgraduate studies in Europe you can apply to one of the following Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses:

2007 Comem Erasmus Mundus MSc – Coastal and Marine Engineering and Management

<http://www.comem.tudelft.nl>

2007 DILL – International Master in Digital Library Learning

<http://dill.hio.no/>

2007 EURMed (Etudes Urbaines en Régions Méditerranéennes)

<http://erasmus-mundus-eurmed.univ-cezanne.fr/>

2007 European Masters Course in Software Engineering

<http://www.emse.fi.upm.es/>

2007 European Master in Animal Breeding and Genetics (EM-ABG)

<http://www.emabg.wur.nl/>

2007 FAME – Functionalised Advanced Materials and Engineering

<http://www.fame-master.com>

2007 GEMMA: Masters Degree in Women's and Gender Studies

<http://www.ugr.es/~gemma/>

2007 IMESS: International Masters in Economy, State and Society

<http://www.imess.eu/>



2007 IMMIT: International Master in Management of Information Technology

<http://www.immit.eu>

2007 JEMES – Joint European Master Programme in Environmental Studies

http://www.tuhh.de/eciu-gs/pro_joint_jemes.html

2007 LCT– European Masters Programme in Language and Communication Technologies

<http://lct-master.org>

2007 MA Human Rights Practice (Erasmus Mundus)

<http://www.roehampton.ac.uk/admissions/>

2007 MaMaSELF – Master of Materials Science exploiting European Large Scale Facilities

<http://mamaself.univ-rennes1.fr>

2007 Master of Science in Computational Mechanics

<http://www.cimne.com/cm-master/>

2007 Master of Science in Geospatial Technologies

<http://geotech.uni-muenster.de>

2007 ME3 – European joint Masters in Management and Engineering of Environment and Energy

<http://webi.emn.fr>

2007 Mundusfor – Formation de professionnels de la formation

<http://www.ugr.es/~mundusfor/>

2007 MUNDUS MAPP – Erasmus Mundus Masters in Public Policy

<http://www.mundusmapp.org/>

2007 OPSCITECH: Optics in Science and Technology

<http://www.master-optics.eu/>

2007 Philosophies allemande et française dans l'espace européen

<http://www.europhilosophie.eu/>

2007 SAMHC – Advanced Masters in Structural Analysis of Monuments and Historical Constructions

<http://www.msc-sahc.org/>

2007 SUFONAMA – Sustainable Forest and Nature Management

<http://www.sufonama.net>

2007 TPTI: Techniques, Patrimoines, Territoires de l'industrie: Histoire, Valorisation, Didactique

<http://www.tpti.eu/>

2006 AGRIS MUNDUS – Sustainable Development in Agriculture Masters Course

<http://www.agrismundus.eu/agris-mundus/>

2006 ATOSIMO: Atomic Scale Modelling of Physical, Chemical and Bio-molecular Systems

<http://www.erasmusmundus-atosim.cecim.org/>



2006 CoDe – Joint European Master in Comparative Local Development

<http://www.mastercode.unitn.it/>

2006 EMIN – Economics and Management of Network Industries

<http://www.upcomillas.es/emin/>

2006 Master of Science in Photonics

<http://www.master-photonics.org/>

2006 EURO CULTURE

<http://www.rug.nl/let/onderwijs/internationalestudies>

2006 Europubhealth – European Public Health Master

<http://www.europubhealth.org>

2006 FUSION-EP European Master in Nuclear Fusion Science and Engineering Physics

<http://www.em-master-fusion.org/>

2006 IMIM: International Master in Industrial Management

<http://www.imim.polimi.it/>

2006 M.A. Degree in Economics of International Trade and European Integration

<http://webhost.ua.ac.be/eitei/>

2006 MA LLL – European Masters in Lifelong Learning: Policy and Management

www.dpu.dk/mall

2006 Master of Bioethics

<http://www.masterbioethics.org/index.html>

2006 M.E.S.C.: Materials for Energy Storage and Conversion

http://www.u-picardie.fr/mundus_MESC/

2006 MONABIPHOT – Molecular nano- and bio-photonics for telecommunications and biotechnologies

<http://www.ens-cachan.fr/monabiphot/>

2006 MSPME, Masters in Strategic Project Management

<http://www.mspme.org/>

2006 NordSecMob – Masters programme in Security and Mobile Computing

<http://www.tkk.fi/Units/CSE/NordSecMob/index.html>

2006 PHOENIX EM – Dynamics of Health and Welfare

<http://mundus-healthwelfare.ehess.fr/>

2006 QEM – Models and Methods of Quantitative Economics

<http://www.univ-paris1.fr/rubrique1297.html>

2006 SUTROFOR – Sustainable Tropical Forestry Erasmus Mundus Masters Course

<http://www.sutrofor.net/>



2006 VIBOT – European Master in Vision and Robotics

<http://www.vibot.org>

2006 WOP-P – Master on Work, Organisational and Personnel Psychology

<http://www.erasmuswop.org/>

2005 AMASE: Joint European Masters Programme in Advanced Materials Science and Engineering

<http://www.amase-master.net/>

2005 Crossways in European Humanities

<http://www.mastermundushumanities.com>

2005 EMMAPA: Erasmus Mundus Master in Adapted Physical Activity

<http://www.erasmusmundus.be>

2005 EMM-Nano – Erasmus Mundus Master of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

<http://www.emm-nano.org/>

2005 Erasmus Mundus Masters – Journalism and Media within Globalization: The European Perspective

<http://www.MundusJournalism.com>

2005 EuMAS – European Masters Course in Aeronautics and Space Technology

<http://www.aerospacemasters.org/>

2005 EUROMIME: European Master in Media Engineering for Education

<http://www.euromime.org>

2005 European Master in Global Studies

http://www.uni-leipzig.de/zhs/erasmus_mundus

2005 GEM: Geo-information Science and Earth Observation for Environmental Modelling and Management

<http://www.gem-msc.org/>

2005 International Master «Vintage», Vine, Wine and Terroir Management

<http://www.vintagemaster.com>

2005 MA SEN, Masters in Special Education Needs

<http://www.roehampton.ac.uk/>

2005 Master of Applied Ethics

<http://www.liu.se/utbildning/pabyggnad/F7MAM>

2005 Master of Industrial Mathematics

<http://www.win.tue.nl/esim/>

2005 MESPOM: Masters of Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management

<http://www.mespom.org>



2005 MSc in Network and e-Business Centred Computing

http://www.sse.reading.ac.uk/EMMSC_NeBCC

2005 SEFOTECH.nut: European MSc in Food Science, Technology and Nutrition

<http://www.sefotechnut.org/>

2005 SpaceMaster – Joint European Master in Space Science and Technology

<http://www.spacemaster.se/>

2004 ALGANT – Algebra, Geometry and Number Theory

<http://www.math.u-bordeaux.fr/>

2004 CoMundus – European Master of Arts in Media, Communication and Cultural Studies

<http://www.comundus.net/>

<http://www.mediastudieseurope.net/>

2004 EMCL – European Masters Clinical Linguistics

<http://www.emcl-mundus.com>

2004 EMMME – Erasmus Mundus Master of Mechanical Engineering

<http://www.emmme.com>

2004 EMMS – Joint European Masters Programme in Materials Science

http://www.tuhh.de/eciu-gs/pro_joint_mat.html

2004 EuMI – European Master in Informatics

<http://www.eumi-school.org/>

2004 EURO-AQUAE – Euro Hydro-Informatics and Water Management

<http://www.euroaquae.org>

2004 European Joint Master in Water and Coastal Management

<http://www.cursos.uaig.pt/EUMScWCM/>

2004 European Legal Practice – LL.M. Eur

<http://www.jura.uni-hannover.de/>

2004 European Master in Law and Economics

<http://www.emle.org>

2004 European Master Programme in Computational Logic

<http://european.computational-logic.org>

2004 HEEM – European Masters Degree in Higher Education

<http://www.uv.uio.no/hedda/>

2004 IMRD: International Master of Science in Rural Development

<http://www.imrd.ugent.be/>

2004 International Masters in Quaternary and Prehistory

<http://web.unife.it/progetti/>



2004 MEEES – Masters in Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology

<http://www.meees.org>

2004 MERIT – European Master of Research on Information and Communication Technologies

<http://www.meritmaster.org>

2004 MSc EF Master of Science in European Forestry

<http://gis.joensuu.fi/mscef>

2004 NOHA MUNDUS – European Masters Degree in International Humanitarian Aid

<http://www.nohanet.org/>

2004 tropEd – European Master of Science Programme in International Health

<http://erasmusmundus.troped.org>

New masters courses: information about additional 23 new Masters courses Erasmus Mundus can be found at: http://www.ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/projects/index_en.html

STUDENTS

How to apply

Courses at the Masters level are open to graduate students who have already completed university degree course of at least three years. There are presently no thematic restrictions or favoured subject areas for Erasmus Mundus Masters courses. All fields of study and disciplines are welcome: please look through the list of available Masters courses. An integrated study programme offered by an Erasmus Mundus Masters consortium has the following features:

Joint criteria for admission and examination: Students should be able to apply to a single programme with common standards for admission, a common application procedure and a joint student selection process. Examinations passed at one institution of the consortium are automatically and fully recognised by the other institutions of the consortium.

Course integration: Provision of a jointly developed curriculum or full recognition by the Erasmus Mundus Masters Consortium of courses developed and taught separately but that making up a single standard course.

Mobility: Students study in at least two of the three institutions participating in the consortium. Potential students must know the sequence of study periods in the various hosting institutions and the various mobility combinations when they apply for the course. In a consortium of three partners (A, B and C), mobility combinations would normally be A+B, A+C, B+C and A+B+C.

Guaranteed award of a recognised joint, double, or multiple degree upon graduation: A double degree is a minimum requirement. A double or multiple degree is defined as two or more national diplomas issued officially by two or more institutions involved in an integrated study programme. A joint degree is defined as a single diploma issued by at least two of the institutions offering an integrated study programme. The degrees are recognised in the countries where the degree-awarding institutions are located.



An Erasmus Mundus Masters course carries between 60 and 120 ECTS credits at the Masters level. 60 to 120 ECTS credits correspond to courses lasting from one to two academic years. Erasmus Mundus Masters courses provide students with the possibility of using at least two European languages spoken in the countries where the institutions offering the Erasmus Mundus Masters courses are located. However, the use of at least two languages does not mean the courses are taught in two different languages. Nor are the institutions obliged to use their national languages as the language of instruction. However, institutions should have a clearly identifiable language policy to promote the national language. This may include language training or other induction courses (e.g. «survival language» and cultural induction) regardless of the language of instruction.

Funding

Student mobility: €21,000 per student for a one-year course (10 study months x €1,600, plus a fixed amount of €5,000 for travel expenses, tuition fees, etc.), or €42,000 per student for a two-year course. Grants are paid to students by the individual consortium.

Deadline for applications

Applicants (students) should submit their applications by the deadline set by the Erasmus Mundus Masters Consortium they are applying to using the application system provided for by the Masters course in question and following all the relevant instructions given by the application system.

Scholars (academic staff)

If you are a scholar (academic or professional) you may also contribute to and benefit from Erasmus Mundus.

How to apply

You can apply for a three-month scholarship to carry out scholarly work (teaching and/or research work) for a given Erasmus Mundus Masters course in Europe. You will work in one or more of the higher education institutions running the course of your choice. These scholarships are awarded to the best scholars on a competitive basis. You are invited to choose an Erasmus Mundus Masters course and apply directly to the Erasmus Mundus Masters course of your choice.

Funding

Scholar mobility: €13,000 per scholar (3 months x €4,000, plus a fixed amount of €1,000 for travel expenses).

Grants are paid to scholars by the individual consortium. Please note that scholars must provide their own insurance cover.

Deadline for applications

Application deadlines vary from course to course. The respective consortium will provide information about specific admission requirements, application forms, and deadlines. The



consortium offering the course decides which receive scholarships on the basis of merit. Scholars are advised to contact the coordinator of the course of their choice with any questions related to the course.

ERASMUS MUNDUS EXTERNAL COOPERATION WINDOW

The Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window (EMECW) is a new co-operation and mobility scheme launched by the European Commission for students and academic staff from outside the EU, including Russia.

Russian higher education institutions (universities, academies, institutes), legally established, licensed and accredited by the Russian Ministry of Education and Science and/or by the relevant services can participate in EMECW consortia lead by European higher education institutions.

The European Commission has set aside an initial sum of €5 million to finance partnerships of European and Russian higher education institutions. The money granted by the European Commission covers:

- a) the organisational costs of mobility of higher education students and academic staff;
- b) the implementation costs of individual mobility of higher education students and academic staff.

SELECTED CONSORTIUM

At present the following Russian universities have been selected to participate in the EMECW:

- St. Petersburg State Agrarian University (SPBSAU),
- Moscow State University (MSU),
- Russian Timiryazev State Agricultural University (RTSAU),
- Moscow Agro-Engineering University (MSAU),
- Orel State Agrarian University (OSAU),
- Stavropol State Agrarian University (StSAU),
- Kuban State Agrarian University (KubSAU),
- Samara State Agricultural Academy (SSAA),
- Omsk State Agrarian University (OmSAU),
- Novosibirsk State Agrarian University (NSAU),
- Buryat State Academy of Agriculture (BSAA),
- Primorsky State Agricultural Academy (PrimSAA).

These universities are part of a consortium lead by the University of Hohenheim (Germany) which comprises a total of twenty universities and two associated institutions, including eight partner universities from the EU.

HOW CAN STUDENTS AND ACADEMIC STAFF APPLY?

Students and academics can apply to the International Departments of the



Russian Universities listed above, which also set entry requirements and selection criteria.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Undergraduates are students who have completed at least two years of study and are set to receive a university degree. In total, 96 places are available. Duration of the mobility: from 3 to 10 months. Size of scholarship: €1,000 per month.
- Masters are students who already possess a first university degree and are currently studying for a Master degree. A total of 60 places are available. Duration of the mobility: from 3 to 22 months. Size of scholarship: €1,000 per month.
- PhD students are «aspiranty» currently engaged in study and research leading to the degree of «kandidat nauk». The number of places available is 48. Duration of the mobility: from 6 to 34 months. Size of scholarship: €1,500 per month.
- Post PhD are researchers already possessing a recognised «kandidat nauk» degree. The duration of the mobility may vary between 6 and 10 months. The number of places available is 34. The size of the scholarship: €1,800 per month.
- For academic staff, the duration of the mobility may vary between 1 and 3 months. The number of places available is 24. The size of the scholarship: €2,500 per month.
- Scholarships are paid by the consortium. Travel, insurance and education fees are also covered by the programme and paid for by the consortium.
- Individual mobility flows should begin by 1st April 2008.

NEXT SELECTION ROUND FOR UNIVERSITIES

A new call for universities has been launched by the European Commission in October 2007 with a deadline of February 28, 2008. As a result, additional scholarships for mobility of students and academic staff will become available in spring 2008 for the academic year 2008–2009.

MASTERS PROGRAMME IN EU STUDIES AT THE EUROPEAN STUDIES INSTITUTE

The European Studies Institute (ESI) is a training institution established at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations – University (MGIMO U) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It is co-funded by the Russian Federation and by the European Union.

The Masters Programme in EU studies is a post-graduate education programme for Russian civil servants of ministries, services and agencies, Russian and EU representatives of public and private companies and organisations, NGOs, postgraduate students and scholars in law, economy and policy of the European Union.

The classroom period of the Masters Programme is one year divided into two terms corresponding to a ten-month period. A third term is devoted to discussion and preparation of a thesis. Students achieving high marks may be recommended for a study



period in the EU during the summer. The training programme is delivered in evening sessions, every day from Monday to Friday, from 17.30 to 21.50, and includes foreign language courses twice a week. Teaching methods include lectures, seminars, practical assignments, case studies, role-playing, etc.

The Masters programme is delivered by highly-qualified Russian and EU professors from higher education institutions, experts and consultants on EU policy and institutions and by experts from ministries and agencies.

Students successfully completing the Masters programme will be granted state-recognised Masters diplomas: European Union «Master of Law», «Master of Economics» or «Master of Politics».

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants should:

- Have completed higher education degree in accordance with Russian legislation or the legislation of the country of origin;
- Be fluent in Russian;
- Have a working knowledge of a European Union language.

Preference will be given to applicants working in fields related to international cooperation.

Applicants should submit the following documents to the ESI administration (as a dossier):

- Application,
- CV,
- Diploma with supplement,
- ID,
- Recommendation letter from employer (for applicants currently working),
- Motivation letter explaining reasons for applying to the ESI and personal objectives.

The application form and CV template can be downloaded at:

<http://www.eurocollege.ru>

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

For the 2008–2009 Masters Programme, applications must be submitted between March – May 2008.



WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

TEMPUS PROGRAMME

More information on the Tempus programme is available at:

http://www.ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/tempus/index_en.html

Tempus office in Moscow

109240, Moscow, ul. Goncharnaya, 3, building 1, office 43

Tel: +7 495 580 92 80/+7 495 698 09 82

Fax: +7 495 298 55 30

<http://www.tempus-russia.ru>

e-mail: tempusoffice@sovintel.ru

ERASMUS MUNDUS

Full information on Erasmus Mundus courses is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html

Please consult the «Opportunities for students» or «Opportunities for scholars» sections and read the «Frequently Asked Questions». For further information, please contact the Erasmus Mundus team at: EAC-Erasmus-Mundus@ec.europa.eu

ERASMUS MUNDUS EXTERNAL COOPERATION WINDOW

For more information, please consult the Executive Agency Education, Audiovisual and Culture website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/index_en.htm

EUROPEAN STUDIES INSTITUTE AT MGIMO

119454, Moscow,

Vernadskogo prospekt, 76, MGIMO (U), European Studies Institute

Tel: +7 495 433 85 88, 434 17 10, 434 12 01

Fax: +7 495 433 85 88, 434 90 72, 434 45 91

<http://www.eurocollege.ru>

For more information on all EU-funded education programmes for Russia, please contact:

The Delegation of the European Commission to Russia

109017, Moscow, Kadashevskaya nab., 14/1

Tel.: +7 495 721 20 00

Fax: +7 495 721 20 20

e-mail: Delegation-Russia@ec.europa.eu

<http://www.delrus.ec.europa.eu>



Austria

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT AUSTRIA

Austria is situated in southern Central Europe and shares borders with eight other countries: the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Liechtenstein, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland. It has a total population of 8 million inhabitants. The predominant language is German. The capital of the country is Vienna. Austria is a federal state consisting of nine federal constituents: Burgenland, Carinthia, Lower Austria, Salzburg, Styria, Tyrol, Upper Austria, Vienna and Vorarlberg. Each federal constituent has its own provincial assembly and government. The guiding principles of the political system are rule of law, democracy, federalism, republican form of government, division of power and liberalism.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

There is a wide variety of higher educational institutions in Austria. Fifteen Austrian universities offer a broad range of study options for students. If you would like to study music, theatre, film, fine arts or applied arts, the six Austrian universities of the arts offer their students a creative education. Since 1993, Austria also has 20 Fachhochschul-Studiengänge in addition to the universities. There are also private universities. The post-secondary sector also includes teacher training colleges and institutes, colleges and institutes for training religious teachers, etc.

University level first stage: Bakkalaureus, Bakkalaureus (FH)

University level second stage: Magister, Magister (FH), Diplom-Ingenieur, Diplom-Ingenieur (FH)

University level third stage: Doktoratstudien

You can find more information on the Austrian education system (links to university and Fachhochschulen websites and details of Austria's participation in European and international exchange programmes) on the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research website (<http://www.bmwf.gv.at>).

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Austrian government, private institutions and universities offer a number of scholarships for Russian students. Just as in some other countries, a special agency – the Austrian Exchange Service (Österreichischer Austauschdienst, ÖAD) – was estab-



lished to manage all grants for foreign students. So, if you are interested in studying in Austria and are looking for financial support, we strongly recommend that you visit the organisation's website at: <http://www.oead.ac.at>. Here, you will find all the information on available scholarships, Study & Research in Austria, section, grants database, http://www.oead.ac.at/_english/austria/index.html, advice on how to apply, and application forms. We list some of the scholarships below, but please check the information on the site. This list of scholarships is not exhaustive.

SUPPORT OF MOBILITY UNDER THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA

Area of study or research: natural sciences, technical sciences, medicine, agriculture and forestry, veterinary medicine, social sciences, law and economics, humanities and theology

Type of grant: research allowance

Target group: researchers, entry level: PhD students, PhD graduates

Duration of grant: duration of project: 2 years

Grant benefit paid: funding of travel and travel costs. Project costs are not funded.

WHERE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Offices for submitting applications in Russia:



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Applied Research

Ministry of Education and Science
Department of International Scientific
and Technological Relations
Mr. Konstantin TSCHINKOW
103009, Moscow, Brusov per., 11
Tel.: +7 495 229 82 58
Fax: +7 495 230 26 60

Basic Research

Russian Foundation for Basic Research
117334, Moscow, Leninsky prospekt, 32a
Tel.: +7 495 938 52 53
Fax: +7 495 938 52 88

Application form: apply to the relevant application office.

Deadline: enquires should be made at the relevant application office.

Advice on how to apply: this scholarship is for specific bilateral scientific research projects. Mobility of individuals can only be supported within the projects.

Selection procedure: after national experts review the projects, the chosen applications will be considered by a Mixed commission and a decision made.

Further information: can be obtained from the office where applications are to be submitted.

ERNST MACH GRANT

Area of study or research: natural sciences, technical sciences, medicine, agriculture and forestry, veterinary medicine, social sciences, law and economics, humanities and theology.

Type of grant: semester or one-year grant.

Target group: graduates, no older than 35, entry level: PhD students (post-graduates).

Authority awarding grant: ÖAD/ACM on behalf of and financed by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Arts.

Duration of grant: 1 to 9 months.

Grant benefit paid: monthly grant rate

- for graduates: €940;
- for graduates over 30 years old with a PhD degree: €1,040.



Recipients of grants are exempted from paying tuition fees.

Application form and deadlines: the «Bewerbung um ein Stipendium für Österreich» (green) form can be obtained from Austrian representative offices abroad and offices for submitting applications. Further information can be found at <http://www.oead.ac.at>.

FRANZ WERFEL GRANT

Area of study or research: linguistics and literature.

Type of grant: semester or one-year grant, research grant.

Target group: researchers, post-graduates (PhD students, PhD graduates).

Authority awarding grant: ÖAD/ACM on behalf of and funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Arts.

Duration of grant: 4 to 9 months.

Quota: 7 new awards per academic year. If the research activity is successful, the grant may be extended on request (maximum total duration: 18 months).

Application form and deadlines: «Bewerbung um ein Auslandsstipendium» (Application for a foreign grant) (grün/green) can be obtained from Austrian representative offices abroad and at <http://www.oead.ac.at>.

How to apply: recipients of a Werfel grant may work as visiting researchers at institutions and engage in specialist studies in libraries, archives, or at research institutions.

Applications are accepted only from university teachers primarily specialising in Austrian literature. Applications must be accompanied by a list of lectures the applicant wishes to attend.

It is absolutely essential to make prior contact with an educational or research institution in Austria.

Age limit: 35 (born on or after October 1, 1970 for a first degree).

The following are also provided to grant recipients who have already received a grant for at least 12 months:

1. An invitation to a literature symposium each year.
2. A yearly allowance for specialist literature on the occasion of this symposium.
3. A one-month research grant every three years.



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4. Subscription to a specialist journal for German studies.
5. A publication allowance.

BERTHA VON SUTTNER GRANT

Area of study or research: humanities and theology, linguistics and literature fields.

Type of grant: semester or one-year grant.

Target group: graduates (Masters or Specialist degree) under 27 (in some specified cases 29) years of age intending to acquire a PhD in Austria.

Authority awarding grant: ÖAD/ACM on behalf of and financed by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (BMBWK).

Duration of grant: 9 months (may be extended twice to a maximum of 27 months).

CAG GRANT FOR STUDIES AT THE FACHHOCHSCHULE ST. PÖLTEN UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, AUSTRIA

Area of study or research: electrical engineering and electronics.

Type of grant: semester or one-year grant.

Funding: universities, universities of applied sciences or teacher training colleges.

Target group: students pursuing a Bachelors or Masters degree.

Authority awarding grant: Förderverein der Fachhochschule St. Pölten and CAG Holding.

Duration of grant: entire duration of the study programme.

Grant benefit paid: the scholarship consists of a grant of €2,000 per academic year, tuition fees of €726 per academic year and accommodation in a student hall of residence worth €240 per month.

WHERE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:

Applications should be sent to: international@fh-stpoelten.ac.at or by post to
Fachhochschule St. Pölten
Mag. Barbara Zehetmayr
Auslandsreferat
A-3100 St. Pölten, Herzogenburger Str., 68
Austria



Application form: can be obtained from the relevant application office.

Deadline: none.

Advice on how to apply: “Friends of the Fachhochschule St. Pölten” (Förderverein der Fachhochschule St. Pölten) association and CAG-Holding offer a CAG grant for students in “Computer Simulation” and “Telecommunications and Media” degree programme at the Fachhochschule St. Pölten, Austria (<http://www.fh-stpoelten.ac.at/content>). A CAG grant is awarded every year for the full duration of the study programme (3 and 4 years, respectively).

Conditions for application: very good knowledge of German, good knowledge of English, university entrance qualification, entrance examination.

ÖSTERREICH GRANT FOR WORK ON AN AUSTRIA-RELATED SUBJECT

Area of study or research: natural sciences, technical sciences, medicine, agriculture and forestry, veterinary medicine, social sciences, law and economics, humanities and theology, fine arts.

Type of grant: semester or one-year grant.

Target group: graduates (Masters or Specialist degree), post-graduates (PhD graduates or those working on a PhD programme).

Authority awarding grant: ÖAD/ACM on behalf of and financed by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture.

Duration of grant: 1 to 9 months.

Grant benefit paid: monthly grant for graduates: €940, for graduates over 30 years with a PhD degree: €1040. Recipients of grants are exempted from paying tuition fees. Applicants from non-European developing countries will receive a travel costs subsidy of €730 together with their first grant instalment in Austria.

Where to submit your application: the Austrian diplomatic mission in Russia (Austrian Embassy).

Application form and deadlines: the «Bewerbung um ein Stipendium für Österreich» (grün/green) form can be obtained from Austrian representative offices abroad and at <http://www.oead.ac.at>.

How to apply: applications are accepted from graduates from all countries engaged in doctoral studies outside Austria or who have already obtained a PhD (or equiva-



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lent). The description of the study/research plans should clearly show that the project can only be carried out in Austria and is related to Austria. Applicants should be engaged in a study programme or be conducting academic work in their home country (i.e. they should have active ties with their university). Applicants without a PhD may study/do research in Austria for a maximum of 5 months during their degree programme or have PhD studies before receiving the grant. Applicants without a PhD should include confirmation from their home university/faculty that they are engaged in doctoral studies and an abstract of the structure and contents of their dissertation. This only applies to academic fields of study.

Maximum age: 35 (born on or after Oct. 1st, 1963). Good knowledge of German, particularly related to the respective field of study, is a prerequisite. For projects to be carried out in English, proof of good knowledge of English related to the respective field of study must be provided.

Further information: Austrian representatives abroad and at <http://www.oead.ac.at>.





WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Austrian Exchange Service (Österreichischer Austauschdienst (ÖAD))

<http://www.oead.ac.at>

Grants database, entry and residence regulations, life in Austria, summer courses and other pertinent information.

Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (Bundesministerium für Unterricht, Kunst und Kultur)

<http://www.bmukk.gv.at>

Study options in Austria, University websites, international programmes, official documents, etc.

The Austrian Foreign Ministry

<http://www.bmeia.gv.at>

Government and politics, Austria in facts and figures, international relations, cultural projects, etc. Information is also available in English.

Austrian Embassy in Moscow

119034, Moscow,

Starokonyushenny per., 1

Tel.: +7 495 502 95 12

Fax: +7 495 937 42 69

<http://www.aussenministerium.at/moskau>

e-mail: Moskau-ob@bmeia.gv.at

Information about Austria, bilateral (Russian-Austrian) relations, information on how to get to Austria; study in Austria (application forms for some programmes can be obtained from the Department of Culture of Austrian Embassy in Moscow). The information is available in Russian and German.



Belgium

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT BELGIUM

Belgium is situated in Western Europe. It is bound by France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the North Sea. The country's topography is that of large, fertile low-lying plains. The capital of the country is Brussels. The population of the country is 10.5 million. There are two main language communities in Belgium: the Dutch-speaking Flemish in the north, and the French-speaking Walloons in the south. Brussels is officially bilingual. In the far eastern part of the country, there is a small German-speaking community. The Dutch-, French- and German-speakers form three autonomous communities, each with their own linguistic and cultural policies. The three regions (Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels) have jurisdiction over transport, public works, economic and industrial policy, etc. In addition to the regions and linguistic communities, there are 10 provinces and 589 municipalities. Belgium is a constitutional monarchy with King Albert II (who ascended the throne in 1993) as head of state.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

In Belgium, the two communities are responsible for making decisions on services for individuals, such as education. The Flemish Community is therefore responsible for education in the Dutch-speaking part of the country, whilst the French Community is the governing authority for the French-speaking part of Belgium.

The colleges of higher education and universities have recently introduced the bachelor-master structure, beginning in the 2004-2005 academic year. The former higher education structure, i.e. basic one-cycle courses, basic two-cycle courses and academic courses, has been abandoned. Higher education organised according to the bachelor-master structure is still divided into two types of education:

1. Higher professional education;
2. Academic education.

Higher professional education is restricted to bachelor courses and is only provided at colleges of higher education.

Academic education consists of Bachelor courses and Master courses. Academic education is provided at universities and at colleges of higher education.

SCHOLARSHIPS

POSTGRADUATE GRANTS.

The Federal Science Policy Office uses a fellowship scheme for highly qualified researchers (i.e. post-doctorate level or equivalent experience) from specific



regions, granting them the opportunity to work for 6 to 12 months in a Belgian research team.

The prospective Belgian host units are those involved in research programmes and undertakings of the Federal Science Policy Office. Applications should be sent to the Federal Science Policy Office by the Belgian project leaders. Selection is made once a year.

You can find more information on these grants at: <http://www.belspo.be>.

SCHOLARSHIPS FROM TWO BELGIAN COMMUNITIES

Scholarships are also offered by the two Belgian communities – the French Community and the Flemish Community – on the basis of protocols from the mixed commission for cooperation in culture, education and science between the RF, on the one hand, and the Flemish Community of Belgium, or the French Community of Belgium, on the other. **Candidates for scholarships are nominated and their list is sent by Russian higher education institutions to the Federal Agency for Education of the Russian Federation, where scholarship recipients are selected.**

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE FLEMISH COMMUNITY

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WORKING ON THEIR GRADUATE PAPER AT THEIR HOME COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (TO OBTAIN A BACHELORS OR MASTERS DEGREE)

Scholarships are granted for all areas of study. Prospective candidates should be fourth- or fifth-year students who know at least intermediate Dutch/English and are working on their graduation paper.

Specialisation scholarships may last from 3 to 10 months.



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SUMMER LANGUAGE COURSES

These courses are organised by the Flemish Community and the Dutch Language Union (de Nederlandse Taalunie). They are taught at Hasselt (University of Hasselt) or at the University of Gent. The summer courses are intended for non-native Dutch speakers who wish to improve their knowledge of the Dutch language and culture for educational, professional or other reasons.

Participants must be at least 18 years old and preferably no older than 35. Participants should have at least a basic command of Dutch.

More information on Dutch language summer courses is available at:
http://taalunieversum.org/taalunie/zomercursus_voor_studenten.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS AND YOUNG RESEARCHERS/ SCIENTISTS – RESEARCH GRANTS

Research grants are awarded for all areas of study. Grants are awarded to post-graduate students, scientists and researchers. Research grants may last from 3 to 9 months. **Candidates for grants are officially nominated by the Russian Academy of Sciences.**

SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE FRENCH COMMUNITY

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WORKING ON THEIR GRADUATION PAPERS AT THEIR HOME COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (TO OBTAIN A BACHELORS OR MASTERS DEGREE)

Scholarships are awarded in all areas of study. Scholarships are awarded to fourth- and fifth-grade students with at least intermediate French/English and already working on their graduation papers.

Specialisation scholarships may last from 3 to 10 months.

SUMMER LANGUAGE COURSES

Summer courses are organised for non-native French speakers who wish to improve their knowledge of the French language and culture for educational, professional or other reasons.

These courses are mainly intended for future teachers of the French language.

The courses are held in the city Mons.

Candidates for these grants are selected by the Federal Agency for Education of the Russian Federation.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS AND YOUNG RESEARCHERS/ SCIENTISTS – RESEARCH GRANTS

Research grants are awarded in all areas of study. Grants are awarded to postgraduate students, scientists and researchers. Research grants may last from 3 to 9 months. **Candidates for grants are officially nominated by the Russian Academy of Sciences.**

For more information about these scholarships (application procedure, deadlines), please contact the Russian Federal Agency for Education or the Russian Academy of Sciences (research grants).





WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

GENERAL INFORMATION ON BELGIUM

Federal Public Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation <http://www.diplomatie.be>.

Embassy of Belgium in Moscow
Moscow, ul. Malaya Molchanovka, 7
<http://www.diplomatie.be/moscow/>

<http://www.belgium.be>

This is a federal website providing a variety of information about Belgium

FRENCH COMMUNITY OF BELGIUM

<http://www.cfwb.be>

FLEMISH COMMUNITY OF BELGIUM

<http://www.vlaanderen.be>

GERMAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY OF BELGIUM

<http://www.dglive.be/desktopdefault.aspx>

EDUCATION IN THE FLEMISH COMMUNITY

1. <http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/overzichten/notendop.htm>

We advise you to visit this website if you are interested in the whole education system in Flanders.

2. <http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/hogeronderwijs/studeren/>

Visit this site to find out more about higher education in Flanders.

3. <http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/hogeronderwijs/links/default.htm>

<http://www.hogeronderwijsregister.be/>

These two sites provide a list of all higher educational institutions and universities in Flanders. These sites are designed to help you find a higher educational institution or university providing the specialisation you are interested in.



4. <http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/hogeronderwijs/studeren/foreignstudents/information.htm>

This site provides foreign students who wish to study in Belgium with information on the higher education system in Flanders and various study programmes.

5. <http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/hogeronderwijs/NARIC/default.htm>

This site tells you if your foreign diploma is recognised in the Flemish Community in the same way it is in your own country.

EDUCATION IN THE FRENCH COMMUNITY

1. <http://www.enseignement.be/>

This site gives a comprehensive overview of the whole education system in the French Community of Belgium.

2. <http://www.enseignement.be/citoyens/annuaires/sup/index.asp>

This site about higher education in the French Community allows you to search for the information on higher educational institution you are interested in.

3. <http://www.studyinbelgium.be/>

This site is designated for foreign students who are willing to study in the French Community of Belgium. You can find there all practical aspects for studying in Belgium.

4. <http://www.equivalences.cfwb.be/accueil.asp>

This service deals with the transferability of foreign primary and secondary education certificates. Visit this website to find out if your university degree is recognised in the French Community.



Bulgaria

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT BULGARIA

The Republic of Bulgaria occupies 110,993.6 square kilometres and is situated in the north-eastern part of the Balkan Peninsula in south-eastern Europe. To the north, the country borders with Romania, to the south, it shares a border with the Turkish Republic and the Greek Republic, in the west, its neighbours are Serbia and Macedonia, and in the east, it looks out onto to the Black Sea. Bulgaria has a population of around 8 million. Its capital city, Sofia, is the country's largest industrial and cultural centre and is home to over a million people. Other major cities are Plovdiv, Varna, Burgas and Ruse. In addition to Bulgarians, the country has several ethnic minorities: Turks (who make up about 10% of the population), Armenians, Greeks, and several other ethnic groups. The official language is Bulgarian. The majority of the population is Eastern Orthodox Christian. The Republic of Bulgaria celebrates its national holiday, Liberation Day, on March 3.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

The country's higher education system was restructured at the end of 1995, when the National Assembly passed the Higher Education Law. The following multiple-level structure of academic qualifications was introduced by this law:

- Four-year university education. On completion, graduates receive a Bachelors degree.
- Five- or six-year course at a university. On completion, graduates receive a Masters degree.
- Three-year post-university training leading to a doctorate.

Under the Higher Education Law, universities, specialised institutes and colleges are classified as higher education institutions in Bulgaria. They offer educational programmes of various types, as well as degrees. This allows students to receive higher education in a variety of ways.

Universities offer programmes for students who want to pursue educational and professional degrees – Bachelors, Masters, and Doctors. Universities offer opportunities for studying various disciplines in humanities, natural and social sciences, and engineering. They are also involved in wide-ranging scientific and research projects.

Specialised higher education institutes primarily offer training in a single, core field of knowledge, as shown by the names of these institutions. These schools' curricula meet the educational and professional requirements for a Bachelors degree. In the early 1990s, many specialised higher education institutes with strong logistical and



scientific assets were made autonomous and were allowed freedom of choice in educational programmes and approaches. They began offering courses in all disciplines. Most specialised higher education institutes now cooperate with similar institutions at famous European and international universities. This allows them to offer curricula with international content and to reinforce their training process with science and research programmes. As a result, many higher education institutes have been converted into universities.

Colleges in Bulgaria offer vocational training and skills in various occupations after completion of secondary education, enabling their graduates to easily find a job.

Today, the Bulgarian higher education system comprises 51 higher education institutions, including 42 universities and specialised institutes and nine independent colleges.

ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Students are enrolled to major in various disciplines in accordance with the institutions' rules.

There are two ways for foreign students to become a student in Bulgaria's higher educational institutions, depending on their status as foreign students.

1. Foreign citizens can enrol to Bulgarian higher educational institutions on the same terms as Bulgarian citizens if they are:
 - Foreigners residing in Bulgaria;
 - Persons of Bulgarian origin permanently residing in foreign countries;
 - Persons with the status of refugees.



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These applicants take examinations and are enrolled in accordance with an official quota established for the given year. Once enrolled, foreign nationals pay a fee equal to 30% of the total tuition fees, the size of which depends on the field of study.

2. Foreigners in categories not specified above may enrol in higher educational institutions provided they pay 100% of the tuition fees. Tuition fee payment is waived for students studying for a doctorate and for postgraduate students in various fields accepted by a resolution of the Bulgarian Council of Ministers or under relevant governmental agreements

On February 17, 2004, a programme of cooperation in culture, education, and science from 2004 to 2006 was agreed by the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Government of the Russian Federation. The programme is expected to be extended for another term of two years in late 2006.

In these cases, tuition fees are paid from the government budget.





WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in Moscow
119590, Moscow, ul. Mosfilmovskaya, 66
Tel.: +7 495 143 90 22
Fax: +7 495 232 33 02
<http://www.bolgaria.ru>
e-mail: bulemrus@bolgaria.ru

University of St. Clement of Ochrid, Sofia
<http://www.uni-sofia.bg>

More than 100 years old, this is one of Bulgaria's oldest institutions of higher education. Today, it offers 72 academic programmes in humanities and natural sciences. The university has departments teaching economics and business administration, philosophy, journalism, history, law, biology, and chemistry. Students are also offered courses in Slavonic studies, theology, pedagogy and other disciplines.

Paisi Hilendarski University, Plovdiv
<http://www.uni-plovdiv.bg>

Saints Cyril and Methodius University, Veliko Tarnovo
<http://www.uni-vt.bg>

Neophyte Rilski Southwestern University, Blagoevgrad
<http://www.swu.bg>

Angel Kanchev University, Ruse
<http://www.ru.acad.bg>

Thrace University, Stara Zagora
<http://www.uni-sz.bg>



Cyprus

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT CYPRUS

Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean (9,251 sq. km) after Sicily and Sardinia. It is situated in its eastern part. It is at the crossroads between Europe, Asia and Africa, and one of its roles is to build bridges between these continents.

The island's main economic activities are banking, tourism, craft exports and merchant shipping. Over the years, the economy has gradually developed into a modern one with dynamic services, industrial and agricultural sectors, and an advanced physical and social infrastructure.

The capital of Cyprus, Nicosia (Lefkosia), is the last divided capital city in Europe with a population of around 273,000. Other major towns are Famagusta, Kyrenia, Larnaca, Limassol, Morphou and Paphos. The official languages of the Republic of Cyprus are Greek and Turkish. English is widely spoken.

According to the Cypriot government, the total population living in territories under its control is 705,500 (2002). The population in the north is estimated at around 200,000, 87,000 of whom are Turkish Cypriots and the remaining are Turks originating from mainland Turkey (the 45,000 Turkish military personnel stationed on the island are not included in this number).

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

The University of Cyprus opened in September 1992. It is an autonomous educational institution and, at present, it is the only university in operation. The University of Cyprus currently offers programmes through the following faculties: the Faculty of Humanities, the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Education, the Faculty of Economics and Management, the Faculty of Engineering, and the Faculty of Letters. The University participates in a number of international university organisations and networks. Besides the University of Cyprus, there are other educational institutions such as Open University of Cyprus, Cyprus University of Technology.

University level first stage:

The first stage of higher education at the University of Cyprus lasts four years, leading to a Certificate or Diploma (Ptychio at the University, also called a Bachelors degree). At the University of Cyprus, the education system is based on credit units. 240 credit units are required to receive a Bachelors degree.



University level second stage:

After completion of the first stage, graduates may follow a two-year post-graduate course in specific institutions, leading to a Postgraduate Diploma. The University of Cyprus grants Masters degrees two years after receipt of a Bachelors degree in most fields.

University level third stage: Doctorate

The University of Cyprus grants a Doctorate (PhD) in some fields of study following at least three more years of study after receipt of a Masters degree.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Within the framework of the Government Scheme for Technical Assistance to Foreign Countries, the government of Cyprus offers several scholarships for foreign students. The government of Cyprus grants two types of scholarship:

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SHORT SPECIALIZED COURSES

Special short-term courses of 2 to 8 weeks in duration are organised by Cyprus institutes in the fields of private business management or management of the public sector in a free market economy, and a number of scholarships are offered to citizens from selected countries to attend these short courses. The scholarships may also include an attachment of 2-4 weeks to a Ministry or Department, which might be considered beneficial for participants.



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For example, the following programmes are available:

- **At the Mediterranean Institute of Management**
<http://www.kepa.gov.cy>;
English version -> Site Index -> Activities -> Technical Assistance Scheme;
- **At the Cyprus Academy of Public Administration**
http://www.mof.gov.cy/mof/capa/cyacademy.nsf/index_en/index_en?opendocument;
- **At the Cyprus International Institute of Management**
<http://www.ciim.ac.cy>

For more information about these short term programmes and related scholarships, please contact the Embassy of Cyprus in Moscow.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LONG TERM/ACADEMIC COURSES

The long-term programmes organised by some Cyprus Institutes of Higher Education may be suitable for the needs of the selected countries. Within the Technical Assistance Scheme, a limited number of scholarships are also offered for the following programmes:

1. Post Graduate Management Diploma Programme (11 months) at the Mediterranean Institute of Management (MIM) <http://www.kepa.gov.cy> English Version -> Site Index -> MIM Postgraduate Programme -> Scholarships for Overseas Participants.
2. Master in Business Administration (1 year) at the Cyprus International Institute of Management (CIIM) <http://www.ciim.ac.cy> MBA Programme -> Scholarships

Students may also study at the CIIM with scholarships other than those granted by the government of Cyprus. Other scholarships available to Russian students are:

CYPRUS DEVELOPMENT BANK SCHOLARSHIPS

The Cyprus Development Bank also offers a number of scholarships to foreign students from selected countries. Applicants are required to meet the CIIM admission criteria. These scholarships are exclusive to CIIM.

PHILELEFTHEROS NEWSPAPER SCHOLARSHIPS

A full scholarship is offered yearly by CIIM in connection with the Phileleftheros newspaper. It is offered on a competitive basis and applicants are required to meet the CIIM admission criteria. Additional partial scholarships (they range from €870-3,500) are also awarded by CIIM to students of special merit who have taken part in the competition.

TOM LUPTON SCHOLARSHIPS

A full scholarship is offered yearly by CDB in memory of the late Chairman of the CIIM Academic Council. Additional partial scholarships (they range from €870-3,500) are also



awarded by CIIM to students of special merit. These are offered on a competitive basis and applicants are required to meet the CIIM admission criteria.

For all information on admission criteria and the application procedure for the three above-mentioned scholarships, please visit <http://www.ciim.ac.cy> MBA Programme -> Scholarships

3. Several one-year programmes at the Higher Hotel Institute

http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/hhic/hhic.nsf/dmlcooperations_en/dmlcooperations_en?OpenDocument

You may also apply for scholarships offered by specific higher educational institutions of Cyprus. The list of higher educational institutions of Cyprus is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus at: <http://www.mfa.gov.cy> Overseas Cypriots -> Educational Institutions.





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Department of Higher and Tertiary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture (Ypourgion Paideias kai Politismou, Tmima Anoteris kai Anotatis Ekpedevsis):

<http://www.moec.gov.cy>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

<http://www.mfa.gov.cy>

A website on education in Cyprus

<http://www.highereducation.ac.cy>



The Czech Republic

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic is situated in Central Europe. The country is historically divided into three regions: Bohemia, Moravia and part of Silesia. It borders on Poland to the north, Austria to the south, Germany to the west, and Slovakia to the east. The country has 10.3 million inhabitants. Most inhabitants are of Czech nationality. There are Slovak (3.1%), Polish (0.6%), German (0.5%) and Romany (0.3%) minorities. The official language is Czech and the capital of the country is Prague.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

At present, there are 62 higher educational institutions in the Czech higher education system. There are 24 public institutions, 4 state higher educational institutions (three military schools and one Police Academy) and 34 private higher educational institutions. The Charles University, the Palacký University Olomuc and the Masaryk University in Brno are traditional multi-disciplinary higher educational institutions of university type offering a combination of humanities, natural sciences, theology and medicine. Around 38% of students now study in Prague, and 21% in Brno, while other students go to regional centres such as České Budějovice, Cheb, Ostrava, Pardubice, Plzeň and others.

In the Czech Republic, the higher education system is organised into three levels: bachelor, master and doctorate.

Education at state universities in the Czech Republic is free of charge for Czech and foreign students. Many of the state universities offer Czech language courses in the preparatory centres.



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Czech Centre in Moscow <http://www.czechcentres.cz/moscow/novinky.asp>

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport <http://www.msmt.cz>

House for International Services of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
<http://www.dzs.cz>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs <http://www.mzv.cz>

Centre for Higher Education <http://www.csvs.cz>

The institute of language and preparatory studies <http://www.ujop.cuni.cz>

Prague education center <http://www.educationcenter.cz>



Denmark

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT DENMARK

The Kingdom of Denmark is located in Northern Europe between the North Sea and the Baltic. Its mainland territory is comprised of the Jutland peninsula bordering northern Germany. Denmark also encompasses two offshore territories, the Faroe Islands and Greenland in the North Atlantic plus 406 islands, 78 of which are inhabited. This gives Denmark a total coastline of 7,314 km, corresponding to a sixth of the globe's circumference. The highest point is 170.68 metres above sea level. The climate is temperate and coastal, January and February are the coldest months with an average temperature of 0.0°C and August is the warmest with an average temperature of 15.7°C. Average wind strength across the year is 7.6 metres per second, which helps explain why Denmark is the world's largest exporter of wind turbines. 62% of the total area is cultivated, the highest percentage in Europe. The country's population was 5.4 million in 2006. The national capital is Copenhagen (1.21 million inhabitants). Ethnically, Denmark is one of the world's most homogeneous nations: 97% of the population is of Danish ancestry. Danish is the country's official language, but many Danes also speak very good English. Denmark is a constitutional monarchy governed according to the 1953 Constitution by Queen Margrethe II who ascended to the throne in 1972. Like other Scandinavian countries, Denmark has established a powerful welfare state with a strong social security system and small income gap enabled by highly effective industrial and agricultural policies and taxation.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

In 2003, 52.5% of Danes who left school applied to higher education institutions. The percentage of women students was 58%. The total number of first-year students was 47,000 in 2001. Of these, 4,000 were foreign students.

Denmark's higher education establishments are classified into universities, professional academies and colleges.

The university sector includes 11 universities, 5 of which are multi-faculty universities. The other 6 specialise in engineering, education, veterinary science, agriculture, pharmacy, business studies and a variety of other disciplines. All university study programmes are research-based, and degrees, including Doctorate degrees, are awarded at undergraduate and postgraduate level. The Copenhagen University, which is the country's largest, has 35,000 students while smaller universities have 3,000-6,000 students. The university education is offered at three levels:

- 1) The Bachelors degree (B.A./B.Sc.) is awarded after an undergraduate programme of 3 years, normally concentrated on one or two subjects. Programmes are self-contained and qualify both for occupational functions and for further study.
- 2) The Masters degree (Candidatus) is awarded after a total of 5 years of study. The programmes qualify students for occupational functions and scientific work. Each candidatus pro-



programme must include one or two of the major fields of study of the Bachelor programme. It includes the preparation of a thesis for six months. Universities also offer international Masters programmes of 1-2 years' duration. A less frequent degree, the Mag.art. (B.A. +3 years), is awarded following research-oriented studies in one subject and completion of a thesis.

3) The Ph.D. degree is awarded after a total of approximately 8 years of higher education and research, including the preparation and public defence of a thesis. Admission requirements are normally include a Candidatus degree and the programme itself lasts 3 years. The university sector is governed by the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovations, although courses in architecture, music, fine arts, and librarianship fall within the Ministry of Culture's domain.

In business academies (erhvervsakademier) diplomas are awarded after a 2-year vocational academy programme building upon either relevant vocational education and training or general upper secondary education. Most programmes give access to further studies within the same field, e.g. Bachelor programmes. These programmes qualify the student for performing practical tasks on an analytical basis. Apart from theoretical subjects, programmes are usually complemented with a project. The fields of study are the following: agriculture, textile and design, food industry, construction, hotel and tourism, computer science, industrial production, laboratory technician, IT and communication, and international marketing.

In colleges, diplomas are awarded after a 3- to 4-year programme at a level corresponding to a university Bachelor programme, but the medium cycle programmes usually prepare students for a profession. The examples are: teacher training programmes, social work courses, journalism, nursing and engineering. These programmes provide students with theoretical knowledge as well as practical skills applicable in professional life and industry. All courses include periods of practical studies and require the submission of a project/project paper. Most courses give access to further studies in the same field, i.e. under a Masters programme or, on certain conditions, a specific candidatus programme.



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Small regional colleges merge into larger educational establishments, or CVUs, that closely cooperate with the university sector. The academic and college sectors are governed by the Ministry of Education.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Denmark spends 8% of its gross domestic product on education. Higher education establishments are publicly financed. The Danes are entitled to free higher education and, although foreign students have to pay tuition fees, there are a number of scholarships available according to the Agreement on Cooperation in Culture, Science, and Education between Denmark and Russia. The Ministry of Science, Education, and Innovation offers scholarships for Russian students for a short period of study/ research in a Danish institution:

- Scholarships for young B.A./B.Sc, M.A./M.Sc. or specialist degree holders;
- Scholarships for three-weeks' Danish language summer schools.

There are no scholarships for beginner-level Danish language courses or part-time courses. Please be advised that government scholarships do not cover the whole graduation period required to receive a Bachelors/Masters/Doctors decree.

The scholarships are distributed by the Cirius agency operating under the Ministry of Education's aegis. You can find up-to-date information on Danish government scholarships and subsidies at <http://www.ciriusonline.dk>.

In certain cases, Russian students can apply to receive SU (State Education Grant and Loan Scheme) subsidies. For more information, visit <http://www.su.dk> (click on the «In English» menu item).

HOW DO I GET MY SCHOLARSHIP?

In order to receive a Danish government scholarship, you need to complete an application form (this can be printed off at the Cirius website or obtained from the Russian Federal Education Agency) with a detailed description of the course or research you would like to follow in Denmark. This application form should be sent to the Russian Ministry of Education and Science Federal Education Agency before the date specified by the Ministry. The Federal Agency will then forward your documents to Cirius so that all the government scholarship applications reach them no later than March 1st and the language course applications no later than May 1st. The final decision to grant scholarships rests with Cirius. When considering the applicant's case, Cirius assesses whether it is possible to arrange an appropriate study/ research programme in one of a Danish institution. If candidates are approved, they will be notified by Cirius via the Federal Education Agency.

If you have been granted a scholarship, please apply for a Danish entry visa/residence permit (required for programme duration of 90 days and above) well in advance at the Royal Danish Embassy in Moscow (or Royal Danish Consulate General in St. Petersburg for residents of St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region). It takes up to ninety days for your residence permit ap-



plication to be processed. Therefore it is essential that you apply no later than 90 days in prior to your trip to Denmark.

VALUE OF DANISH GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Presently, the scholarship covers your tuition fee and health insurance (if you are staying in Denmark for more than 3 months). In addition, there is a monthly allowance of DKK 5,000 (app. €670). No additional funds for accompanying family members are provided. The scholarship holders are not permitted to enter into paid employment in Denmark during their scholarship period.

Scholarships are valid for a fixed period during the academic year. In Denmark, the autumn term begins on 1st September while the spring term starts on 1st February.

LANGUAGE ISSUES

Although the official language at the Danish universities and colleges is Danish, a number of educational establishments also offer courses in English and other languages (see the list at <http://www.ug.dk>). Special courses for foreign students can also be arranged.

You can find out more about the languages in which the courses are taught by contacting individual universities or colleges.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Cirius Agency <http://www.ciriusonline.dk>

Study in Denmark <http://www.studyindenmark.dk>

Danish education database <http://www.ug.dk>

Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation <http://www.videnskabministeriet.dk>

Ministry of Culture <http://www.kulturministeriet.dk>

Ministry of Education <http://www.uvm.dk>

Royal Danish Embassy in Moscow: 119034, Moscow, Prechistensky pereulok, 9
<http://www.ambmoskva.um.dk>

Foreign Diplomas Recognition <http://www.cvu.dk>

Education Quality Assessment and Evaluation <http://www.eva.dk>

Information about Denmark and Danish Society <http://www.denmark.dk>



Estonia

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT ESTONIA

Estonia is the smallest of the three Baltic states. Situated on the north-eastern coast of the Baltic Sea, Estonia borders Latvia to the south and the Russian Federation to the east and has strong cultural and linguistic ties with Finland. The capital of the Estonia is Tallinn and the country has a population of around 1.4 million. The largest ethnic groups are Estonians, who account for 68% of the population, Russians (26%), Ukrainians (2%), Belorussians (1.3%) and others. The official language is Estonian.

Further information:

<http://www.vm.ee/estonia/>

<http://www.riik.ee/ru/>

<http://www.einst.ee/>

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Estonia has a dual higher education system consisting of two branches – academic and applied. Academic studies are provided by universities, while applied higher education (*rakendus kõrgharidus*) may be provided in an educational institution that is part of a university, in an institution of applied higher education, or in a vocational school offering secondary vocational education curricula conducted on the basis of secondary education.

As a result of major higher education reform and the restructuring of study courses, Estonian universities introduced the two-cycle (bachelor-master) structure for the first time in the history of Estonian higher education for the 2002/2003 academic year. The first qualification to be received in the new structure is Bachelor (*bakalaureusekraad*). The basic knowledge and skills in a particular field of specialization are acquired at this level. This “new” *bakalaureusekraad* is awarded after 3 years of study (for some courses, the nominal duration of study is 4 years). The new degree is a traditional bachelor-level qualification comparable to most recognized European bachelor-level degrees.

After graduation from a bachelor-level course, students may continue to the second cycle, leading to a Masters (*magistrikraad*) degree. Master-level studies are devoted to in-depth preparation for a narrower field of specialization. The duration of a master-level course is 2 years. The “new” *magistrikraad* is a master-degree qualification leading to professions requiring a higher qualification, such as teachers, engineers, economists and lawyers.

The new two-cycle structure applies to most disciplines, with the exception of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, architecture and civil engineering. These long single-cycle courses are known as integrated bachelor and master-level study programmes with a nominal duration of 5 or 6 years. The programmes lead to a masters-level diploma.



The postgraduate research degree is known as the doktorikraad and is awarded on completion of 3 to 4 years of study and research at PhD level.

All higher education diplomas and degrees issued in Estonia are final higher education qualifications. All recognised state and public higher educational institutions have the right to award state diplomas in a certain format with relevant content. Private higher education institutions have the right to award state diplomas only to graduates who have completed an accredited course of study. The Diploma Statute adopted by the Government regulates the format and content of the state diploma.

The language of instruction and coursework is usually Estonian. However, an increasing number of courses and study programmes are offered in English, and sometimes in other languages. Some higher educational institutions provide courses in Russian for Russian-speaking students.

There are six public universities, five private universities, eight state institutions of applied higher education, thirteen private applied higher educational institutions, seven state and one private vocational educational institutions offering vocational higher education.

Further information and a list of higher education institutions is available at: <http://www.smartestonia.ee>

SCHOLARSHIPS

Student Scholarship/ State Expatriates Programme

Area of study or research: all areas.



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Target group: students of Estonian origin living abroad (also in Russia) with secondary or higher education, who have not resided permanently in Estonia for at least 10 years.

Authority awarding grant: the scholarship will be financed by the Ministry of Education and Research.

Duration of grant: the scholarship is awarded for Bachelor or Master degree studies in Estonian higher educational institutions. Prior to commencing a Bachelors or Masters degree course, students may spend an intensive year studying the Estonian language at a university. Upon good academic progress after completion of a Bachelor's course, students may apply to continue their scholarship for a Masters degree.

Grant benefit paid: the scholarship will cover the cost of the student's accommodation at a public university, or the cost of a Bachelors or Masters course at a state institution of applied higher education. Students will receive a monthly residential allowance, plus an allowance for good academic progress. The cost of residence permits, health insurance and two annual round-trip journeys to the student's home city will be reimbursed at actual cost.

Selection procedure: scholarships are awarded by the supervisory board of the Compatriots Programme appointed by the Government of the Republic.

Further information: ministry of Education and Research
<http://www.hm.ee> > Language

PROGRAMME FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

Area of study or research: all areas.

Target group: Uralic indigenous students, preferably post-graduate students. Applicants should, as a rule, be proficient in their Uralic mother tongue and should have finished the first year of study at a higher educational institution, or should have graduated from an institution of secondary vocational education prior to applying.

Authority awarding grant: council of the Programme.

Duration of grant: full course.

Grant benefit paid: the programme will guarantee free education as well as a monthly grant.

Further information: http://www.suri.ee/hp/index-en.html#_Toc93725759



WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Internet site for foreign students:

<http://www.smartestonia.ee>

Ministry of Education and Research

<http://www.hm.ee>

Foundation «Archimedes» – a national body responsible for implementing international cooperation and exchanges in higher education, as well as EU programmes and projects

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Finland

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT FINLAND

Finland is situated in Northern Europe. It borders on Russia to the east, on the Gulf of Finland to the south, on the Gulf of Bothnia and Sweden to the west and on Norway in the north. It has more than over 55,000 lakes. The capital of Finland is Helsinki and the total population is 5.2 million. The principal ethnic majority are Finns, who account for 94% of the population. Other ethnic minorities include the Swedish Finns, who account for 6% of the population, and the Lapps. Finland's official languages are Finnish and Swedish with 94% of the population speaking Finnish and 6% Swedish. Other languages spoken by minorities include Russian and Lappish.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Finnish higher education system consists of two complementary sectors: polytechnics and universities. The function of the universities is to conduct scientific research and provide undergraduate and postgraduate education on this basis. The system of polytechnics is still fairly new. The first polytechnics began operating on a trial basis in 1991-1992 and the first became permanent in 1996. By 2000, all polytechnics were working on a permanent basis. Polytechnics are multi-field regional institutions focusing on industrial and economic regional development.

There are 20 universities in Finland: ten multi-disciplinary universities, three universities of technology, three schools of economics and business administration, and four art academies. All universities are state-owned. In addition, a university-level education is provided at the National Defence College run by the Ministry of Defence. A total of approximately 170,000 students is currently enrolled at universities.

Bachelors (3 years) and Masters (5 years) degrees are both undergraduate degrees in Finland. Lower academic degrees (usually called kandidaatti in Finnish and kandidat in Swedish) require 180 credits and can usually be completed in three years; while higher academic degrees (usually called maisteri/magister), which correspond to Masters degrees, require 300 credits, meaning five years of full-time study. However, a lower degree is not compulsory and students may work for a Masters degree without taking a Bachelors degree first.

Universities also confer postgraduate degrees: Licentiate (lisensiatti/licenciat, 2 years) and Doctors (tohtori/doktor, 4 years) degrees. Students can start working for a doctorate as soon as they have obtained a Masters degree. If they prefer, students can take a Licentiate degree before a Doctors degree. Research and preparation of a substantial thesis are essential parts of the both licentiate and doctoral qualifications.



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There are 29 polytechnics under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education: 7 are run by local authorities, 11 by municipal education consortia and 11 by private organisations. In addition, Åland University of Applied Sciences is operated by the self-governing Province of Åland and the Police College is subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior. The extent of polytechnic degree studies is generally 210–240 credits (ECTS), the equivalent to 3.5-4 years of full-time study. This education is arranged in the form of degree programmes. The entry requirement is a certificate from a higher secondary school or matriculation certificate, a vocational qualification or a corresponding foreign certificate. The total number of young and mature polytechnic students is 130,000. Polytechnics award over 20,000 Polytechnic degrees and 200 Polytechnic Masters degrees annually. The system of higher degrees was put into practice after a trial period in 2005 and the number of polytechnic Masters programmes is expected to grow in the next few years.

The requirement for a Masters programme in polytechnics is a Bachelors level Polytechnic degree and at least three years of work experience. The Polytechnic Masters degree requires 60-90 credits, lasts 1.5-2 years and is equivalent to a university Masters degree on the labor market. Polytechnics are more practice-oriented. Polytechnic education emphasises close contacts with business, industry and services, especially at the regional level.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Finland is open to international cooperation. Finnish universities have developed numerous English-language study programmes to promote international exchange programmes and to attract students. At present, some 7,300 foreign students representing more than 40 nationalities are studying for a degree in Finland, and approximately 4,200 of them are enrolled in universities. In addition, approximately 7,000 students come to Finland every



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year, either independently or on exchange programmes. The top five countries of origin for foreign students attending Finnish universities and polytechnics are: China (15.2%), the Russian Federation (13.5%), Sweden (8.6%), Germany (3.7%), and the United States (2.6%) (OECD, «Education at Glance 2004»). In 2004-2005, there were some 400 study programmes in different disciplines taught in English.

The Centre for International Mobility (CIMO) operates under the Finnish Ministry of Education to promote cross-cultural communication. CIMO administers scholarship and exchange programmes, and offers information, advisory services and publications. In addition, CIMO promotes teaching of the Finnish language and culture and arranges summer courses in the Finnish language and culture for international students.

There are various opportunities for Russian students to study in Finland.

A WHOLE DEGREE COURSE IN FINLAND

If you are interested in completing a whole degree course in Finland, you can start searching for a course suitable for your needs by visiting our International Study Programmes database on the CIMO website at: <http://www.cimo.fi>. There you will find information about some 400 international study courses taught in English at Finnish universities and polytechnics. To enter the database, select the «International Study Programmes» link on the left navigation bar. Once you have found a degree programme that interests you, please contact the international office of the institution concerned directly. You should meet entry requirements set by your chosen higher educational institution (usually Secondary School Leaving Certificate: «Attestat o polnom srednem obrazovanii» and entry examinations). Please keep in mind the fact that CIMO scholarships target mainly post-graduate students who have completed a Masters-level programme. CIMO does not offer scholarships for undergraduate courses.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

If you are enrolled in a university or polytechnic in your home country and wish to come to Finland for a short study period, you may take advantage of the exchange programmes your home department or university participates in.

FINNISH-RUSSIAN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME – FIRST

The FIRST Programme promotes bilateral mobility of students and supports the exchange of teachers between the countries.

Participants

All universities and polytechnics in Finland can participate in the FIRST Programme, as well as higher educational institutions in neighbouring areas recognised by the Russian Ministry of Education and Science.



The FIRST Programme covers all fields of study in Finland, as well as those fields in Russia belonging to curricula from the above-mentioned institutions. However, students of the Russian or Finnish languages will not be accepted to the programme as there are other channels available to them, for example, the language-training programme in Russian universities for Finnish students of Russian and CIMO's Finnish scholarship programme.

GRANTS

Russian students participating in a FIRST exchange will receive a monthly grant of around €500. They will pay for their travel to Finland themselves. A scholarship may be granted only once.

DEADLINES

- Deadlines for applications are announced on the CIMO website.
- Applicant institutions are informed of the selection results by the end of the spring term.
- Exchanges may begin in the autumn term.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

If you are interested in this programme, you should check with the Department of International Relations of your home university to ascertain whether your university participates in the programme. The application form should be submitted to the Department of International Relations of your home university.

Further information about the programme can be found on the CIMO website at: <http://www.cimo.fi>

Other exchange programmes are:

- North2North for students working on Northern and Arctic disciplines: <http://www.norden.ru>.
- Nordplus Nabo / Nordplus Neighbour: <http://www.forskningsradet.no/is> and <http://www.norden.ru>.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

CIMO awards scholarships to young researchers (postgraduates who have completed a Masters or Doctorate level degree) for further study and research at Finnish universities. The eligibility conditions, application procedure, deadlines and application forms vary according to the programme. It should be noted that Masters programmes in Finland are not considered postgraduate studies.

CIMO FELLOWSHIPS

The CIMO Fellowships programme is open to young researchers from all countries and from all academic fields. The scholarship period may vary from 3 to 12 months.



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The monthly allowance is €725-1,000. The exact amount varies depending on the academic qualifications of the recipient and the support from the enrolling department. The scholarship is intended to cover living expenses in Finland for a single person. No additional housing allowance is paid. Expenses incurred by international travel to and from Finland are not covered by CIMO.

HOW TO APPLY?

Visiting researchers should contact the Finnish host university. The Finnish university department hosting the student should apply to CIMO for a grant.

Applications should be submitted at least 3 months before the intended scholarship period.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENOUS FINNO-UGRIC MINORITIES IN RUSSIA

CIMO grants scholarships to young researchers (postgraduates who have completed a Masters or Doctorate level degree) representing the Uralic Peoples of Russia. The main objective of this programme is to promote international mobility in research and teaching in the fields related to Finno-Ugric linguistics, ethnology and folklore. It also strengthens the cultural and linguistic ties between the Uralic peoples and Finland.

The scholarship period is normally 3 to 12 months. The monthly allowance (€725) is intended to cover living expenses in Finland for a single person. No additional housing allowance is paid. Expenses related to international travel to and from Finland are not covered by CIMO.

HOW TO APPLY?

Visiting students or researchers should contact the Finnish host university. The Finnish university department hosting the student should apply to CIMO for a grant.

Applications for scholarships of 9 months starting in September should be submitted to CIMO by February at the latest.

FINNISH STUDIES AND RESEARCH/SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES OF THE FINNISH LANGUAGE AT FINNISH UNIVERSITIES.

CIMO offers scholarships for advanced studies of the Finnish language at Finnish universities. The scholarships are intended mainly for students of the Finnish language and literature at universities outside Finland. This students should have a degree in higher education. Preference is given to applicants who are working on their Masters or doctorate thesis.

The scholarship covers one academic semester (4–5 months). The monthly allowance is €725. No additional housing allowance is paid. The scholarship holder shall pay for his or her own travel to and from Finland.



HOW TO APPLY?

Students should apply directly to CIMO for a grant. Application deadlines are April for the autumn semester and October for the spring semester. The applicant should contact the host university department before applying. The application should preferably be made in Finnish and should include the following documents and translations (in Finnish or English): CV, summary of studies, language qualification certificate, confirmation letter from the host department, study plan, two letters of recommendation.

All further information and application forms are available on the CIMO website at: <http://www.cimo.fi>.

A brochure in Russian entitled “Why Finland?» in the “Publications” section of the CIMO website lists all the programmes available for Russian students: <http://www.cimo.fi/>.

THE FINNISH-RUSSIAN CROSS-BORDER UNIVERSITY CBU®

STUDIES IN TWO COUNTRIES

The Finnish-Russian Cross-Border University (CBU®) is the result of cooperation of nine highly recognised universities in Russia and Finland currently developing international joint Masters degree programmes in six disciplines. The Masters programmes bring together the core competences, high expertise and long experience of the nine universities across national borders. The programmes are based on professionalism and theoretical studies and have a strong focus on the realities of working life. The graduates will be trained and qualified to work across national boundaries, in an international and intercultural environment.

The CBU Masters degree programmes offer a unique possibility to enjoy education in English both in Finland and in Russia. The two year (120 ECTS) Masters courses include studies in at least one Finnish and one Russian university. The CBU programmes are developed according to the requirements of the Bologna Declaration. The graduates are currently provided with either a double degree or one national degree from the home university, a diploma supplement and a CBU® certificate.

NINE UNIVERSITIES

The universities currently participating in CBU® in Finland are:

- The University of Helsinki;
- The University of Joensuu;
- The University of Kuopio;
- Lappeenranta University of Technology;
- The University of Tampere.



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And in Russia:

- St. Petersburg State University;
- St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University;
- Petrozavodsk State University;
- The European University at St. Petersburg.

The CBU Development Unit (DU), located at the University of Joensuu as an independent institute serves as the administrative unit of the CBU®. For additional information, visit: <http://www.joensuu.fi/cbu>.

SIX STUDY FIELDS

The nine CBU® universities offer Masters degree programmes in six study fields, combining the strengths and expertise of the partner universities. The study fields are business and administration, forestry and environmental engineering, history, information technology, international relations and public health.

More detailed information about the individual CBU® Masters degree programmes, including contact details for local coordinators at the partner universities, the study curriculum, and application periods and admission criteria can be found at <http://www.joensuu.fi/cbu/>.

The Masters degree programme in business and administration focuses on close cooperation between business education and the business community, integrating knowledge and best practices. The main subject areas in the programme are the specifics of international business environments, cross-border movement of goods, people and technology, and the management of technologically oriented organisations in the global markets. The programme gives future managers the analytical and managerial skills necessary to succeed in the international business field of technology and innovation. The programme is offered jointly by Lappeenranta University of Technology and St. Petersburg State University.

The Masters degree programme in forestry and environmental engineering aims to promote integration of the forestry sectors of Finland and Russia and to improve expertise across the Finnish-Russian border, focusing on the needs of work and business life. The programme provides students with the knowledge and skills to enable them to serve public and private multinational organisations, to create rational strategies and operations for territories and forests of Finland and Russia. The programme focuses on forestry, bioenergy and environmental protection, with an emphasis on ecological, economic and social sustainability. The programme is offered jointly by the University of Joensuu (coordinator), the University of Helsinki, Lappeenranta University of Technology, St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University, and Petrozavodsk State University.

The Masters degree programme in history focuses on Russian and Northern European History. The programme is offered jointly by the University of Helsinki (coordinator), the



University of Joensuu, Petrozavodsk State University, and the European University at St. Petersburg.

The Masters degree programme in information technology focuses on intelligent computing and modern communications technology. The programme is offered jointly by Lappeenranta University of Technology (coordinator), the University of Helsinki, the University of Joensuu, the University of Kuopio, St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University, and Petrozavodsk State University.

The Masters degree programme in international relations focuses on the political, economic and cultural dynamics of the Nordic/Baltic region in relation to and against the background of the development of EU-Russia and Russian-European relations. The programme is recommended for students with career plans in the areas of foreign and regional policy, international governmental and non-governmental organisation, as well as business, education and journalism. The main partner universities are the University of Tampere (coordinator), the St. Petersburg State University and the Petrozavodsk State University. Collaborative partner universities are St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University and the University of Joensuu.

The Masters degree programme in public health is appropriate for individuals working in social and health care at the primary municipal, regional, or state level and for employees of social and health insurance and state administration. The programme is offered jointly by the University of Kuopio (coordinator), the University of Tampere, St. Petersburg State University, and Petrozavodsk State University.

STUDENT ADMISSION

REQUIREMENTS

The basic requirements for applicants are a Bachelors degree or equivalent and a good command of academic English. Student selection is based on success in earlier studies and level of motivation. TOEFL or IELTS results are required to demonstrate proficiency in academic English. For more detailed instructions of each Masters degree programme, please visit the CBU website: <http://www.joensuu.fi/cbu>.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Annual student intake in each CBU Masters programme is approximately 20 students. The application period, requirements and admission process are dependent on the Masters degree programme and the university in question. Please find more detailed information on the CBU website (<http://www.joensuu.fi/cbu>) or contact the programme coordinator.



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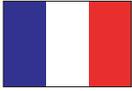
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Centre for International Mobility (CIMO) (Kansinvälisen henkilövaihdon keskus)
<http://www.cimo.fi>

Finnish Academy: <http://www.aka.fi>
This organisation also provides financial support for international students.

Ministry of Education (Opetusministeriö)
<http://www.minedu.fi>



France

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT FRANCE

France lies on the western fringe of the European continent. The country's territory also includes the island of Corsica in the Mediterranean and several overseas areas and territories. France shares common borders with Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany in the north and northeast, Switzerland, Italy, and Monaco in the east, and Spain and Andorra in the south. Its landmass is washed by the Mediterranean in the southeast and it is open to the Atlantic Ocean in the west. The country's capital is Paris. France has a population of 60.4 million. The official language is French.

HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

The higher education system in France is based on a common European principle (LMD) and built around the number of years a person can study after finishing school (and receiving a degree called *baccalauréat français*).

Briefly, the three higher education degrees require the following qualifications: Bachelors degree (*Baccalauréat*) + three years of study at an institution of higher learning = Licentiate degree (*Licence*, 180 credits ECTS); Bachelors degree + five years of study at an institution of higher learning = Masters degree (*Master*, 300 credits ECTS); and Bachelors degree + eight years of study = Doctors degree (*Doctorat*, PhD). These three degrees, Licentiate, Masters, and Doctors, are the basic stages of learning in the French higher education system.

France has 87 state-financed universities, where a wide variety of subjects are taught. Doctorate studies have traditionally been widely open to foreign researchers; in fact, one in every four PhD dissertations comes from a foreign doctorate scholar.

Higher schools (*Grandes Ecoles*) are specific French educational institutions on a par with universities. These educational institutions very carefully select students, since they offer very high standard education. Educational programmes are tailored to suit the students who want to receive a basic Masters degree (after five years of study) or intermediate degrees, such as an international standard Bachelors degree (after three years of training), or a Masters degree in natural sciences (*Master of Science*, requiring four or five years of study), or a Specialist Masters degree (*Mastere Spécialisé*, six years of learning).

Specialized schools, which supplement the French higher education system with professions such as the arts, fashions, architecture, tourism, and hotel business.

The French education system is distinct, among other things, in that educational institutions receive solid financial support from the government, which means that French and



foreign students do not pay the actual cost of tuition. For example, annual enrolment in universities costs from €135 to 700; studying at higher and specialized schools costs significantly more, from €4,000 to 15,000 a year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Foreign students can choose from three kinds of scholarship – scholarships granted by the French government; scholarships granted by the governments of countries whose citizens the students are; and scholarships offered by international and nongovernmental organisations.

Inquiries for more information and applications for grants are handled by the Scholarship Office of the French Embassy in the Russian Federation.

BOURSES D'ETUDES (STUDY SCHOLARSHIPS)

Scholarships in this category are fully or partially subsidized and are granted to students who want to study in France under Masters degree programmes.

Fields of study and specialties: no restrictions.

Basic requirements:

- A Bachelors degree received in Russia.
- Have Russian citizenship and be a Russian student.
- Be fluent in French (where instruction in the chosen Masters programme is given in French).
- Be no older than 35.



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Application filing:

- An application form is available from the French Embassy's website: <http://www.ambafrance.ru>
- Candidates should present an enrolment (or pre-enrolment) certificate issued by the university where he or she wants to take a course of studies.
- Candidates will have to pass a French language test.

Completed application forms accompanied by all required documents should be filed with the Scholarship Office of the French Embassy in Russia by March 15 every year.

BOURSES DE COUVERTURE SOCIALE (SCHOLARSHIPS TO COVER SOCIAL INSURANCE COSTS)

Scholarships in this category are granted by the French Government to students studying under programmes at any education level.

BOURSES DE THÈSE EN COTUTELLE (SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PREPARING PHD DISSERTATIONS UNDER JOINT FRENCH-RUSSIAN ADVISORY GUIDANCE)

Participants in joint postgraduate and doctorate programmes study in France for six months a year. Scholarships are granted for a period of three years to cover the costs of staying in France.

Fields of study and specialties:

Unlimited.

Basic requirements:

- A higher education diploma.
- Have Russian citizenship and be a postgraduate student at a Russian higher educational institution.
- Be no older than 35.
- Be fluent in French.

Application filing:

- An application form is available from the French Embassy's website: <http://www.ambafrance.ru>
- A copy of an agreement signed by French and Russian faculty advisors.
- French language test.

Completed application forms accompanied by all required documents are to be filed with the Scholarship Office of the French Embassy in Russia by March 15 every year.



BOURSES D'EXCELLENCE EIFFEL (EIFFEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS)

These scholarships are intended for gifted foreign students who wish to pursue further studies in France in four core fields: engineering sciences; economics and management; law and political sciences; and public administration. To get a scholarship, you have to apply to the institution of your choice. If the institution agrees to enrol you, it should transmit your application to an agency in charge of Eiffel Scholarship awards. An application form is available at: <http://www.egide.asso.fr/eiffel> Scholarships are granted at the beginning of the autumn and spring semesters. You can obtain information about application filing deadlines from the Scholarship Office of the French Embassy in the Russian Federation.

COPERNIC PROGRAMME

The programme is intended for young economists and engineers from Eastern and Central Europe. Its aim is to promote studies of modern management techniques. The programme runs for 12 months, including seven months of studies at a French higher school (Grande Ecole) and a five months' period of practical training at an enterprise.

Basic requirements:

- An engineer's or economist's diploma at bachelor, specialist, or master level.
- Have Russian citizenship and permanent residence in Russia.
- Be no older than 30.
- Be fluent in French.
- Persons who have received a scholarship from the French Government in the past do not qualify for this scholarship.

Scholarship applications are accepted by the Scholarship Office of the French Embassy in the Russian Federation until February 28 of each year.

BOURSES DE L'ASSOCIATION LE PONT NEUF (SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE PONT NEUF ASSOCIATION)

The Pont Neuf Association grants scholarships under three core programmes:

1. Philippe Habert scholarship (Bourse Philippe Habert) for political science studies. It is intended for international political science students at the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Cycle International d'Etudes Politiques, IEP de Paris, http://www.sciences-po.fr/daie/index_daie.htm).
2. Scholarship for young doctors (Bourse Jeunes médecins). It is designed for medical students and young doctors who want to take a six-week-long internship at a Paris clinic. Scholarships are granted to students in their fifth or sixth year at medi-



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cal institutes and departments, and to young doctors within two years of graduation. A candidate is required to submit an internship training project.

- Scholarship for medical professionals (Bourse Médecins spécialistes) who want to do an internship at a French clinic for a period of four to six months. The basic requirements for prospective interns include: age up to 35 years; a diploma certifying completion of a course of higher education or an academic degree in medicine; and a detailed medical project suitable for a French clinic and, in the long run, for the Russian health care system as well. Applications are accepted until March 15 of each year.

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BOURSES DE STAGE ET SÉJOUR SCIENTIFIQUE (ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS)

Internships of two weeks to six months long are offered to students and graduates of higher schools who want to improve their professional skills

Fields of study and specialties: unrestricted (including medicine, journalism, and filmmaking, training at the FEMIS summer school), music (internships at the higher national conservatories in Paris and Lyons, and archive maintenance).

Basic requirements:

- Have Russian citizenship and residence in Russia.
- Have a good knowledge of French.
- For medics, have at least nine years of medical education.

Application filing:

- Application forms are available from the French Embassy's website: <http://www.ambafrance.ru>
- Confirmation of the host's acceptance for internship.
- French language test.

Scholarship applications are accepted until November 1 (for January-July) and May 15 (for September-December) of each year.

Scholarship applications are accepted by the Scholarship Office of the French Embassy in Russia.

BOURSE DE STAGE LINGUISTIQUE D'ÉTÉ (LINGUISTIC INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS)

Field of study: the French language.



Two types of scholarship are available:

- Scholarships for students learning to become teachers of French as a foreign language at schools and institutions of higher education.
- Scholarships for students specializing in any field, except the French language, and learning French as a foreign language; the purpose of the scholarship is to assist students in learning French and using it in their future occupations.

Information about application filing deadlines can be obtained from the Scholarship Office of the French Embassy in Moscow.

The foregoing list of scholarships is not exhaustive. Information about other scholarships and document filing deadlines are available on the website of the French Embassy in Russia at: <http://www.ambafrance.ru>: la France -> Aller en France -> Etudier en France -> Bourses).

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Education Information Centre in France, Agence EduFrance/Compus France:
<http://www.russie.campusfrance.org> and <http://www.edufrance.fr> (information about higher education in France)

French language tests and diplomas (TCF, DALF, etc.) <http://www.francomania.ru>

CNOUS (Centre National des Oeuvres universitaires et scolaires) <http://www.cnous.fr>

EGIDE (Centre français pour l'accueil et les échanges internationaux)
<http://www.egide.asso.fr>

Ministère de la Jeunesse, de l'Education nationale et de la Recherche (Ministry of Youth Affairs, Education, and Science Research) <http://www.education.gouv.fr>

Office national d'Information sur les Enseignements et les Professions (ONISEP) (National Office of Information about Education and Professions) <http://www.onisep.fr>

E-mail: On-line requests can be addressed to the Cultural Service of the Embassy by logging on the Embassy's website <http://www.ambafrance.ru>



Germany

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT GERMANY

Germany is located in North Central Europe, on the Great North European Plain. It is bound by Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland and Switzerland. The capital of the country is Berlin. The population (82.5 million in 2005) is almost entirely Germanic with Germans accounting for 94.4%. Ethnic minorities include Danes, Greeks, Italians, Serbs, Slovaks, Spanish, and Turks. Germany is a federal republic. Its federal government is based in Berlin. The Federal Government consists of the Federal Chancellor and the Cabinet of Federal Ministers. The Federal President has mostly ceremonial duties. In addition, there are sixteen state governments and thousands of local government communes. Each state has its own constitution and a state parliament.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Germany has a long tradition in education, science and research. There are 337 higher educational institutions located throughout Germany. Those interested in studying in Germany can choose between universities and university-status institutions, such as the technical universities, the universities of applied sciences (Fachhochschulen), or the colleges of art, music and film. All state higher educational institutions are open to students of all nations.

THE UNIVERSITY

German universities are not merely institutions which provide education and training, they are invariably also the places at which independent, pure and applied research is pursued. University departments offer the following study courses: medicine, science, engineering, arts and humanities, law, theology, economics and social sciences, and agriculture and forestry.

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES

Originally, and as the name implies, technical universities restricted their teaching to technical and engineering disciplines. However, over the years, they have developed into more comprehensive higher educational institutions. Hence, students can now also take arts and humanities degree courses at technical universities. Nevertheless, the focus of their activities continues to be directed towards engineering and science.

UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES (FACHHOCHSCHULE)

Students are increasingly taking courses at any of Germany's universities of applied sciences, particularly since the programmes are shorter and have a more practical focus than in university courses with their greater research orientation.



COLLEGES OF ART AND MUSIC

The education and training provided by colleges of art and music in Germany aim to prepare students for careers as professional artists or musicians, as well as teachers in artistic subjects. Courses at a college of music or art differ substantially from those at a university.

OTHER UNIVERSITY STATUS INSTITUTIONS

Apart from the above-mentioned higher educational institutions, Germany also has colleges of education at which teachers are trained for primary schools, lower secondary schools, special needs schools, and, in some cases, standard secondary schools and lower grammar school classes. In general, however, teacher training has been integrated into the university structure.

University level first stage: Grundstudium

Stage I, or basic studies (Grundstudium), usually lasting four semesters (2 academic years) at universities, culminates in an intermediate examination (Diplom-Vorprüfung, Zwischenprüfung). This examination qualifies the student to continue in Stage II (Hauptstudium). A degree is not awarded. Since 1998, a basic higher education degree, the Bachelor (or Baccalaureatus) has been introduced in general universities and universities of applied sciences requiring a minimum of three years' study (maximum four years). It normally leads to a career.

University level second stage: Hauptstudium

Stage II consists of more advanced studies (Hauptstudium) leading to a final degree examination. The Hauptstudium usually lasts for five more semesters and leads to a Di-



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ploma. The Magister is awarded by universities on the basis of a Magister examination. The course of study comprises either two equally important major subjects, or a combination of one major and two minor subjects. Masters degree have been introduced at many universities recently, which will supersede the Diploma in a few years.

University level third stage: Promotion

Doctoral studies are only pursued in universities (Universitäten). The period of doctoral studies, known as the Promotion, consists of two to four years' independent research and the submission of a thesis following the award of the Diplom/Erstes Staatsexamen/Magister Artium. The title of Doktor is conferred following the submission of a written thesis, either an oral examination or the defence of the thesis.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are primarily managed by German Academic Exchange Service/Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) and other public foundations. The list of scholarships below is not exhaustive, so we advise you to contact the nearest DAAD office (addresses on <http://www.daad.ru>) for more details and any additional information about application procedure, requirements and deadlines.

Unless otherwise indicated, the general deadline for the DAAD scholarships programmes is 30 November of each year.

ERP ONE-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

These scholarships offer students of economics and business administration the opportunity to spend two study semesters at a state-recognised university in Germany. Students are required to complete a work placement or internship term during their stay.

JOURNALISTS INTERNATIONAL

This scholarship programme gives journalists from Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine the opportunity to spend three months studying in a «Journalism College» at the Free University of Berlin.

Applications should be submitted to the DAAD Moscow Office.

MIKHAIL LOMONOSOV RESEARCH GRANTS FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES (ASPIRANT) AND YOUNG UNIVERSITY TEACHERS OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

The grants which the DAAD offers together with the Russian Ministry of Education and Science give Russian doctoral candidates (Aspirant) and young university teachers



of natural sciences and engineering the opportunity to complete a research project at a German university or non-university research institute as a supplementary qualification and establish long-term contacts with German university teachers and scientists. The programme is open only to members of universities under the responsibility of the Russian Ministry of Education and Science. Applications should be submitted by October 15.

IMMANUEL KANT RESEARCH GRANTS FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES (ASPIRANT) AND YOUNG UNIVERSITY TEACHERS OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The grants which the DAAD offers together with the Russian Ministry of Education and Science give Russian doctoral candidates (Aspirant) and young university teachers of social sciences the opportunity to complete a research project at a German university or non-university research institute as a supplementary qualification and establish long-term contacts with German university teachers and scientists. The programme is open only to members of universities under the responsibility of the Russian Ministry of Education and Science. Applications should be submitted by October 15.

GROUP VISITS TO GERMANY BY FOREIGN STUDENTS (STUDY VISITS / STUDY SEMINARS AND PRACTICALS)

This programme aims to provide subject-related knowledge by arranging visits, tours and information meetings, and organising subject-related seminars and practical courses on the invitation of a German university. At the same time, meetings with German students, academics and researchers aim to contribute to establishing and maintaining contacts between German and foreign universities.

Applications should be submitted to the DAAD Office by 15 October for visits from 1 April to 30 September; by 15 April for visits from 1 October to 31 March every year.

ONE-SEMESTER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS OF GERMAN LANGUAGE STUDIES

These one-semester scholarships provide foreign students of German language studies, German as a foreign language, or translation studies with the opportunity to spend a semester studying at a state-recognised German higher educational institution.

UNIVERSITY SUMMER COURSE GRANTS FOR ADVANCED STUDENTS

These university summer course grants are provided to support students who attend German language and area study courses offered at German higher educational institutions.



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STUDY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATES OF ALL DISCIPLINES

Study scholarships are awarded to provide foreign graduates of all disciplines with opportunities to complete a postgraduate or Masters degree course at a German higher educational institution.

RESEARCH GRANTS FOR SCIENTISTS OF ALL DISCIPLINES

Short-term research grants for professors and research scientists no older than 65.

RE-INVITATION PROGRAMME FOR FORMER SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

The Re-Invitation Programme helps the DAAD maintain contacts with its former one-year scholarship holders and with former scholarship holders who studied in East Germany (GDR) for at least one year. Former scholarship holders meeting these requirements may apply for re-invitation to Germany to complete a research or work project at a state higher educational institution or non-university research institute.

RESEARCH GRANTS FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AND YOUNG ACADEMICS AND SCIENTISTS

Research grants provide young foreign academics and scientists with the opportunity to engage in a research project or an extended education and training course at a German higher educational institution or non-university research institute. Research grants may be used to carry out:

- Research projects at a German higher educational institution for the purpose of acquiring a doctorate in the home country;
- Research projects at a German university for the purpose of acquiring a doctorate in Germany; for projects of these kinds, we would particularly refer to the structured doctoral study programmes, such as Research Training Groups or Doctoral Research Groups, International Postgraduate Programmes, Graduate Schools, Max Planck Research Schools, etc. Please visit the following website for further information: <http://www.daad.de/ipp>;
- Research projects for extended education and training courses without acquiring a formal degree/qualification.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ARTISTS: STUDY SCHOLARSHIPS

These study scholarships aim to provide foreign applicants from the fields of Fine Art, Design, Film, Music and Architecture, as well as Drama, Direction, Dance and Choreography with the opportunity to complete a course of extended studies, without acquiring



a formal degree or qualification, at a state institution of higher education in Germany. Study scholarships are generally awarded for one academic year.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUNG INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS

The programme offers foreign lawyers from certain countries with one to two years' professional career experience the opportunity to complete a combined 8-month study and practice period in Germany, and gain in-depth insight into the German law, with a core focus on public and private business law. The programme is intended for lawyers who not only want to acquire theoretical knowledge, but also, and above all, wish to gain practical experience in German law.

Applications should be submitted to the DAAD Moscow Office by 15 February at the latest every year.

SPECIAL DAAD-HELMHOLTZ-SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AND POST-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS

These scholarships provide young foreign academics and scientists with an opportunity to complete a research project, or an extended education and training course at a research institute which is affiliated with the Helmholtz Association. The research topics are specified by the institutes themselves and are to be found in the current scholarship announcement on the DAAD homepage at: <http://www.daad.ru>. Information is also available on the website at: <http://www.helmholtz.ru>.

There are other special programmes:

- a programme for sustainable development in farming and food products and in forestry and forest products;
- a Siemens/DAAD Post Graduate Programme for engineers;
- a programme DAAD Schering for medical professionals,
- a programme 'Adrian Zakharov' for building engineers;
- Pedagogic Exchange Service (PAD).



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Other scholarship-awarding organisations

See <http://www.daad.de/stiftungen> (Eng, German) or <http://www.daad.ru> -> Scholarships
-> Other foundations



Greece

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT GREECE

Greece is situated on the southern tip of the Balkan Peninsula in south-eastern Europe. Its territory also includes several hundred islands in the Ionian and Aegean Seas. Around 20% of the total land area is comprised of islands, the largest of which are Corfu, Crete, Euboea, Kefallonia, Khios, Lesbos, Limnos, Naxos, Rhodes and Samos. Mountains and hills dominate the landscape and account for nearly 80% of the total land area. The capital of the country is Athens. Greece has a population of 10.7 million. The principal ethnic majority are Greeks who account for 96% of the population. The official language is Greek with 98% of the population speaking it, although English and French are also widely understood.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Greece has 18 university institutions (AEI) and 14 institutions of technological education (TEI). Like universities, Technological Educational Institutions (TEI) form part of the higher education system, but they do not belong to the university sector. There are also Military Academies. Diplomas awarded by certain private higher education institutions are not recognized by the State.

University level first stage: Proptychiakes Spoudes (undergraduate level studies)

Undergraduate degree programmes at universities normally last four years (eight semesters) and lead to a Ptychio in the relevant field.

University level second stage: Metaptychiakon Spoudes (postgraduate studies)

The first level of post-graduate studies lasts a minimum of four semesters and leads to a Metaptychiako Diploma Exidikefsis (Postgraduate Diploma of Specialization). This study programme may be taken and completed in a university or research institute outside Greece. The degree, however, is awarded in Greece.

University level third stage: Didaktorikes Metaptychiakes Spoudes (doctoral studies)

The Doctoral degree (Didaktoriko) is conferred after public defense of a thesis. The research must be original and show advances in research and science. A doctoral thesis requires at least three years' study from the time the student enrolled in the doctoral study course.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Greece offers Russian students three types of scholarship.



Scholarships from the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- The Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs offers several scholarships (around 3 scholarships a year) to Russian students who want to pursue their studies at a Greek university in every department except theology (bachelor programmes, Masters programmes and doctorate studies).
- The Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs offers several scholarships (around 2 scholarships a year) to Russian students who want to study at a theological department in a Greek University.
- The Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs offers several scholarships (about 2-3 scholarships) to finance bachelor, Masters or doctorate studies in economics.

Scholarships from the Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs

According to the bilateral educational programme between Greece and Russia, Greece offers the following scholarships to Russian citizens during the term of the programme:

- A total of up to 10 scholarships for postgraduate or undergraduate studies with the possibility of renewal. Each scholarship is for 10 months per year.
- Up to 15 months of scholarship per year for 3-5 months each for research in Greek studies.
- 1 scholarship per year to a Russian citizen of Greek origin for 10 months for a full cycle of undergraduate studies at a Greek Language department.
- 3 scholarships for 1 month each to attend summer seminars in Greek Language and Civilization.

The Russian side (the Ministry of Education and Science) is responsible for handling applications, selecting potential students and forwarding their files to the Greek government, which either approves or rejects the candidates through the Directorate.



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For undergraduate studies, Greece offers Russian students the possibility of enrolling in the department of their choice, unless otherwise stipulated in the programme. Students should fill in the relevant application form stating their preferences. Based on the application, the Ministry enrolls each student in the appropriate department. Students wishing to attend a full course of undergraduate studies in Greece are initially granted a scholarship for one (1) full academic year (12 months) to attend Greek language courses, at the end of which they have to pass an assessment. Afterwards, these students are granted a scholarship for a full course of undergraduate studies. The length of time in an academic year for which this scholarship is granted is designated by the cultural programme and renewed at the beginning of each academic year.

Post-graduate students and researchers are also free to choose any Greek University or Greek Research/Educational Centre, but they must contact the institution and secure their place themselves.

The funding granted for each category of scholarship is described below:

- A monthly allowance:
 - €500 for students undertaking undergraduate studies;
 - €550 for students undertaking postgraduate studies or research.
- A lump sum for accommodation expenses:
 - €500 for those living in Athens;
 - €550 for those living in the provinces.Students whose scholarship is renewed are not entitled to this amount.
- A lump sum of €150 is provided to cover transport expenses inside the country to those who are obliged to travel from their place of residence to carry out research approved by the Greek Service, providing there is substantiation from the supervising professor.
- Exemption from tuition fees. Should scholars for postgraduate studies or research also wish to attend Greek language courses, they are not exempted from the tuition fees they have to pay to the School of Modern Greek Language.
- Free emergency medical care only in public hospitals.

General information about the scholarships offered by the Greek Ministry of National Education can be found on the Ministry of Education website: <http://www.ypepth.gr> (English pages).

Scholarships of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation

Several scholarships a year are available through this fund for a 6- or 12-month internship in Greece for Russian students pursuing their doctoral studies.

For further information, please contact the Cultural Department of the Greek Embassy in Moscow.



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National Scholarship Foundation (IKY)
<http://www.iky.gr>

Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs
http://www.ypepth.gr/en_ec_home.htm

The Greek Ministry of education website includes a special section entitled "scholarships" containing extensive information on the scholarship award scheme for foreigners.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<http://www.mfa.gr>

Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation
<http://www.onassis.gr/index.php>



Hungary

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT HUNGARY

Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe, hemmed in by the Carpathians, the Alps, and the Dinaric Mountains, yet plains account for three-quarters of its territory. It has a population of around 10 million. The core ethnic group consists of Hungarians (or Magyars), who make up 97% of the country's population. Hungarian is the country's official language, although English and German are taught in schools as secondary languages.

HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Hungarian higher education has a long history. The first Hungarian university was founded in Pécs in south Hungary over 600 years ago, in 1367. Hungarian higher education institutions are autonomous, state or non-state (private and religious) institutions recognised by the state.

Hungarian higher education has a dual system consisting of universities and colleges. Some colleges are associated with universities and are known as «college faculties» of those universities. A university may offer college-level courses, too. Courses at college level (corresponding to B.Sc. level) last a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 years; at university level (corresponding to M.Sc. level) courses are a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 5 years long (with the exception of medical universities, where courses last for 6 years).

Hungary has been participating in the Bologna Process since 1999, the most important goal of which is the creation of a European Higher Education Area. As a part of this process, the two-cycle system according to the Bologna model (bachelor and master courses) started from 1 September 2006 in all fields of study.

At present, Hungary's higher education system comprises 18 state-financed universities, one public university, 12 state-financed colleges, 26 religious educational institutions, and nine colleges operated by public foundations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Hungarian Scholarship Board (HSB website: <http://www.scholarship.hu>) is in charge of awarding scholarships.

In 2005, the Hungarian Education Minister instituted a "Scholarship Pool" to help promote student mobility at higher educational institutions and give foreign nationals an opportunity to broaden their learning experience at Hungarian higher educational institutions.



SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMMES:

1. Basic university course (5 to 10 months). Enrolment requirements: certificate of completed secondary education and current training under a baccalaureate or specialist programme.
2. Post-graduate course (3 to 21 days or 1 to 10 months). Enrolment requirements: current master course study.
3. Doctorate studies (1 to 3 years). Enrolment requirements: post-university education.
4. Post-doctorate course (1 to 10 months). Enrolment requirements: Masters degree.
5. Senior instructor or researcher (3 to 21 days or 1 to 10 months). Enrolment requirements: active involvement in science research.
6. Summer courses (2 to 4 weeks).

These scholarships are granted under programmes in all humanities and natural science courses. These programmes are offered by accredited educational or research institutions in Hungary. Candidates should choose an institution in advance. This requirement also applies to internships. Scholarships for post-graduate, doctorate, post-doctorate, teaching, and research programmes can be renewed under special circumstances once only. Scholarships for basic university courses cannot be granted for a period of more than three years. Scholarships are only valid for the length of study and research period in Hungary and do not cover practical training, extramural study, and incomplete study programmes. Scholarship recipients are required to remain in Hungary for the full duration of their scholarships.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Russian citizens (with the exception of those holding long-term residence permits in Hungary) are eligible to apply for scholarships. Scholarships for basic university course



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programmes are only granted to students specialising in the Hungarian language and literature.

1. Candidates should be no older than:

- 25 years (basic university courses);
- 35 years (post-graduate courses);
- 40 years (doctorate studies);
- 45 years (post-doctorate studies).

2. There are no age restrictions for the following candidate categories:

- Senior instructors and researchers;
- Entrants to summer courses and schools.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

An application is to be accompanied by three copies of the following documents (in the order listed). All documents are to be submitted in Hungarian, English, French or German.

- Application on a form approved by the Hungarian Scholarship Board (HSB).
- A certified copy of a completed secondary education certificate (this requirement does not apply to candidates for post-doctorate, senior instructor, and researcher programmes, or to artists and musicians).
- A certified copy of an academic degree or position certificate. Senior instructors or researchers should have a doctorate (PhD) or its equivalent, and hold the position of professor or associate professor.
- Brief curriculum vitae (CV).
- A brief study or research plan (maximum 2 pages). This requirement does not apply to basic university education programmes and summer schools.
- A letter of motivation (for summer schools only).
- Certificate of proficiency in the Hungarian language. Since instruction is given mostly in Hungarian, candidates should have sufficient knowledge of this language to complete the course. As an exception, the host institution may agree to enrol a candidate free of charge regardless of his or her proficiency in Hungarian.
- Two references (one from the institution where the candidate is employed or studies, and the other, for doctorate candidates, from their faculty advisor or consultant). This requirement does not apply to basic university programmes and summer schools.
- A certified copy of a document confirming the candidate's status in the institution where he or she studies (for basic university level students only).
- A formal invitation from a host organisation in Hungary (this requirement does not apply to summer schools). Doctorate course candidates are to produce an invitation from the head of an accredited Hungarian organisation offering such programmes.
- List of publications (for doctorate, post-doctorate, or research programmes only).
- Medical certificate confirming the candidate's physical fitness for study under the chosen programme.



Candidates applying for scholarships in fine arts or music are to file the following additional documents and information:

- For fine art candidates, graphic artists, and sculptors: photographs of three of their works and sketches (showing the date of completion).
- For musicians: high-quality recordings of three musical works in different styles. Composers are to submit their scores. Candidates applying for scholarships in fine arts or music may be required, under certain circumstances, to take relevant examinations at the host organisation in Hungary. Candidates applying for study at the Ferenc Liszt Music Academy should also file their applications directly with the Academy by March 1 of the respective year, because passing entrance examinations at the Academy is mandatory to qualify for scholarships (even for persons formally invited). Candidates are also to indicate that they have sent an application to the Hungarian Scholarship Board. More details can be obtained from the International Office of the Ferenc Liszt Music Academy (e-mail: international@lfze.hu, tel.: +36-1-462-4615 or +36-1-462-4616).

Incomplete or incorrectly filed applications will not be considered. No documents will be returned.

APPLICATION FILING

Candidates should approach the relevant bodies in their own countries for details regarding the application procedure and application filing deadlines. These bodies should send the applications they have approved to the Hungarian Scholarship Board (HSB) before April 30 of the respective year, regardless of any other deadlines. The HSB will examine those applications only. The HSB's decisions require approval of the Hungarian Minister of Education. The candidates will be notified of the decision in June of the respective year.

COOPERATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES

In 2006, the Hungarian Education Ministry and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation signed a protocol of cooperation in education for 2006-2008. In particular, the protocol sets forth the following annual education quotas for Russian citizens:

- 112 Russian students in Mechatronics and Robots and Robotics Systems at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics with the end goal of presenting their Masters theses and receiving Masters degrees (under a two-year programme);
- 8 students in the basic course (including a preparatory course to study Hungarian language) at St. István University, with the opportunity to enrol in a full course of education;
- 2 students in the basic course of education at Hungarian higher educational institutions in different disciplines (including a preparatory course to study Hungarian language), with the opportunity to enrol in a full course of education;
- 6 Russian graduates of Hungarian higher educational institutions in post-graduate courses for three years;



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- 5 students of the Izhevsk State Technological University at the University of Pecs for five months.

To improve the quality of Hungarian language and literature teaching at Russian higher educational institutions, Hungarian institutions of higher learning will offer training every year to:

- 15 students in Hungarian Language and Literature for five months;
- 5 students and instructors to take summer courses in Hungarian for a period of up to one month.

To enable native speakers of Finno-Ugric languages in Russia to improve their knowledge of the Hungarian language, Hungarian institutions of higher learning will offer training every year to:

- 5 graduate and post-graduate students for up to 10 months;
- 5 graduate and post-graduate students for a full course of studies at Hungarian higher educational institutions (including a preparatory course to study the Hungarian language);
- 2 students of Udmurtia State University at summer courses to study the Hungarian language for up to one month;
- 5 students and instructors at summer courses to study the Hungarian language for two weeks.

These educational courses in Hungary are financed jointly by Hungarian and Russian sources.





WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Hungarian Scholarship Board <http://www.scholarship.hu/english/index.html>
Ministry of Education of the Republic of Hungary <http://www.om.hu/education>

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For more information about Hungarian higher education please visit the following websites:

1. Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs <http://www.mfa.gov.hu>
2. Hungary online <http://www.hungary.hu>
3. A User's Guide to Hungary <http://www.studyinhungary.hu/>
4. Hungarian Accreditation Committee <http://www.mab.hu/english>
5. CampusHungary Information Office for foreign students <http://www.campushungary.hu>
6. Tempus Public Foundation <http://www.tpf.iif.hu>
7. Balassi Bálint Institute http://www.bbi.hu/bbi_en/almenuk.php



Ireland

Basic Information about Ireland

Ireland (Éire in the Irish language) is situated in the extreme north-west of Europe between the Atlantic Ocean and the Irish Sea. The island of Ireland has a large central lowland with a relief of hills and several coastal mountains and consists of 32 counties, the six of which to the north-east make up Northern Ireland, part of the United Kingdom. The capital of Ireland is Dublin, and St. Patrick's Day, 17 March, is the National Holiday. Ireland has a population of approximately 4.1 million and two official languages, Irish and English. The language of instruction in schools is English. Ireland is a two-house parliamentary democracy with an elected President as Head of State.

The Higher Education System

The Irish higher education system was traditionally divided into three basic levels: primary (8 years), secondary (5 or 6 years) and third level, which offers a wide range of opportunities from post-secondary courses to vocational and technical training, as well as full degrees and the highest post-graduate levels.

The higher education system in Ireland is broad in scope and encompasses the university sector, the technology sector, education colleges and private, independent colleges. The institutions falling within the first three groupings are autonomous and self governing, but substantially state-funded.

Admission to higher education for Irish students is competitive and based upon performance in the final secondary school examination, the Leaving Certificate. Admission requirements for overseas students are determined individually by each institution and are generally based on performance in national examinations and English language aptitude.

The following academic awards can be acquired at Irish higher education institutions:

- **Higher Certificate:** Two-year, full-time course.
- **Ordinary Bachelors Degree:** Three-year, full-time course.
- **Honours Bachelors Degree:** Normally a three- or four-year course.
- **Graduate Diploma:** Designed for graduates seeking vocational reorientation – usually a one-year course.
- **Masters Degree:** Either by research or through a programme of teaching. Normally one or two years in duration.
- **Doctorate (PhD):** Usually takes a minimum of three years of original research.

The academic year typically runs from September to June and is divided into either two or three semesters with holidays in December (Christmas) and April (Easter).



Most universities run according to a semester system and modularisation have been introduced at most colleges to allow greater flexibility for students. Teaching at undergraduate level generally involves a programme of lectures supplemented by tutorials, practical demonstrations and laboratory work (where relevant).

Scholarships

The programme of cultural cooperation between Ireland and the Russian Federation aims to develop and strengthen cultural and educational ties between our two countries. Under this programme, the Irish Department of Education and Science offers a limited number of scholarships to students from the Russian Federation for academic year post-graduate research study and to help students attend a university summer school. The programme also provides for one professor/expert exchange visit for a maximum of seven days.

Students should contact the Russian Federal Agency of Education and Science Department of International Education and Cooperation, which is responsible for selecting students and professors/experts.

Other post-graduate scholarships open to students of the Russian Federation

Some scholarships for overseas students are available from the universities and colleges themselves. Students are advised to contact the international office of the institution of their choice directly to obtain further information.

Trinity College Dublin: <http://www.tcd.ie>
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e-mail: ISA.Office@tcd.ie



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e-mail: admissions@ucd.ie

University College Cork:

<http://www.ucc.ie>

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e-mail: isoffice@ucc.ie

National University of Ireland, Galway:

<http://www.ucg.ie>

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National University of Ireland, Maynooth:

<http://www.nuim.ie>

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e-mail: International.Office@nuim.ie

Dublin City University:

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e-mail: international.office@dcu.ie

University of Limerick:

<http://www.ul.ie>

Information in Russian:

<http://www.ul.ie/internationaleducation/russian.php>

Tel.: +353 61 202414

e-mail: int.ed@ul.ie

Dublin Institute of Technology:

<http://www.dit.ie>

e-mail: international@dit.ie

The Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences offers post-doctoral fellowships: <http://www.irchss.ie>

Full details of third level institutions are available at:

<http://www.educationireland.ie>



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Enterprise Ireland, Moscow (in Russian)
<http://www.enterprise-ireland.ru/education/education.php>

The Government of Ireland <http://www.irlgov.ie>

The Department of Foreign Affairs <http://www.foreignaffairs.gov.ie>

International Education Board "Education Ireland" <http://www.educationireland.ie>

Department of Education and Science <http://www.education.ie>

Central Applications Office (CAO), processes applications for undergraduate courses
<http://www.cao.ie>

Higher Education Authority <http://www.hea.ie>

The Advisory Council for English Language Schools (ACELS), gives a full list of recognised language schools <http://www.acels.ie>

MEI-RELSA, an association of 56 English Language Schools <http://www.mei.ie>

Irish Council for International Students <http://www.icosirl.ie>

Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) <http://www.sfi.ie>

FÁS – Training and Employment Authority <http://www.fas.ie>

Tourism Ireland <http://www.tourismireland.com>

Fáilte Ireland, the National Tourism Development Authority <http://www.failteireland.ie>



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BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT ITALY

Italy is situated in southern Europe, in the centre of the Mediterranean. Due to its geographical location, it has been a bridge between different cultures and civilizations for centuries. The territory of the country includes the mainland and the islands of Sicily and Sardinia, as well as some other smaller islands.

Most of the cultural sites included in the UNESCO List of World Cultural and Natural Heritage Sites and one of the most ancient universities in the world (in Bologna) can be found in Italy.

Italy has a population of 58 million. The official language is Italian, which is spoken by 94% of the population as the mother tongue. There are several ethnic and linguistic minorities, such as the German speaking population (0.5%), Albanians (0.17%), Slovenes (0.12%), and a small number of Greeks (0.03%) and French speakers (0.03%).

Rome, the capital of the country, is also the location of the Vatican City State. In 1957, an agreement was signed in Rome that marked the birth of the European Union.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Italian higher education is structured as a binary system consisting of two main sectors:

- The university sector;
- The non-university sector.

THE UNIVERSITY SECTOR

At present, the university sector is made up of 83 university institutions consisting of:

- 58 state universities (Università statali);
- 17 non-state universities (legally recognised by the state) (Università non statali, legalmente riconosciute);
- 2 universities for foreigners (Università per Stranieri);
- 3 higher schools specializing in postgraduate university studies (Scuole Superiori);
- 3 polytechnical universities (Politecnici).

Further information about the university sector is available at:
<http://www.study-in-italy.it/study/university-sector.html>.



THE NON-UNIVERSITY SECTOR

The non-university sector includes 4 different types of educational institution:

- Higher schools of design: polytechnics for the arts, academies of fine arts, higher institutes of applied arts, music conservatories and recognized music institutes, higher institutes of music and choreographic studies, national academies;
- Higher schools of language studies;
- Higher integrated education (FIS): programmes of higher technical education and training (IFTS);
- A few specific fields (e.g. archiving, diplomacy, restoration, military studies, etc.) which, along with their respective institutions, fall under the supervision of corresponding ministries.

Further information about the non-university sector is available at:

<http://www.study-in-italy.it/study/non-university-sector.html>.

University level first stage: First Cycle

In 2001-2002, new teaching regulations were implemented. Two main different types of programmes and degrees will co-exist in Italian universities for some years, traditional courses based on the previous regulations, which are gradually disappearing, and the new courses. Under the new system, undergraduate studies consist of Corsi di Laurea (CL, first degree courses) aimed at guaranteeing students adequate command of general scientific methods and contents, as well as specific professional skills. First degree courses last three years.



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University level second stage: Second Cycle

Under the new system, graduate studies include Corsi di Laurea Specialistica (CLS), Corsi di Specializzazione di 1° livello (CS1) and Corsi di Master Universitario di 1° livello (CMU1). The duration of the courses varies from two to three years.

University level third stage: Third Cycle

In the new system, post-graduate studies include Corsi di Dottorato di Ricerca-CDR (research doctorate programmes), Corsi di Specializzazione di 2° livello-CS2 (second level specialization courses) and Corsi di Master Universitario di 2° livello-CMU2 (second level university Masters degree courses).

For further information, please visit <http://www.study-in-italy.it>

SCHOLARSHIPS

Some scholarships from the Italian government are available for Russian citizens.

The Italian government promotes the Italian language and culture through scholarships.

Scholarships are primarily managed by the Italian Cultural Institute in Moscow and Saint-Petersburg (Istituto Italiano di Cultura – Cultural Section of the Italian Embassy in Moscow). For detailed information, please contact the Italian Cultural Institute in Moscow or Saint-Petersburg:

<http://www.iicmosca.esteri.it>

<http://www.iicsanpietroburgo.esteri.it>

Scholarships are available in the following fields of study: linguistics, literature, fine arts, natural sciences, and restoration. Scholarship holders may study and carry out research in different public institutions: universities, academies, conservatories, restoration institutes, the National School of Cinematography, libraries, archives, museums, etc.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES SHOULD:

- Have a Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Attestat o polnom srednem obrazovanii) and be students;
- Have a good command of Italian (for courses taught in Italian);
- Be no older than 35.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Candidates must submit the following documents to the Federal Agency of Education (ul. Liusinovskaya, 51, tel. +7 495 237 25 98):



- A letter from the university, signed by a Rector or a Vice Rector.
- A curriculum vitae certified by the university (two copies with photos), with indication of the contact number of the candidate, of his nearest relatives and all his journeys abroad and their goals.
- A plan of work abroad with indication, if possible, of the admitting Italian university, accompanied by an explanation of the necessity of the visit to another country.
- A letter from the Italian University where they want to continue their studies.
- Two letters of recommendation from Russian professors or senior officials of the university
- A language knowledge certificate.
- Copies and translations of their diploma (for those who have already graduated from the university) or of the extract from the student's record book for the whole period of studies.
- Each document should be certified by the university seal.

The deadlines for the academic year 2008-2009 will be available on the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (<http://www.esteri.it>) and on the Italian Cultural Institute in Moscow website (<http://www.icmosca.esteri.it>) from February 2008.

SUMMER COURSES

Some Italian universities and summer schools offer scholarships (during the period from May to September) for those wishing to improve their knowledge of the Italian language (not for beginners). For additional information, please visit the website of the Italian Cultural Institute in Moscow or Saint-Petersburg:

<http://www.icmosca.esteri.it>

<http://www.iicsanpietroburgo.esteri.it>



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Ministry of Universities and Research (Ministero dell' Università e della Ricerca)
<http://www.miur.it>

Ministry of Education (Ministero dell'Istruzione)
Website: <http://www.istruzione.it>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ministero degli Affari Esteri)
<http://www.esteri.it>

School No. 136 (Italian-Russian bilingual school)
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Latvia

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT LATVIA

Latvia is the central country of the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania). On the world map Latvia is to be found in north-eastern Europe, on the east coast of the Baltic Sea. Latvia is bound by Belarus, Estonia, Lithuania and Russia. It is situated on a trade crossroads and has long since served as a bridge between Western Europe and Russia. The capital of the country is Riga. The population in 2005 was 2,306,600. The official language is Latvian. The most widely used foreign languages in the country are English, Russian and German.

Latvians are the indigenous people of Latvia. Ethnic composition (2005): 58.9% Latvian, 28.6% Russian, 3.8% Belarusian, 2.6% Ukrainian, 2.4% Polish, 1.4% Lithuanian, 0.4% Jewish, 0.1% Estonian, 1.8% other nationalities. The ethnic mix of the Latvian population is largely the result of massive post-war immigration, which resulted in a decline in the percentage of ethnic Latvians from 77% in 1935 to 52% in 1989.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

There are five universities and a number of other higher educational institutions in Latvia. All the universities and 31 other institutions (including 16 colleges) are state-run. In addition, there are 20 private institutions (including 4 colleges), all of which are state-recognised. All the recognised institutions enjoy autonomy. Higher educational institutions confer academic degrees and professional higher educational qualifications.

University level first stage: Undergraduate

The first cycle leads to a Bakalaurs (Bachelor degree), which in most cases includes the preparation of a thesis. The programme lasts from three to four years. Holders are eligible for further study towards a Magistrs degree or higher professional education qualifications.

University level second stage: Post-graduate

The second cycle leads to a Magistrs (Masters degree), a final higher education qualification awarded one to two years after the Bakalaurs. This degree also requires the presentation of a thesis. The total duration of the course of study is no less than five years.

University level third stage: Doktor (Doctorate)

Doctoral studies are available at both higher educational institutions and research institutes. A Doctors degree is awarded three to four years after completion of the Magistrs and following the public defence of a thesis.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Latvian higher education system is open to international students. The Higher Education Quality Evaluation Centre (HEQEC) website (<http://www.aiknc.lv/lv/list.php>) provides a list of higher educational institutions and colleges (information is available in English). More information on the education system of the Republic of Latvia, on education-related regulatory acts, higher educational institutions, and recognition of foreign diplomas in Latvia can be found on the web page of the Latvian Academic Information Centre at: <http://www.aic.lv>. At present, no scholarships are available to Russian students, but enrolment in the Latvian higher education system is possible.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Ministry of Education and Science (Izglītības un Zinātnes Ministrija)
<http://www.izm.gov.lv>

Latvian Academic Information Centre (<http://www.aic.lv>). This website includes the home pages of the Higher Education Council (Augstākās izglītības padome) and the Latvian Rectors Councils (Latvijas rektoru padome)



Lithuania

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT LITHUANIA

Lithuania is the largest of the three Baltic States. It is bound by the Baltic Sea, Latvia, Poland and the Kaliningrad Oblast of Russia and Belarus. The capital of the country is Vilnius. Lithuania has a population of 3.5 million people, 87% of whom are ethnic Lithuanians, 6.31% ethnic Russians and 6.74% ethnic Poles. The official language is Lithuanian.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

In Lithuania, higher educational institutions provide study programmes of varying duration and levels. The institutions are of two types: universities and colleges – non-university higher educational institutions. Universities offer bachelors, masters and doctoral programmes, high-level professional creative artistic activities, post-graduate art studies and research opportunities. A college is a higher educational institution where non-university studies prevail, applied research is carried out and (or) professional arts are developed. Non-university consecutive studies are professional studies intended for training for a professional career. Since 2007, a Professional Bachelors degree has been introduced.

University level (first cycle): Undergraduate studies (Pagrindinės studijos):

Undergraduate studies leading to a Bachelors degree (Bakalauras) or a professional qualification normally last four years.

University level (second cycle): Specialized or Masters studies (Magistras), integrated studies:

Upon completion of an undergraduate study programme, graduates may pursue specialized professional studies or studies leading to a Masters degree lasting 1½ to 2 years. Specialised professional study programmes lasting 1-2 years lead to professional qualifications. There are also integrated studies (i.e. combined first and second cycles): the duration of studies is no more than 6 academic years and no less than 5 academic years.

University level (third cycle): Rezidentūra (Residency), Meno aspirantūra (Post-graduate art studies), Doktorantūra (Doctoral studies):

Doctoral studies last 4 years and can be pursued after completing the second cycle, integrated studies, or acquiring equivalent qualifications. Upon completion of the doctoral



course, a doctoral thesis must be prepared and publicly defended by the candidate in order to qualify for a Doctorate. Doctoral studies must be jointly organised by higher educational and research institutions.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania offers Russian students the following scholarships:

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Republic of Lithuania offers Russian students two scholarships a year for summer language and culture courses organised by Lithuanian universities. However, the number of scholarships may be reconsidered and enlarged subject to an unused quota by other foreign countries (e.g. in 2007, 7 Russian students were awarded summer scholarships).

For further information on the application procedure and deadlines, please contact the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania or the Lithuanian Embassy in Moscow.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Republic of Lithuania offers two scholarships with total duration of 20 months a year for Russian students' Lithuanian (Baltic) Studies. However, the number of scholarships may be reconsidered and enlarged subject to an unused quota by other foreign countries.

For further information on the application procedure and deadlines, please contact the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania or the Lithuanian Embassy in Moscow.



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Luxembourg

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT LUXEMBOURG

Luxembourg is situated at the heart of Western Europe, bordering Germany to the east, Belgium to the west and France to the south. The country has two clearly defined regions: The «Eisléck» or 'Oesling' in the north, which covers one-third of the territory and is part of the Ardennes on the western rim of the Eifel. It is a wooded country of great scenic beauty; the «Good country» in the center and the south, covering the remainder of the territory, is mainly rolling farmland and woods. It is bordered in the east by the wine-producing valley of the Moselle, and in the extreme south-west by a narrow strip of red earth which forms the Luxembourg iron-ore basin. Luxembourg has a population of 459,900 inhabitants of which over a third are foreign nationals. «Lëtzebuergesch» is the everyday spoken language of the people, and the symbol of the Luxembourgers national identity. Since the creation of a dictionary and grammar rules, this former Mosel-Frankish dialect is now recognized as the national language (since 1984), while both French and German remain official languages. German and French culture meet in Luxembourg and Franco-German bilingualism, without any language differences, is a typical aspect of the country's social structure. Although both German and French are used in the press, in political and in religious life, French is the official language of the administration, legal system, parliament, education, and some literary circles. The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is a hereditary constitutional monarchy. Its current head of state is Grand Duke Henri, who acceded to the throne on 7 October, 2000. Executive power is in the hands of the Grand Duke and a Cabinet of 12 ministers. The legislative power rests with a Parliament (Chamber of Deputies) elected by men and women over 18, all of whom have the right and duty to vote in Luxembourg.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

THE UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG

The University of Luxembourg was founded in 2003. It is the first and only university in Luxembourg. By selecting the University of Luxembourg for your path of higher education, you choose a young and dynamic university seeking growth, to which you can contribute and actively take part in its development process. You will be studying in a unique environment: geographically, Luxembourg is situated in the heart of Europe, and you will find many European institutions and companies here. The university has three faculties: The Faculty of Sciences, Technology and Communication (FSTC), the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance (FDEF) and the Faculty of Language and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education (FLSHASE). Courses are organized on three levels: Bachelor, Master and Doctorates. There are currently 10 bachelor and 12 mas-



ter programmes at the university in line with the European Bologna standard. Access to the University of Luxembourg is regulated by the law that created the university (see <http://www.uni.lu>).

The University of Luxembourg has an international focus. Courses are taught in French, German and English. Strong connections to foreign universities, for example to jointly develop the syllabus or to cooperate in student exchange programmes, is a further characteristic of the institution. In addition, undergraduate students are required to study at least one semester abroad (the so called “mobility principle”).

Undergraduate studies

FSTC offers Bachelor studies in sciences and engineering, life sciences, as well as in engineering and computer science. FDEF organizes bachelor courses in law, economics and management, management, and IT management. Undergraduate courses in FLSHASE comprise European culture, psychology, educational science, as well as social and educational sciences.

Post-graduate studies

FSTC and FDEF commonly organize the Masters course in Information and Computer Sciences. FDEF further offers a Masters in European law, financial economics, banking and finance, and security management of information systems. FLSHASE Masters degrees are: contemporary European history, psychology, mediation, gerontology, cross-border communication and co-operation, as well as philosophy. A Masters in European sustainable spatial development and analysis is currently being developed.



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DOCTORATES

The University of Luxembourg follows the model of a research-led university. A certain number of research areas are considered high priority: security and reliability of information technology, material science, life sciences, European and business law, finance, educational science and Luxembourg studies. Geodynamics and seismology, environmental resources and technologies, the economy and entrepreneurship, as well as social sciences are medium priority. Mathematics, computational engineering, the multilingual university, and European governance are classified low priorities. Students have the opportunity to pursue doctorate studies under the supervision of academic staff authorized to manage doctoral theses. Doctorates can also be co-supervised by a foreign researcher authorized to manage research at an institution abroad.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Within the framework of the "Programme for Cooperation in Science, Education, Culture and Sport" agreed between Luxembourg and Russia, Luxembourg offers scholarships for Russian students at the University of Luxembourg in the following areas:

- Bachelor professionnel en informatique de gestion/Bachelors degree in management and computer science.
- Bachelor en ingénierie et informatique/Bachelors degree in engineering and computer science.
- Master académique en droit européen/Masters degree in European law.

There are also scholarships available for teaching and banking courses for 4th and 5th year students.



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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Ministry of National Education, Professional Training and Sports (Ministere de education national, de la formation professionnelle et des sports)
<http://www.men.lu>

Government of Luxembourg
<http://www.gouvernement.lu>



Malta

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT MALTA

The Maltese archipelago basically consists of three islands: Comino, Gozo and Malta. Located in the Mediterranean Sea, just 93 kilometres south of Sicily, the archipelago covers a total surface area of 316 square kilometres with a population of 0.4 million. The largest island of the group is Malta, from which the archipelago takes its name. Valletta, the capital, is the cultural, administrative and commercial centre of the archipelago. Malta is well served with harbors, the main one being Valletta Grand Harbour. The official languages are Maltese and English, but Maltese is described in the Constitution of Malta as the national language. Maltese is a mixed language, being basically Semitic and super-structurally Romance with some influence from the English. Italian is also widely understood and spoken in Malta. Malta became an independent state in September 1964, after being under British rule since 1800.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Higher education is mainly provided by the University of Malta.

University level first stage

Certificates, diplomas and Bachelors degrees are awarded in such fields as nursing, diplomatic studies, management, administration, law, librarian science, religious studies and political science after a course lasting from one to three years. A Bachelors (general) degree is received in three years. A Bachelors (honours) degree is received in four or five years, depending on the field of study.

University level second stage

The second stage leads to a Masters degree after a period of one to two years. Candidates must hold an appropriate first degree with at least second-class honours. In special circumstances, candidates without an honors degree may be admitted after taking a one-year preparatory course and successfully passing a qualifying examination. Masters degree courses require candidates to submit a dissertation in addition to successfully completing the required courses.

Doctorate degrees

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) and Doctor of Law (LL.D.) degrees are awarded by the faculties of Medicine and Law respectively, at the end of a 5- or 6-year course. A Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree is awarded after at least 3 years of study following the award of a



Masters degree. Ph.D. candidates are required to submit a thesis after a period of research on an approved topic.

SCHOLARSHIPS

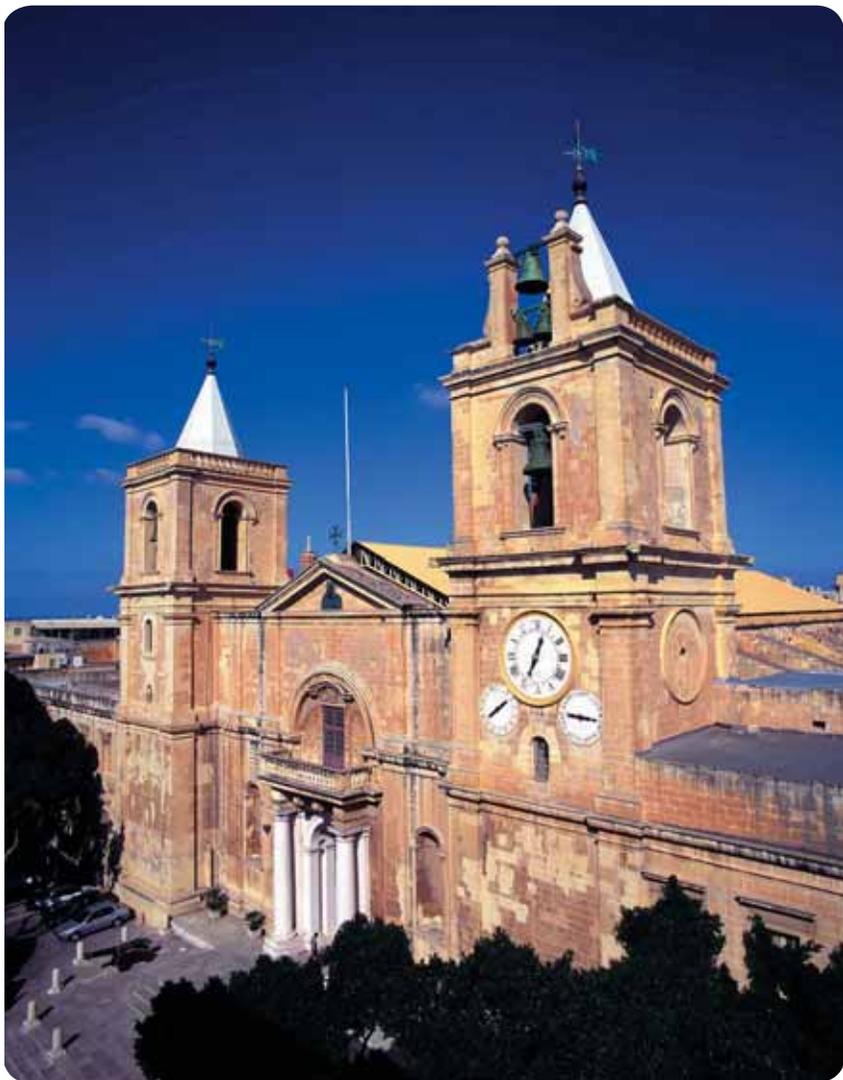
The higher education system of Malta is open to international students. Currently there are over 600 full-time foreign students from some 75 countries in attendance. In addition, around 300 foreign students participate in semester exchanges. The International Office of the University of Malta (<http://www.um.edu.mt/intoff>) provides information and services regarding course requirements, accommodation, immigration, financial matters, health issues, university procedures, regulations and qualifications. At present, no scholarships are available, but it is possible to enrol in higher education institutions in Malta. For more information, please visit the websites below (see section «Where can I find more information»).

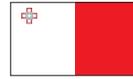


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Department of information of Malta http://www.gov.mt/frame.asp?l=1&url=http://www.doi.gov.mt/en/ministries_and_departments/default.asp

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<http://www.foreign.gov.mt>

University of Malta, International Office
<http://www.um.edu.mt/intoff>

Ministry of Education
<http://www.education.gov.mt/default.asp>



The Netherlands

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands is located in north-western Europe. It is bound by the North Sea to the north and west, Germany to the east and Belgium to the south. The country is largely a delta of the Rhine and Maas rivers. The inland area is below sea level in some places and protected by coastal dunes and dykes. The capital of the country is Amsterdam, but The Hague is the seat of the Queen, government and parliament. The country has a population of 16.3 million.

The official language is Dutch, while English is also widely understood. The Kingdom of the Netherlands is a constitutional and hereditary monarchy with a bicameral parliament (Staten-Generaal). The Head of State, Queen Beatrix, ascended to the throne in 1980, marking her Silver Jubilee on 30 April 2005.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Netherlands higher educational system is a dual system composed of two main types of regular higher education: Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (WO – university education) and Hoger Beroepsonderwijs (HBO – higher professional education). The universities (WO) focus on the independent practice of research-oriented work in an academic or professional setting. The universities of professional education (HBO) are more practically oriented, preparing students directly for specific careers. A smaller branch of education is provided by Institutes of International Education – Internationaal Onderwijs (IO), which offer programmes designed especially for foreign students. International education is generally conducted in English.

Students who enrol in higher education programmes obtain a Bachelors degree upon completion of the undergraduate phase, and a Masters degree upon completion of the graduate phase. Universities (WO) and universities of professional education (HBO) award both types of degrees, but with a difference in orientation: most degree programmes at universities focus on science, and those at universities of professional education on applied science. Institutes for International education (IO) offer Masters programmes, but no Bachelors programmes.

A Bachelors programme at a university requires three years of full-time study (180 ECTS credits) to complete, while a Bachelors programme offered by a university of professional education requires four years of full-time study (240 credits). Depending on the discipline, Masters programmes at universities, universities of professional education and institutes for International Education last one to two years (60–120 credits). Doctorate (PhD) programmes are only offered at universities (WO) and last at least four years.



STUDY IN THE NETHERLANDS

More than 1,150 international study programmes are offered in English by Dutch higher education institutions. These include degree programmes (Bachelor and Master) as well as short courses of various duration for mid-career specialists in different fields. The programmes taught in English are listed in the online Overview of International Study Programmes and Courses: <http://www.studyin.nl/ispacsearch>. Every study programme has its own website accessible from the online overview mentioned. On the programme's site, you can find all admission requirements and tuition fees. As a rule, a TOEFL or IELTS certificate is required.

Foreign students with a good knowledge of Dutch may also enrol in Dutch-taught Bachelors of Masters programmes at Dutch institutions. Links to the websites of all Dutch higher education institutions are posted at: <http://www.studyin.nl/education/overview-institutions-for-higher-education>.

If your study period exceeds three months, a temporary residence permit (MVV) must be applied for: see http://www.netherlands-embassy.ru/visa_mv.html. The regular MVV application procedure may take more than six months. However, the Dutch host institution can apply for an MVV on your behalf using a faster procedure. To do this, the institution must state that it will be financially responsible for you. More information is available on the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) website of the Netherlands Ministry of Justice (<http://www.ind.nl/EN/index.asp>) or at: <http://www.nuffic.net/immigration>. If your study period is less than three months, you must apply for a regular Schengen visa; in which case you need an original invitation from the course administration.



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With a residence permit for study, students may work for brief periods. This means that a student may not work more than 10 hours per week, or may do only seasonal work (in June, July and August).

SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Huygens Scholarships Programme (HSP)

The HSP programme is aimed at talented students who want to come to the Netherlands in the final phase of their Bachelors studies or during their Masters studies. Study in the Netherlands can include research and/or practical training. However, HSP scholarships cannot be awarded to finance PhD studies in the Netherlands. Part of the total budget is reserved for students following programmes in Dutch language and literature. The HSP programme is administered by Nuffic, the Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education. Scholarships are awarded for a period of no less than 6 months and no more than 24 months.

A HSP scholarship includes the following components:

- A monthly allowance of €900 (this includes a standard contribution towards health-care insurance).
- Reimbursement of tuition fees.
- Visa fees (standard contribution).
- A one-time payment toward international travel costs (standard contribution based on country of origin).

To be selected for a HSP scholarship, you should meet the following requirements:

- You have been academically admitted to a study programme in the Netherlands.
- Your study programme in the Netherlands should be accredited, i.e., no scholarships can be awarded to pursue an individually tailored programme.
- Your study in the Netherlands should be in the final phase of your Bachelors studies, or during your Masters studies. If you are already a graduate, you should have graduated less than two years ago.
- Your studies in the Netherlands should be primarily aimed at earning a degree at a Dutch institution.
- You should provide evidence that you are sufficiently skilled in speaking and writing the language in which the course is taught (English or Dutch).
- You must be no older than 35 at the start of your study period in the Netherlands (1 September of each year).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

NB: Before you can apply for a HSP scholarship, you should first obtain a HSP Huygens application number. You can receive an application number in the following way:

1. First, apply for academic admission to a study programme in the Netherlands. To



choose a programme, you can use the online database of English-taught study programme available at <http://www.studyin.nl/ispacsearch>.

This database contains links to the websites of more than 1,200 English-taught programmes, including application forms and lists of required documents.

2. When you apply for admission, you should indicate that you wish to apply for a HSP Huygens scholarship.
3. If the Dutch institution accepts your candidacy for a HSP scholarship, they will send an approval notice to Nuffic. The approval notice must be received by 15 January at the latest.
4. Once Nuffic has processed the information contained in the approval notice, Nuffic will send you your HSP application number by e-mail.

NB: Although application deadlines at most institutions are in June or July, please note that your academic admission procedure must be underway as early as December of the preceding year.

As soon as you have received a HSP Huygens application number, you may submit a scholarship application to Nuffic. The HSP application form, the list of required documents and other important information are available at:

<http://www.studyin.nl/scholarships/world-wide/hsp-huygens-programme>.

Once you have compiled your application dossier, send it (by express mail) to:

HSP Huygens
Dept. for International Academic Relations
Nuffic
P.O. Box 29777
2502 LT The Hague
The Netherlands
Tel.: +31 70 4260260

Your application must be received by Nuffic by 1 February of each year. If you have any questions, please write to hsphuygens@nuffic.nl.

2. Matra Training for European Cooperation (MTEC) Scholarships

Within the framework of the MTEC programme, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs offers a number of full scholarships for graduate students, recent graduates and professionals from states which have either just acceded to the European Union or will do so in the near future, and from those states which border on the extended Union to the east and south. This programme is administered by Bureau CROSS, the Dutch Governmental Agency for Cooperation in Education between the Netherlands and Central and Eastern Europe:

<http://www.cross-agency.nl>.



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MTEC ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

A limited number of MTEC scholarships is provided for persons accepted for one of the following one-year Masters programmes:

- LL.M. in International and European Law, Faculty of Law, Universiteit van Amsterdam.
- MSc in Public Administration, University of Twente.
- MSc in Public Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, Maastricht University.
- MA Programmes in European Studies, Faculty of Arts and Culture, Maastricht University.

MTEC scholarships are intended for graduate students, recent graduates and professionals employed in the relevant fields. They should have completed a Bachelors (or equivalent) degree course in a subject corresponding with one of the MTEC programmes mentioned. Professionals are required to acquire permission from their employer to study a year abroad and be issued with the guarantee that they can resume their position upon return. Prospective students need to have an internationally recognized English language certificate with a sufficient score (for example, at least 6.5 on an IELTS test), and be no older than 35.

MTEC SHORT COURSES

Under the MTEC programme, the following annual courses for mid-career professionals are open for Russian citizens:

- Food Safety: three weeks in October.
- Public Health: two weeks in November.
- Administration of Justice: two weeks in November.

The courses are intended for government officials and persons working for research organisations in relevant fields. The candidates should hold a middle or higher management position in their organisations and be fluent in spoken and written English. All costs are covered by the MTEC fellowship. More information can be found in the course brochures available at <http://www.cross-agency.nl> (click «Downloads»).

MTEC APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates should apply through the <http://www.cross-agency.nl> website and also send a printed application form to the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Moscow. Furthermore, applicants for Masters programmes should go through the regular admission procedure via the respective institution's website.

You can also find detailed information about MTEC scholarships at <http://www.cross-agency.nl>, including conditions regarding application and the entitlements and obligations attached to the scholarships.



WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Study in Holland: comprehensive information on various aspects of study in the Netherlands <http://www.nuffic.nl>

Online database of English-taught study programmes in the Netherlands (more than 1,150 programmes) <http://www.studyin.nl/ispacsearch>

Scholarships for study in the Netherlands <http://www.grantfinder.nl>

Full listing of all higher educational institutions in the Netherlands
<http://www.studyin.nl/education/overview-institutions-for-higher-education>

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Tel.: +7 495 797 29 00
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e-mail: mos@minbuza.nl
<http://www.netherlands-embassy.ru>

Neso (Netherlands Education Support Office) in Moscow
109189, Moscow, ul. Nikoloyamskaya, 1
All-Russian State Library of Foreign Literature named after M.I. Rudomino
Tel.: +7 495 915 69 79
<http://www.nesorussia.com>
e-mail: nesorussia@gmail.com

Consulate General of the Netherlands in St. Petersburg
191186, St. Petersburg, naberezhnaya reki Moiki, 11
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Poland

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT POLAND

Poland is situated in Central Europe. It is bound by the Baltic Sea, Belarus, the Czech Republic, Germany, Lithuania, Slovakia and Ukraine. The country is mostly part of the Great European Plain, while to the south, the plain rises to the Carpathian and Sudeten Mountains. Poland has 38.2 million inhabitants. The principal ethnic majority are Poles, who are of west Slavic origin. The official language is Polish. The capital of the country is Warsaw.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

At present in Poland there are both university-level and non-university level (professional education) institutions. Graduates of higher professional courses (offered by państwowe wyższe szkoły zawodowe and wyższe szkoły zawodowe) are awarded the professional title of licencjat or inżynier after 3 to 4 years of study. Graduates of university-level higher educational institutions are awarded the professional title of magister or its equivalent after taking standard 5-year magister level courses or 1.5 to 2-year complementary magister level courses (for holders of the professional title of licencjat or inżynier received either at university-type institutions or institutions of higher professional education). The academic degree of doktor may be acquired in two ways: by students of doctoral (post-graduate) studies, usually lasting 3-4 years, or by persons who combine their professional work with academic research and elaboration of a dissertation. All candidates must hold the professional title of magister or its equivalent. A doktor habilitowany degree is awarded to candidates who already have a doktor degree. It may be acquired either by academic staff of higher educational institutions and research units, or by persons who combine their research work with other professional activities. To be awarded an academic degree of doktor habilitowany, the candidate must: have remarkable scientific or artistic achievements; submit a habilitation dissertation which contributes to the development of a given scientific discipline; receive a favourable assessment of his/her dissertation from three supervisors; pass a habilitation examination and deliver a favourably assessed habilitation lecture.

There are a total of 124 state higher educational institutions and 320 non-state higher educational institutions. The most common form of admission is maturity certificate or the entrance examination.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Within the framework of scientific cooperation between Poland and Russia, several scholarships are available for Russian students:



- Ten-month Training Programmes organized by the Polish Government in Polish Universities for young Russian scientists (about 10 per year).
- A Queen Jadwiga scholarship at the Jagiellonian University for scientists and researchers (12 months, 1,500 złoty a month).
- A Jozef Dietl scholarship at the Jagiellonian University for medical scientists (12 months).
- 25 scholarships for 2-year complementary studies for Russian citizens at Warsaw University.
- Free summer Polish language courses for students of universities where Polish lecturers teach: Moscow, Ulan Ude, Irkutsk, Kaliningrad, Bryansk, Novosibirsk, St Petersburg, Archangelsk (in 2007 – 40 students).
- Free Polish language courses for Russian citizens of Polish origin.
- Training programmes at Polish state universities for Russian citizens of Polish origin (about 20 per year).
- Cooperation programmes between Polish and Russian universities (common scientific programmes, exchange of scientists and students), for example:
 - The University of Gdansk and MGIMO, MGU, the Pushkin Russian Language Institute, the University of St. Petersburg, the University of Yakutsk;
 - Jagiellonian University and MGU, RGGU, the Pushkin Russian Language Institute, the University of St. Petersburg, the University of Archangelsk;
 - Warsaw University and MGIMO, MGU, the Peoples' Friendship University in Moscow, the Pushkin Russian Language Institute, the University of Rostov.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply for a Polish government scholarship, you should submit an application to a Polish diplomatic mission – for example, the Polish Embassy in Moscow. For deadlines, please



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contact the Embassy. The application will be sent to the Bureau for Academic Recognition and International Exchange in Warsaw, which considers such documents. Final decisions are made by the Minister of Science and Higher Education. Candidates interested in applying as fee-paying students may submit their applications to a Polish diplomatic mission, or send them directly to the Polish university of their choice.

Candidates should complete a preparatory Polish course organized in Kraków, Łódź, Lublin, Rzeszów or Wrocław, or present a certificate issued by the university of their choice confirming that their command of the language is sufficient to study in Poland. Candidates also need to show they have the qualifications required by the university. Foreigners may be admitted without going through the admission procedures followed by Polish citizens.

For further information (deadlines, application procedure details), please contact the Cultural Service of the Polish Embassy in Moscow.





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e-mail: embassy@polandemb.ru

Polish Cultural Centre in Moscow
<http://www.ipol.ru/>
(Information about courses of Polish language in Moscow)

Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Ministerstwo Nauki i Szkolnictwa Wyższego)
<http://www.mnisw.gov.pl>

Bureau for Academic Recognition and International Exchange (Biuro Uznawalności Wykształcenia i Wymiany Międzynarodowej)
<http://www.buwilm.edu.pl>

Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (Biuro Konferencji Rektorów Akademickich Szkół w Polsce)
<http://www.krasp.org.pl>

On this website, you will find a virtual guide "How to study in Poland" with a table of courses and programmes, and a list of schools.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland (Ministerstwo Spraw Zagranicznych)
<http://www.msz.gov.pl>



Portugal

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT PORTUGAL

Portugal is situated in the south-western extremity of Europe, occupying the western littoral of the Iberian Peninsula. The territory also includes the Azores, Madeira and Porto Santo Islands. It is bound to the west and south by the Atlantic Ocean and to the east and north by Spain. The capital of the country is Lisbon. The population of the country is 10.4 million. The official language is Portuguese, which is spoken by the entire population.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Higher education includes university and polytechnic education.

University education is offered by public, private and cooperative university institutions, while polytechnic education is offered by public, private and cooperative non-university institutions.

The two systems of higher education (university and polytechnic) are linked and it is possible to transfer from one to the other. It is also possible to transfer from a public institution to a private one and vice-versa.

University and non-university education (first stage): **Bacharel/Licenciado**

In university and non-university education, the first stage leads to the award of the Bacharel or the Licenciado degree. The Bacharel degree is conferred after completing a course usually lasting 3 years. The Licenciado degree is conferred after completing a course lasting from 4 to 6 years of study.

University education (second stage): **Mestre**

The Mestre degree is awarded in a specific scientific field, indicating the ability to conduct practical research. Courses usually last 4 semesters and include lectures and the preparation and discussion of an original dissertation. It is only open to those who have obtained at least 14 out of 20 in the Licenciatura course. Those who have obtained a mark below 14 may also be eligible for a Mestrado course after analysis of candidate's curriculum by the university's academic body.

University education (third stage): **Doutor**

The Doutor degree is only conferred to those who have passed doctorate examinations and have defended a thesis. There is no fixed period to prepare for doctorate examina-



tions. Candidates should hold a Mestre or a Licenciado degree (or a legally equivalent qualification) with a final score of at least 16 out of 20 and have competences and merits recognised by the university.

University education (fourth stage): Agregação

This is the highest qualification reserved for the holders of the Doutor degree. It requires the ability to undertake high level research and special pedagogical competence in a specific field. It is awarded after passing specific examinations.

FROM 2006 ONWARDS

In order to comply with the principles of the Bologna Declaration, the Basic Law on the Education System of 14 October, 1986, was last amended in August 2005 introducing the three-cycle structure in higher education, followed by a decree law regulating the principles and instruments for the creation of the European Higher Education Area, namely the introduction of the ECTS system and the Diploma Supplement. This new legislation applies to all higher educational institutions and degree programmes.

In March 2006, a decree law was approved regulating the changes introduced by the Basic Law on the Education System regarding the new model of organisation of higher education into study cycles.

Thus, the new structure of the Higher Education System is as follows:



Portugal



Licenciatura

Both university and polytechnic institutions confer a 1st cycle – «Licenciado» degree.

A «Licenciado» degree is awarded after a period of study with 180 credits corresponding to a normal length of six curricular semesters and in certain cases, namely those covered by internal legislation or by European legislation, the cycle of studies has a length of seven to eight curricular semesters corresponding to between 210 to 240 credits.

Mestrado

Both university and polytechnic institutions confer the degree of «Mestre».

The «Mestre» degree is awarded after three to four curricular semesters of students' work corresponding to 90 to 120 credits. In polytechnic education, the course of study that leads to the «Mestre» degree must ensure predominantly that the student acquires a professional specialization. In university education, the cycle of studies that leads to the «Mestre» degree must ensure that the student acquires an academic specialization on the basis of their research, innovation and professional competences. It can also be awarded after ten to twelve semesters with the corresponding number of credits, in cases where this length of study is required for a particular profession.

Doutoramento

A «Doutor» degree is only conferred by university institutions.

The «Doutor» degree is awarded to those completing all the curricular units that integrate the study programme of the «Doutoramento» course and successfully defend their thesis in the public act.

ACCESS AND ENTRY CONDITIONS

Students who meet the following conditions may apply to the first cycle of studies that leads to the Licenciado degree through a national competition. They must:

- Have successfully completed the 12th year of schooling or legal equivalent.
- Have sat national secondary school examinations corresponding to admission tests and obtained the minimum mark required according to the higher education course the student wishes to attend (9.5 in a numerical scale of between 0 to 20 marks).
- Have fulfilled the prerequisites for the higher education course the student wishes to attend, if required.



Admission to a higher education institution is subject to numerus clausus.

Those who meet the following conditions may apply to the cycle of studies that leads to the mestre (master) degree:

- Holders of the Licenciado degree or legal equivalent;
- Holders of a foreign academic degree conferred following a 1st cycle of studies organised according to the principles of the Bologna Process by a state that has subscribed this process;
- Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum vitae that is recognised as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the statutorily competent scientific body of the higher education institution to which they wish to be admitted.

Those who meet the following conditions may apply to the 3rd cycle of studies that leads to the doutor (doctorate) degree:

- Holders of the mestre (master) degree or legal equivalent;
- Holders of a Licenciado degree who have a particularly relevant academic or scientific curriculum vitae recognised as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the statutorily competent scientific body of the higher education institution to which they wish to be admitted;
- Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum vitae recognised as attesting the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the statutorily competent scientific body of the higher education institution to which they wish to be admitted.

GRADING SYSTEM

The degrees of licenciado and mestre shall have a final classification between 10 and 20 on a numerical scale of 0 to 20, as well as its equivalent in the European scale of comparability of classifications.

The academic degree of doutor is assigned a final classification pursuant to the regulating standards of the university that confers it.

Higher educational institutions may offer courses that do not award any type of academic degree, but do award a diploma upon successful completion of the course.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Portuguese agency Foundation for Science and Technology (Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, <http://www.fct.mctes.pt>) under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education (Ministério da Ciência, Tecnologia e Ensino Superior) promotes national scientific research and technological development by providing different types of grants.



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Master grants (MA)

These grants are for graduates (entry level – Bachelors degree) intending to take Masters degree courses at Portuguese universities.

Doctorate grants

These grants are for graduates (specialist degree and Masters degree) intending to take doctorate courses at Portuguese universities.

Post-doctorate grants

These grants are for holders of Doctorate degrees, preferably acquired during the past five years, intending to take advanced scientific research courses at Portuguese universities and other scientific institutions with recognised competency.

Sabbatical grants

These grants are for holders of Doctorate degrees on sabbaticals and allow them to engage in research activities at foreign institutions. The length of grants varies from a minimum of three months to a maximum of one year, and is non-renewable.

Grants for scientific career development

These grants are for researchers showing high scientific merit in activities undertaken during the post-doctorate period, as a rule lasting from four to five years. These grants aim to promote management and co-ordination skills in scientific research projects, whereby, at least for the grant period, the candidate shall engage in a scientific and technological research project.

Enterprise doctorate grants

These grants are for graduates and masters engaged in research work in an entrepreneurial environment concerning priority issues related to the enterprise. They should be requested through the Innovation Agency <http://www.adi.pt>.

Training grants at scientific and technological international organisations

These grants aim to make opportunities available in scientific and technological organisations that Portugal is a member of, and are subject to conditions to be agreed with these organisations.

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

Through its wide range of services, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation makes a limited number of grants available to continue, upgrade and improve studies in areas



concerning its services: education and grants; fine arts; Armenian communities; international service; music; health and human development; jointly with the IGC (Gulbenkian Science Institute).

For further information about deadlines and the application procedure, please contact the Portuguese Embassy in Moscow.

Camões Institute

Acting under the supervision of Portugal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Camões Institute (ICA) is the Portuguese institution responsible for promoting both teaching of the Portuguese language and culture at foreign higher educational establishments, and Portuguese culture abroad in general.

In order to pursue these objectives within the context of a variety of cooperation programmes with foreign higher educational institutions, ICA has a range of scholarship programmes for Portuguese and foreign students. These programmes are designed to support and promote:

- Studies and research in the fields of Portuguese language and culture;
- Scientific or vocational training in the field of Portuguese as a non-mother tongue;
- Training or further studies in the field of translation and conference interpretation.

The Portuguese Language and Culture Summer Courses Programme

Aimed at foreign students who wish to attend Portuguese language and culture summer courses at Portuguese universities or other institutions officially recognised by the ICA. Applications should be forwarded by the student's Portuguese teacher under the terms of one of the cooperation protocols with ICA that specify the existence of a given number of such scholarships.

The Annual Portuguese Language and Culture Courses Programme

Aimed at foreign students who wish to attend Annual Portuguese language and culture summer courses for foreigners at Portuguese universities or other institutions officially recognized by the ICA.

The Fernão Mendes Pinto Programme

Aimed at Portuguese and foreign university graduates or final-year students involved in scientific or vocational training projects in the field of Portuguese as a Foreign Language (PLE). These projects should officially form part of cooperation programmes with higher educational institutions abroad, such as:



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- Portuguese Language Centers/The Camões Institute.
- Camões Institute Readerships at foreign universities.
- Foreign universities and institutions that have formal agreements with the Camões Institute.

Research Programme

Aimed at foreign teachers and researchers who wish to study for a specialization in Portugal particularly in the form of Masters degrees or PhDs at Portuguese universities.

The Pessoa Programme

Aimed at the holders or heads of chairs of Portuguese Studies institutes, who want to conduct training and research projects in the fields of Portuguese language and culture.

The Vieira Programme

Aimed at foreign university graduates who are involved in training projects or further studies in the field of translation and conference interpreting.

Protocol between the Camões Institute and the Eça de Queiroz Foundation

Regulates a programme aimed at foreign advanced students, teachers and researchers who specialize in the work of Eça de Queiroz and wish to attend the Eça de Queiroz Foundation's Summer Seminar.

Protocol between the Camões Institute and the National Cultural Centre (CNC)

Regulates a programme aimed at established Portuguese-speaking artists who wish to spend four months in Portugal or one of the other seven Portuguese-speaking countries to produce work that will be disseminated within the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP).

APPLICATION RULES AND DEADLINES

The rules and deadlines for applications will be published each year on the Camões Institute's website: <http://www.instituto-camoes.pt>.



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Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education (Ministério da Ciência, Tecnologia e Ensino Superior) <http://www.mctes.pt>

Directorate-General of Higher Education (Direcção-Geral do Ensino Superior)
<http://www.dges.mctes.pt>

Foundation of Calouste Gulbenkian (Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian)
<http://www.gulbenkian.pt>



Romania

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT ROMANIA

Romania lies in the south-eastern region of the European continent. With a total area of approximately 238,000 square kilometres and a population of 22.5 million inhabitants, it is a medium-sized country by European standards. Romania borders on Moldavia, Ukraine, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria and shares part of the Black Sea coast. Most of the population is comprised of Romanians, who represent 90% of the total number of inhabitants, to which Hungarians (around 7%), Roma, Germans, Ukrainians, Turks and Tartars can be added. Of the total population, 55% live in towns and the other 45% live in rural areas (with villages populated by up to 27,000 persons). The country's capital is Bucharest, which has a population of over 2 million inhabitants. Approximately 15% of national industrial capacity, over 50% of foreign direct investments, over 30% of higher educational institutions and over 50% of Romanian students are concentrated here. Other big cities with more than 300,000 inhabitants are the regional centres Iasi, Cluj, Timisoara, Craiova, Brasov and Constanta. Romania is a republic and a parliamentary democracy. The official state language is Romanian, which belongs to the Romance family of languages. Within local public administrations where the percentage of inhabitants belonging to other ethnic groups is over 20%, their language can also be used.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

In Romania, higher education is provided at educational and research institutions, universities, institutes, academies, conservatories and university colleges. The state higher education system in Romania comprises 49 state higher educational institutions with 324 departments and another 20 private higher educational institutions.

Higher education institutions are comprised of several faculties, university colleges, divisions, departments and small pilot units specialising in research and micro-production. The faculty represents the functional basic unit of the higher educational institution and is organised into chairs or departments. The teaching in a faculty is organised into specialties, years of study, student series and groups. The faculty includes teaching and research personnel, students and auxiliary and administrative personnel. The faculties are individualised in keeping with their study programmes and field of specialisation.

The department is a sub-unit governed by the university Senate or by the Council of a Faculty. The department carries out teaching, research, design, etc. The chair is the basic structural unit of the faculty and includes the teaching, research, design and auxiliary personnel working in a specific academic field.



ORGANISATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year starts between mid-September and mid-October as decided by each University Senate. Depending on their institutional autonomy, universities may also decide on the academic schedule. Each year is divided into two semesters lasting fourteen weeks. Students have a summer holiday, a Christmas holiday, an Easter holiday and a holiday at the end of the first semester.

Examinations take place at the end of each semester. They may be oral or written. A re-examination period is scheduled before the beginning of the new academic year. According to national standards, the number of hours per week is 22-28, with a decreasing tendency. Classes are held from Monday to Friday.

The Romanian higher education system provides full time courses, evening courses, part time courses and correspondence courses. The part time and correspondence courses may only be provided by higher educational institutions that organise full time courses. The programmes of such courses are usually one academic year longer than the full-time course programmes.

Undergraduate Education

Undergraduate education provides two types of programmes:

Short-term university education (2-3 year programme provided by university colleges): courses leading to a diplomă de absolvire (diploma certifying the completion of studies at a college and the passing of a relevant examination). According to Education Law, graduates of these courses may continue their long-term university education under the conditions established by each institution.



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Long-term university education (4-6 year programmes provided by universities, academies and conservatories): courses leading to a diplomă de licență (university diploma, equivalent to a first degree). The duration of long-term study courses varies by field:

- 8 semesters (4 years) for sciences, humanities, economic and social sciences, law, political sciences, art and sports;
- 10 semesters (5 years) for engineering, pharmacy, agriculture and forestry;
- 12 semesters (6 years) for general medicine, dental medicine, veterinary medicine and architecture.

Graduate Education

Graduate education offers specialisation or an extension of the education provided in universities.

Graduate study programmes include:

- Advanced studies (1-2 years) for university graduates; graduates are awarded a degree diploma.
- Masters studies (1-2 years) for university graduates.
- Graduate academic studies (2-3 years) organised by graduate study schools attached to universities or functioning as autonomous units; studies are organised on an interdisciplinary basis aimed at increased professional specialization.
- Doctorate studies (4-6 years) offered by universities and research institutes accredited as such; doctorate courses are organized as day courses or night courses. The academic title of doctor granted by the institution is validated by the National Council for the Attestation of Academic Titles, University Diplomas and Certificates.
- Continuing education university courses lasting no more than one year, and addressed to certain employment categories for those without a university diploma.

Higher education in Romania has the following forms: regular studies, reduced frequency courses and Open Correspondence Courses.

TYPES OF DIPLOMA

As for certification, there is a wide range of academic graduate and post-graduate diplomas and distinctions that can be obtained after studying in Romania:

- **Certificat de studii** – A certificate awarded to students who have completed their studies in higher education, but have failed to pass the exam to receive their degree.
- **Diplomă de absolvire a unui colegiu** – Diploma certifying the completion of studies at a college and the relevant final exam.
- **Diplomă de licență** – University diploma equivalent degree.
- **Diplomă de magister/master** – Master diploma.
- **Diplomă de studii aprofundate** – Diploma of advanced studies.
- **Diplomă de studii (academice)** – Diploma of graduate academic studies. This kind of diploma is awarded by a school of graduate studies, within a higher educa-



tion institution. These schools enrol holders of a first academic degree at the end of a two or three-year graduate study programme.

- **Diplomă de doctor** – Doctorate diploma (Ph.D.). This is the highest academic degree awarded in all domains after 4-6 years of study and original research. It follows the first academic degree (or Masters degree) and requires the passing of examinations and submission of an original thesis. The holder of a doctoral diploma is granted the title of Ph.D. in their respective field of science or the arts.
- **Doctor Honoris Causa** – An honorary degree awarded by higher educational institutions (by vote of the Senate) to prominent Romanian and foreign figures in science, technology and culture. This honor is also occasionally conferred, in recognition of specific merits, to outstanding national and international public figures.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF ROMANIAN DIPLOMAS

Romania signed the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (Lisbon, 1997), and is also part of the Bologna Process concerning the implementation of a Common European Higher Education Area.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

International students wishing to study in Romania can apply either to the Ministry of Education and Research or to the chosen Romanian university in order to receive a Letter of Acceptance.

The following documents are requested:

1. Application form.
2. Certified copy of Baccalaureate Diploma or equivalent – for undergraduate studies.
3. Certified copy of graduation certificate – for graduate or PhD applicants.
4. Academic record translated into Romanian, English, French or German.
5. Language certificate (see further instructions regarding this issue).
6. Certified copy of birth certificate.
7. Certified copy of passport.
8. Medical certificate.

Application forms are available at the International Relations Offices of the Ministry of Education and Research (Tel.: +7 4021 3142680; 3131013; Fax: +7 4021 3126614) or at Romanian universities, or at Romanian Embassies abroad. Application documents (copies only) should be mailed to the Ministry of Education and Research or to the chosen university in order to receive an approval statement. The Ministry of Education and Research will issue a Letter of Acceptance no later than 2 months after receiving the complete documents. Official documents should be submitted in person, in the original, when applying in Romania. Before coming to Romania, international students should have their documents endorsed within the Romanian embassies in their own countries before obtaining a valid visa to study in Romania.



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DEADLINE

Applications should be sent to Romania by 1 September (for undergraduate and graduate studies), but there is no deadline for PhD applicants. Medical faculties have two deadlines for post-graduate studies: 30 November and 31 March.

ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Admission to higher education institutions is based on the selection of application files. When applying for architecture, arts and sports courses, international students are required to present their portfolio. International students should prove they have good knowledge of the teaching language (Romanian, English, French or German).

Usually, international students learn Romanian during the preparatory year. Candidates who speak Romanian can skip the preparatory year after passing a Romanian language test. Candidates who can formally prove that they have studied in Romanian for at least four consecutive years do not need to pass the Romanian language test or attend the preparatory year. The following universities provide a preparatory year:

- «Politehnica» University of Bucharest;
- University of Bucharest;
- University of Bacau;
- «Babes-Bolyai» University of Cluj;
- «Ovidius» University of Constanta;
- University of Craiova;
- «Al. I. Cuza» University of Iasi;
- University of Pitesti;
- «Oil and Gas» University of Ploiesti;
- West University of Timisoara.

Students are required to take language tests during the academic year to check their speaking and writing abilities. Foreign students who have begun studying in their home country or in another country may finish their studies in Romania. This is possible on a case-by-case basis after assessment of diploma equivalence.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Citizens from abroad may also be accepted to study on the basis of scholarships granted by Romania under bilateral agreements through the competent authorities in their countries or on the basis of scholarships and grants offered by other states or international organisations.



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Slovakia

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT SLOVAKIA

The Slovak Republic (increasingly referred to as Slovakia) is a landlocked country at the centre of Continental Europe, bound by Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Ukraine. In the north and northeast, Slovakia is flanked by the Carpathian Mountains. Hilly terrain takes up over 33% of the country's territory. Slovakia has a population of 5.4 million, most of the inhabitants are ethnic Slovaks (85%), a Western Slavic nation with historical and cultural ties with Western Europe. The official language is Slovak, and Hungarian and Czech are widely spoken as well. The country's capital is Bratislava.

HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Slovakia has public, state-financed, and private higher educational institutions. In all, there are 20 public institutions of higher learning, 3 state higher education institutions, 10 private higher education institutions. Under Slovakia's current Higher Education Law, its institutions of higher learning offer three levels of higher education: the first level ends with the award of Bachelors degree (Bakalár); the second level gives a full higher education in three degrees – Master (Magister), Engineer (Inzinier), and Doctor of Medicine (Doktor Mediciny); and the third level is completed with a Doctorate (Doctorate or PhD).

ENROLMENT

Requirements for foreign applicants are not different from those for Slovakian citizens. A decision to enrol a student is, as a general rule, made on the basis of the average score of the secondary school leaving certificate and the results of entrance examinations. Entrance examinations differ widely depending on disciplines, and can be taken in written or oral form, or as written tests. Some institutions, for example institutes of art, hold creative art competitions. Unless you meet all enrolment requirements, you may be asked to take a preparatory course, including a course in Slovak. Such courses can be taken at the Institute of the Slovak Language and Academic Training for Foreign Students or the independent unit of Comenius University in Bratislava. Each department sets its own enrolment criteria. Information about enrolment and application filing rules can be obtained from the department of your choice. Details of educational programmes taught in Slovak and English are available on the pages of international offices of the departments' websites. Tuition fees for foreign students vary from \$2,500 (€2,010) to \$6,500 (€5,235) for a full academic year. The exact amount of tuition fee is fixed by each institution. Information about the size of the tuition fee can be obtained from the international offices of universities.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Russian citizens are eligible for two scholarship types: grants made by the Government of the Slovak Republic to foreign students to cover the full course of study at a university or a doctorate course, and grants for part-course studies, Slovak language learning, or internships for postgraduates or doctorate students on the basis of interdepartmental or intergovernmental agreements, or within the framework of the Ad memoire programme.

CONDITIONS ON WHICH GRANTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE SLOVAK GOVERNMENT

Grant terms and number of scholarships for Russian students are set by the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which conveys its requirements to the Russian Federal Education Agency (in particular, its International Education and Cooperation Office). The names of candidates for receiving scholarships in Slovakia are provided by Russian authorities. Decisions to allocate scholarships are made by the Selection Commission of the Slovak Ministry of Education on the basis of the documents filed.

If you want to apply for a scholarship in Slovakia, you are to approach Slovakia's Embassy in Moscow and the official in charge of scholarships at the Federal Education Agency of the Russian Ministry of Education and Science. The application form for scholarship in Slovakia is available at the website of Slovakia's Ministry of Education (don't forget to download the attachments as well) at: <http://www.minedu.sk/DIEN/SMS/20050422> Application form for research_grant.doc The documents are to be filed by late October (please inquire about the deadlines at the Slovak Embassy).



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Study conditions vary depending on programmes chosen and the study cycle.

STUDY UNDER FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES (FOR BACHELORS AND MASTERS DEGREES, RESPECTIVELY)

Candidates for scholarships for a course of study in first and second level university programmes to earn a Bachelors or Masters degrees should fulfil the following requirements:

- Candidates should have secondary education certificates showing the scores received at graduation examinations;
- Candidates should file completed applications and required attachments for scholarships of the Slovak Republic Government (application forms can be obtained from the Slovak Embassy in Moscow); and
- Candidates should be over 18 and under 26 years of age.

A student studying under a scholarship of the Government of the Slovak Republic at a higher educational institution of his or her choice will be provided with:

- Fixed monthly allowance;
- Accommodation at a campus dormitory and meals at campus canteens at prices charged to students who are citizens of the Slovak Republic;
- Education at a public university of the scholar's choice on terms applying to citizens of the Slovak Republic; and
- Scholarship of the Slovak Government to take annual preparatory and language courses if the candidate has not completed secondary education in the Slovak Republic or at a secondary school providing Slovak language classes outside Slovakia.

Students are required to buy medical policies individually at the medical insurance company Vzájomná zivotná poisťovňa, a.s. to cover the costs of medical treatment.

Travel costs a scholar pays to go to Slovakia at the beginning of his/her studies and to return home at the end of his/her studies should be covered by his or her educational institution or at his or her own expense.

STUDY UNDER THIRD LEVEL UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES (FOR A DOCTORATE)

The Slovak Ministry of Education grants its Government's scholarships to foreign students to study Slovak language-related disciplines under doctorate programmes at the country's public universities.

Candidates applying for scholarships to study in doctorate courses under the Slovak Government's programme are to fulfil the following requirements:

- Candidates are to have second-level higher education degrees (Masters, MSc.) from foreign universities. A higher education certificate has to be officially verified



by the Education Document Recognition Centre of the Slovak Republic (Stredisko pre ekvivalenciu dokladov o vzdelaní v SR, Staré grunty 52, 8420 44 Bratislava). Presenting this document is an essential part of applying to the Selection Commission for a scholarship of the Government of Slovakia;

- Candidates are to file a completed application and accompanying documents for a scholarship of the Government of Slovakia (application forms can be obtained from the Slovak Embassy in Moscow or downloaded from the website of the Slovak Ministry of Education at: <http://www.education.gov.sk>); and
- Candidates are to be over 23 and under 35 years of age.

Scholarships of the Slovak Government to study under doctorate programmes are granted, in the first place, to applicants from among graduates of Slovakia's universities who want to continue their education under doctorate programmes.

The Slovak Republic's Government undertakes to provide a student enrolled in a standard course of studies under the Slovak Government's scholarship at a higher educational institution of his or her choice, for as long as the scholar is a doctorate student (doctorand), with:

- A fixed monthly allowance;
- Accommodation at a campus dormitory and meals at campus canteens at prices charged to students who are citizens of the Slovak Republic;
- Education at a public university of the scholar's choice on terms applying to citizens of the Slovak Republic; and
- Scholarship of the Slovak Government to take annual preparatory and language courses if the candidate has not completed second-level university education in the Slovak Republic.

The travel expenses of a scholar to go to Slovakia at the beginning of his/her studies and to return home at the end of his/her studies are to be paid by his or her educational institution or at his/her own expense. If the subject of the research project adopted under the doctorate programme requires the scholar to collect materials, samples, and so on in his or her home country, the doctorate student shall pay all to and from travel expenses to visit his or her home country during his or her doctorate studies himself/herself.

The Slovak Embassy operates a Slovak Institute in Moscow where you can attend Slovak language classes.

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

The National Scholarship Programme of mobility of students, PhD students, university teachers and researchers was established by the Slovak Republic in 2005.

The National Scholarship Programme is financed by the Ministry of Education of the SR.



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

Types of scholarships:

- Scholarships for foreign university students to take part in Master 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 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 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 application.

Amount of a monthly scholarship:

- a) university students 7 000 SKK.
- b) PhD students 14 000 SKK.
- c) university teachers:
 - lecturers with or without a PhD degree 20 000 SKK;
 - associated professors 25 000 SKK;
 - professors 30 000 SK.
- d) researchers:
 - young researchers (< 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 = 34 SKK, 1 USD = 25 SKK

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be submitted on-line at <http://www.scholarships.sk> and documents marked with asterisk (*) (see the List of required documents that must be attached to the on-line application form) must be sent by post and received by the deadline at SAIA, n. o. The submitted documents must be originals.

Documents must be received by deadline at:

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



Applications deadlines for the academic year 2008/2009:

30 April 2008 – for academic year 2008/2009

31 October 2008 – for summer semester 2008/2009

SELECTION PROCEDURE OF APPLICANTS FROM ABROAD

The selection committee, appointed by the Minister of Education of the SR, carries out the selection of scholarship holders.

SAIA, n. o. will send the e-mail notification of granting or refusing a scholarship to all applicants within six weeks after the application deadline.

List of required documents that must be attached to the on-line application form by foreign students and PhD students applying for a study/research stay:

- 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 Detailed programme time schedule),
- Two recommendation letters provided by applicant's university teachers in case of students, one recommendation letter provided by applicant's supervisor in case of PhD Students,
- Confirmation letter from a sending university certifying that applicant is a full-time student enrolled in min. 6th semester, in case of a PhD student a confirmation certifying enrolment in a PhD study *,
- Certified copy of a Bachelors diploma or Masters diploma and a certificate of a state exam (if any),
- Admission or invitation letter from a host university or research institute in Slovakia proclaiming commitment that applicant will be enrolled in a study or research programme (incl. period of stay)*.

List of required documents that must be attached to the on-line application form by foreign university teachers and researchers:

- Structured Curriculum Vitae,
- Detailed teaching and/or research programme (including date of arrival, period of stay and detailed programme time schedule),
- Invitation letter from a host university or research institute in Slovakia (incl. period of stay)*.

* The documents must be sent by post and received by the deadline at SAIA, n. o. The submitted documents must be originals.



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Institute for Linguistic and Academic Training of Foreign Students of Comenius University
<http://www.cdvuk.sk>

Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic (Ministerstvo školstva SR)
<http://www.minedu.sk>

This site has a section ("International Students' Guide to the Slovak Republic") that contains information about Slovakia and its existing higher education system; a section ("Conditions for the Provision of Scholarships by the Government of the Slovak Republic") describing conditions on which foreign students can get the Slovak Government's scholarships; and an application form.

Slovak Academic Information Centre for the Third Sector (Slovenská akademická informacná agentúra – Servisné stredisko pre trti sektor)
<http://www.saia.sk>

The Centre is a nongovernmental non-profit organisation that has been operating since 1990 to promote a civil society and education, and also to:

- Provide information and consulting services to people who want to study in foreign countries; and
- Hold open competitions for scholarships to study abroad, and coordinate hosting of foreign students and recipients of scholarships granted by the Slovak Ministry of Education.

Slovak Academic Association for International Cooperation (Slovenská akademická asociácia pre medzinárodnú spoluprácu)
<http://www.saaic.sk>

The Slovak Academic Association for International Cooperation (SAAIC) is a nongovernmental organisation operating jointly with the country's Ministry of Education and coordinating EU educational programmes, including those concerning Socrates and Leonardo da Vinci.



Slovenia

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT SLOVENIA

Slovenia is a parliamentary democracy located between the south-eastern reaches of the Alps and the northern Adriatic Sea. With a GDP per capita of €14,963 in 2006, Slovenia is one of the more prosperous countries in Central Europe. Its 2 million people speak Slovenian, which in addition to the singular and plural has a special dual grammatical form which is a linguistic rarity. Slovenian is also the language of one of the oldest documents written in any Slavic tongue, the Freising Manuscripts from the tenth century. Parts of the Slovenian nation live in neighboring countries: Italy to the west, Austria to the north, Hungary to the northeast and Croatia to the east and southeast. The capital of the country is Ljubljana. On 1 January 2007 Slovenia joined the Eurozone as the first of the new member states of the European Union.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Slovenia has four universities, the University of Ljubljana (<http://www.uni-lj.si>), the University of Maribor (<http://www.uni-mb.si>), the University of Primorska (<http://www.upr.si/si>), and the University of Nova Gorica (<http://www.p-ng.si/si>) consisting of 44 faculties, art academies and professional colleges, as well as 10 single higher education institutions (samostojni visokošolski zavodi) established as private institutions.

University level first stage:

Profession-oriented programmes are shorter than academic ones and last for 3 to 4 years. They are offered by professional colleges and may also be offered by faculties. Programmes include practical training and lead to the examination or completion of post-secondary vocational studies in various fields. Upon completion of the programmes, students receive a diploma. The conferred titles are Engineer (inženir) or Graduate Engineer (diplomirani inženir). Students may either seek employment or continue their studies at a higher level.

University level second stage:

Academic study programmes last from 4 to 6 years and end with the defense of a thesis. Upon completion of the programme, students receive a university diploma (univerzitetna diploma) with a professional title stating the field of study. Titles include University Graduate (univerzitetni diplomirani), Academic (akademski), University Graduate Engineer (univerzitetni diplomirani inženir), Professor (profesor) and Doctor of Medicine (doktor medicine). A university degree enables students to seek employment or continue their studies at a higher level.



University level third stage:

Academic study programmes result in titles of Specialist (specialist), Master of Science/Arts (magister znanosti/umetnosti) and Doctor of Science/Arts (doktor znanosti/umetnosti). The minimum entrance requirement for studies leading to specializacija is completion of the first stage. Programmes last from 1 to 2 years and end with the defence of a thesis. Students who have successfully defended a thesis are awarded the professional title of Specialist (specialist) in a specific field. Programmes leading to the magisterij, which a student is eligible for after completing the second stage, last two years, ending in the defense of a thesis. Students who have successfully defended their thesis are awarded the title of Master of Science (magister znanosti) or Master of Arts (magister umetnosti) in a specific field. The four-year doctorate study programmes, which candidates are eligible for on completion of the second stage, lead to the titles of Doctor of Science (doktor znanosti) or Doctor of Arts (doktor umetnosti) in a specific field being conferred. Doctoral study following a magisterij degree lasts two years. Students who have enrolled in four-year doctorate studies after completing the second stage can interrupt them and complete them at the magisterij level instead.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In Slovenia, the CMEPIUS – Centre of the Republic of Slovenia for Mobility and European Programmes (<http://www.cmepius.si>) is the organisation managing scholarships awarded by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia. Another source is Ad futura (Scientific and Educational Foundation of the Republic of Slovenia) a public foundation providing various types of financial support (<http://www.ad-futura.si>).

SCHOLARSHIP FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS STUDY IN THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

Every year the Government of the Republic of Slovenia awards a number of scholarships pri-



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marily to students of countries with which a bilateral agreement/programme on scholarship exchanges (quotas) has been signed: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Israel, Mexico, Poland, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Serbia and Montenegro, and Turkey.

A certain number of scholarship months are also reserved for candidates from Austria, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Scholarships are available to foreigners who wish to come to Slovenia as visiting students for up to 10 months (depending on quota and selection). The main purpose of the scholarship scheme is to support foreign students who wish to undertake part of their course under the individual supervision of a Slovenian professor.

NATIONALITY

Priority is given to the citizens of the countries with bilateral agreements or where a direct exchange of government scholarships exists (reciprocal basis).

AGE

The age limit of applicants is 35 (the applicant should not reach the age of 35 before the end of the scholarship period).

STUDY PERIOD

The duration of an individual scholarship can range from a minimum of 3 months (less only in exceptional circumstances) up to 10 months for the whole academic year.

FIELDS OF STUDY

A scholarship may be awarded for any field of study offered by Slovene higher educational institutions.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

A scholarship may only be awarded if acceptance and confirmation letters addressed to the applicant from a Slovenian higher education institution have been enclosed with the application.

STUDY LEVEL

Scholarships are intended mainly for students with university degrees and young researchers (only for part of undergraduate studies if so defined in the government agreement). A scholarship may not be awarded for a complete course of study leading to a degree. Neither may scholarships be granted for any Slovene language course. Please note that no tuition fees can be covered by this scholarship.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

The candidates should speak Slovene or the language agreed upon with their mentor/supervisor.



SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship covers:

- Accommodation in a student hall of residence of a university if the student requires it (paid for by the Ministry directly);
- Basic medical insurance for non-EU students if there is no bilateral agreement on health insurance between Slovenia and the applicant's home country (paid for directly by the Ministry);
- €221 per month (€201 per month for undergraduates).

SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

Complete application forms in three copies with accompanying enclosures (and priority list where applicable) should be endorsed by an authorized body or ministry (Russian Ministry of Education and Science) for the exchange of government scholarships in the applicant's country of origin. These documents must be sent to the address of CMEPIUS (<http://www.cmepius.si>). Application forms can be downloaded format: <http://www.cmepius.si/images/stories/datoteke/Druge-aktivnosti/bilaterale/EN/APPLICATION%20FORM%202006-7.doc>

For further information and new deadlines, visit: <http://www.cmepius.si>.

AD FUTURA

Ad futura – Scientific and Educational Foundation of the Republic of Slovenia was established by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia with the aim of providing opportunities for international mobility of students and researchers. Ad futura manages scholarships and study loans for tuition, living expenses or other costs. Specific rules are given in each call for applications. Ad futura works with three main categories:

- Slovene students for graduate and post-graduate studies abroad and foreign students for postgraduate studies at Slovene higher educational institutions.
- Slovene researchers for research abroad, foreign researchers for cooperation with Slovene research groups and Slovene researchers abroad for research or academic participation in Slovenia.
- Foreign secondary level students for the International Baccalaureate in Slovenia.

Calls for applications are now welcome (each call for an application is given its own number).

Grants for research and teaching cooperation in Slovenia can be awarded for research or teaching positions in Slovene institutions to:

- Foreign citizens;
- Slovene citizens who are researching or teaching abroad.

"28. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS"

The subject of this call for applications are grants for partial funding of living expenses of visiting foreign scientists during a 3 to 12 month scientific cooperation or during a 2 to 12 month pedagogical cooperation in the Republic of Slovenia.



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Documentation for the “28. Call for applications”:

Call for applications – you can find the text of the call for applications available in English including all requirements and the application procedure at: <http://www.ad-futura.si/>, The Regulations of General Conditions of Public Institution of Ad futura – the rules and regulations regarding the scholarship distribution process are available for download at: <http://www.ad-futura.si/datoteke/Razpisi/28-javni-razpis/28-SPP.pdf> (in Slovene only). Application form – available at: <http://www.ad-futura.si/datoteke/Razpisi/28-javni-razpis/28-prijavnica.doc>

“36. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS”

Grants for tuition and accommodation costs of foreign citizens for their doctorate studies at Slovene higher educational institutions.

Applications must be submitted by post according to instructions given in the call for applications.

Documentation of the “36. Call for Applications”: is available on the following website: <http://www.ad-futura.si/>

For additional information, please visit the Ad futura foundation website (<http://www.ad-futura.si>). You will find more information about all the calls for application there. By checking it regularly, you will know whether any new calls for applications have been published.

COURSES OF SLOVENE AS A SECOND/FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The Center for Slovene as a Second/Foreign Language promotes the understanding of the Slovene language, literature and culture in an international context. The Center operates under the auspices of the Department of Slovene Studies at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ljubljana. The centre organizes courses for foreigners whose first language is not Slovene and who have different requirements, interests and goals. Programmes offer a varied selection of language courses, differing in duration (from 20 to 560 hours), intensity and goals. The most popular courses are those that combine language learning with studying modern culture and society in Slovenia. These are the summer, winter and 1-year schools of the Slovene Language, which are of particular interest to participants from abroad. For those living in Slovenia, there are courses on offer throughout the year, from regular, which develop all the language skills equally, to more specialized, such as refresher, conversation and business Slovene courses, as well as preparation for proficiency examinations.

The Slovene language programme pays special attention, in accordance with the other programmes organized by the Centre, to regularly developing the professional qualifications of teachers of Slovene as a second/foreign language, as well as to carrying out research assignments in this field.

The scholarships are mostly for lecturer positions in Slovenian and Russian languages.



For further information visit: <http://www.centerslo.net>.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

IEDC-Bled School of Management, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2006, is one of the leading management development institutions in Europe. It is an international centre of excellence in management development, an important business meeting point and a stimulating environment for creative learning and thinking. Participants from all over the world attend the IEDC programmes taught by world-class lecturers from the best business schools of Europe and North America.

IEDC – Bled School of Management offers MBA SCHOLARSHIPS to outstanding candidates in one-year Executive MBA and two-year Executive MBA programmes.

Scholarships are available for:

- CEE citizens (Poland, Romania, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria);
- Citizens of Baltic countries (Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia);
- Citizens of Former Soviet Republics (Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldavia, Georgia);
- Citizens of Former Republics of Yugoslavia (BIH, Serbia and Montenegro/Kosovo, Macedonia).

The scholarships cover (only) the tuition fees for the 1-year EMBA and 2-year EMBA programmes. The scholarships will be granted in the range from 20% of the tuition fees (equivalent to €4,600 in the 1-year EMBA programme and €5,700 in the 2-year EMBA programme) up to 50% of tuition fees (equivalent to €11,500 in the 1-year EMBA programme and €14,250 in the 2-year EMBA programme), depending on the qualifications of the candidate and the number of candidates per country/region. The extent of the scholarship is deducted from overall tuition fees.

The scholarship candidate should have at least 3 years of relevant work experience and a background with significant professional, academic and/or personal achievements. Since the working language in EMBA is English, we expect fluency in English. IEDC will grant the scholarships to the best candidates on the basis of educational qualifications, professional skills and motivation shown during the entrance interview.

Candidates applying for the scholarship should complete the application form (available on the IEDC website <http://www.iedc.si/programs/mba/emba/admission/>) and send, together with other application documents, a written request for a scholarship explaining their reasons for applying.

The documentation must be sent to the following address: Mateja Forstnaric, Head of EMBA Office (emba@iedc.si).



WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

If you are interested in studying in Slovenia, you are strongly recommended to visit <http://srce.kiss.si/?lang=en>. This site contains comprehensive information on scholarships and grants available for foreign citizens and a variety of useful links such as the "Guide to Virtual Slovenia" at <http://www.matkurja.com/si/>, "Study in Slovenia" and "Regulations on Study by Foreigners in the Republic of Slovenia" at http://srce.kiss.si/?id_tema=1&lang=en.

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ul. Mal. Dmitrovka, 14
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<http://moscow.embassy.si/index.php?id=36&L=1>
e-mail: vmo@gov.si

CMEPIUS – Center of the Republic of Slovenia for Mobility and European Programmes/
Center za mobilnost in evropske programe izobraževanja in usposabljanja Slovenije
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Ob železnici 16
SI – 1000 Ljubljana
Slovenia
<http://www.cmepius.si>
e-mail: neza.pajnic@cmepius.si

SRCe – Student Resource Centre
Študentski informacijski center/Student Resource Centre
Mednarodna pisarna Študentske organizacije Univerze v Ljubljani/International
Office of the Student Organisation of the University of Ljubljana
Kersnikova, 4,
1000, Ljubljana,
Slovenia
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e-mail: studentska.svetovalnica@kiss.si



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e-mail: info@ad-futura.si

Information office open daily from 12:00 to 15:00

Ministry of Education and Sport

<http://www.mss.gov.si/>

(available also in English, section English -> Education -> International Cooperation -> Scholarships and Grants)

Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Sport

<http://www.mvzt.gov.si/>

SRCe – Student Information Center

Headquarters of the International Student Organisation of the University of Ljubljana

Kersnikova, 4,

1000 Ljubljana,

Slovenia

Tel: +386 1 4380 253

e-mail: studentska.svetovalnica@kiss.si



Spain

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT SPAIN

Spain is situated on the Iberian Peninsula in south-western Europe and includes the Balearic and Canary Islands, as well as the Moroccan enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla. The population of the country is 45 million. The official language is Castilian Spanish with 17% of the population speaking Catalan, while 7% speak Galician, and 2% speak Basque. All Spaniards speak Castilian Spanish. The capital of the country is Madrid. The Kingdom of Spain is a parliamentary monarchy. The current Spanish Constitution, dating from 1978, recognises the right of the various regions of Spain to autonomy while emphasising the indissoluble unity of the Spanish State. Spain is divided into seventeen Autonomous Communities, each with its own elected assembly and executive government, together with the two North African enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla, called Autonomous Cities. All of them enjoy extensive powers, including those related to regional policy. Spain is one of the main tourist destinations worldwide. In 2006 alone, almost 60 million foreigners visited Spain and enjoyed its beaches and historical and cultural sites.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Higher education is mainly provided by both public and private universities. Universities are divided into facultades universitarias, escuelas técnicas superiores, escuelas universitarias, institutos universitarios, and other centres, notably the colegios universitarios.

University level first stage: Ciclo básico, primer ciclo

The first cycle of university studies (short-term courses), which is taken in Escuelas Técnicas Superiores, Escuelas Universitarias and Facultades, lasts for three years and leads to Diplomado, Ingeniero Técnico or Arquitecto Técnico degrees.

University level second stage: Segundo ciclo, ciclo de especialización

Study courses leading to Licenciado, Ingeniero and Arquitecto degrees consist of first-cycle and second-cycle studies (long-term studies), but a degree is awarded only when courses in both cycles have been completed successfully.

University level third stage: Tercer ciclo, ciclo de especialización para la investigación y docencia

The third stage is open to holders of Licenciado, Arquitecto or Ingeniero degrees and leads to a Doctors degree (Título de Doctor) awarded after at least four years' further study and research, and after the submission and defense of a thesis. Another post-graduate degree,



although not officially recognised (Título propio del Centro), is the «masters» or maestría degree awarded after 1 or 2 years of further study.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Spain offers a great variety of scholarship programmes to foreign students and specialists. Among the most important are the scholarship programmes of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación) through the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional) – Programas de Becas MAEC-AECI. Other ministries and administrative and territorial entities (Autonomous Communities, local organisms, etc.) or private companies also offer programmes.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION (MAEC) AND SPANISH AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (AECI) SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation provide annual scholarships on a competitive basis and within the framework of the MAEC-AECI scholarship programmes (Programas de Becas MAEC-AECI).

By mid-October every year, information on these programmes for the following year appears at: <http://www.becasmae.es>. General information on scholarships is available on the website throughout the year, along with information about requirements and application procedures.

When applying for a scholarship, please bear in mind the following:

- Applications for scholarships are made online (usually from mid-October to 31 December) at: <http://www.becasmae.es>. During this period, an applicant may add information to his/



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her application form for the following year's studies. Using his/her login and assigned password, an applicant may access the application form and make any necessary changes.

- Contacts and communication with MAEC-AECI are maintained via e-mail. Only after receiving notification of the grant of a scholarship (usually between April and June), the applicant must prove all his/her merits by submitting the required documents to the Spanish Embassy.
- An applicant may choose a course he/she is interested in, as well as the university or educational institution, with the exception of I.A. scholarships (for teachers of Spanish who want to attend courses at Madrid Summer School) and II.C (MA in International Affairs at the Diplomatic School of Madrid) programmes. Before submitting a scholarship application form, an applicant should have received written confirmation of acceptance from the chosen educational institution, because he/she will be asked in the application what course he/she wants to attend and whether he/she has received confirmation of enrollment.

The same website (<http://www.becasmae.es>) has a search field which can provide information on almost all opportunities for studying at higher educational institutions in Spain, including post-graduate education, doctorate studies and post-doctorate studies.

A scholarship contest announcement is divided into several chapters (Capítulos), which are, in turn, sub-divided into specific programmes of various scholarships.

“CAROLINA” FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

<http://www.fundacioncarolina.es> provides information on a large number of scholarships for post-doctorate studies and research provided both by the Fund and by other affiliated enterprises.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONATIONS FROM THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

The Spanish Ministry of Culture website (<http://www.mcu.es>) provides information on its various financial assistance, donation and scholarship programmes. Key programmes include “Assistance in translating and publishing Spanish fiction and scientific literature in any foreign language” and “Assistance in distributing Spanish literature abroad.”

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

All the information regarding these scholarships is available at the Ministry of Education and Science website: <http://www.mec.es>.

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND TRADE SCHOLARSHIPS

The External Trade Institute (ICEX – Instituto Español de Comercio Exterior) of the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade provides “Scholarships for China, India and Russia.”



These are designed for young specialists wishing to take up internships with Spanish enterprises as part of their internationalization projects. Scholarship contest information is available at: <http://www.icex.es> in the section “Educational Programmes and Scholarships” (“Programas de formación”, “becas”).

The Ministry also provides “Tourism in Spain” scholarships for foreign students taking post-graduate courses in tourism at Spanish universities and other prestigious centres. In 2005-2006, 50 scholarships of €20,000 each were awarded. Please see the Official State Bulletin (<http://www.boe.es>) for further information. Scholarship contest announcements will appear at: <http://www.sgt.tourspain.es>.

AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

To contact an agency of the Spanish Autonomous Communities, please consult the «Autonomías» section of the website at <http://www.la-moncloa.es>. Autonomous Communities usually have and implement their own scholarship programmes – some of which are for foreigners.

OTHER USEFUL LINKS ON SCHOLARSHIPS IN SPAIN

The website of the Official State Bulletin (<http://www.boe.es>) usually provides a full list (at <http://www.boe.es/g/es/boe/becas>) of state scholarships (“becas”). In addition, information on financial assistance (“ayudas”) provided to agencies and individuals can be found at: <http://www.boe.es/g/es/boe/ayudas>.

The <http://www.becas.com> website provides information on scholarships offered by Spain to Spanish and foreign citizens. It is also possible to subscribe to newsletters for updates on new offers at this address. A special search engine has also been developed to help users find scholarships matching their profile.



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WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

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Programas de Becas <http://www.becasmae.es>

Carolina Fund <http://www.fundacioncarolina.es>

Ministry of Culture <http://www.mcu.es>

Ministry of Education and Science <http://www.mec.es>

External Trade Institute <http://www.icex.es>



Sweden

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT SWEDEN

Sweden is located on the east side of the Scandinavian Peninsula in northern Europe. The country is divided into four topographical regions: the Norrland or Baltic Slope which accounts for 60% of the land area and consists of rolling hills, forested mountains and large river valleys, Central Sweden which has many lakes, the wooded highlands of Småland in the south and Scania or Skåne, the southernmost part of the country and a continuation of the Danish and northern German plains. The territory also includes the coastal islands of Gotland and Öland. Almost the entire population is Swedish of Teutonic origin except for two small minorities, the Sami or Lapps and the Finnish speaking people in the north-east of the country. The population is 9 million. The official language is Swedish, a north German branch of the Germanic family of languages. The capital of the country is Stockholm. Sweden has been a constitutional monarchy since 1809, and has had a parliamentary system of government since 1719. King Carl XVI Gustaf exercises only ceremonial functions as Head of State. Executive power rests with the Cabinet, which is responsible to the unicameral Riksdag (Parliament).

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Swedish higher education is divided into undergraduate studies (courses combined towards a first degree) and post-graduate studies and research.

UNIVERSITY LEVEL FIRST STAGE: UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

All basic higher education is offered in the form of courses. There is scope for individual choice and students may combine different courses into a degree programme. Study programmes are divided into credits. One year usually represents 60 credits. The Diploma (Högskoleexamen) is awarded after the completion of at least 120 credits (two years' full-time study) and is awarded by all universities and institutions of higher education. A Bachelors degree (Kandidatexamen) is conferred after completing at least 180 credits (three years' full-time study). The next degree is a Masters degree (Magisterexamen) requiring 120 credits.

UNIVERSITY LEVEL SECOND STAGE: POST-GRADUATE STUDIES

The Licentiatexamen (Licentiate degree) requires 120 credits (two years of study and research) including a larger thesis following completion of at least 180 credits at undergraduate level. This degree can also be awarded as an intermediate degree towards the Doktorsexamen. A Doctorate degree requires a minimum of four



years' full-time study beyond completion of at least 240 points at the undergraduate level. Doctoral studies consist of seminars, reading and methodology courses, individual literature surveys and independent research. The thesis must describe and account for the organisation and results of research, and must be published and publicly defended.

SCHOLARSHIPS

All foreign students should apply directly to the universities and university colleges for each course and programme. Foreign student counselors and the admission offices can provide the necessary information and forms. The application procedure may vary depending on the applicant's status, nationality and knowledge of Swedish. Forms and deadlines for course and programme applications may also vary. Scholarships are primarily managed by the Swedish Institute (institutet) (Svenska Institutet – SI). For further information, please visit: <http://www.si.se>.

THE VISBY PROGRAMME

The Visby Programme exists primarily to strengthen academic exchange and cooperation between Sweden and the non-EU Visby region comprising Belarus, the Ukraine, and the following parts of Russia – the cities of Moscow and St Petersburg; the Republics of Karelia and Komi; and the provinces of Arkhangelsk, Kaliningrad, Leningrad, Moscow, Murmansk, Novgorod and Pskov.

Academic institutions from these areas are eligible for project funding under this programme. Academic networks including institutions from the Visby region inside the EU – institutions from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, or Poland are also eligible for support.



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All students from the Visby region – both inside and outside the EU – are eligible for individual grants, though most scholarships are reserved for those from outside the EU. Three quarters of the grants awarded go to students from Belarus, Ukraine, and Visby Russia.

Grants are awarded for three distinct purposes: projects and networks, individual scholarships and short-term visits.

PROJECTS AND NETWORKS

Support for projects and network building is intended to stimulate greater long-term cooperation between institutions of higher education. Educational cooperation initiatives between academic institutions and organisations in the fields of trade and industry, public administration, culture and media are also eligible for support.

Support for projects and network building comes in the form of funds for travel, board and lodging. It is expected that institutions involved in a project finance the salaries of the teachers/researchers concerned. Individual scholarships are granted for an amount calculated to cover the costs of travel to and from the country of study, plus board and lodging during the study period.

Priority is given to projects that contribute to economic and political reform and institution-building in the Visby region. Active participation by women is encouraged.

HOW TO APPLY FOR PROJECTS AND NETWORK SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications can be submitted by a Swedish or foreign institution of higher education. Documentation showing the counterpart's active interest in the planned project or network must accompany the application. The deadline for the 2008-2009 academic year is March 1, 2008. Application forms are available in September 2007 at: <http://www.si.se>.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are intended for study and research at universities and university colleges in Sweden. Undergraduate, Masters level and post-graduate level students may apply. Scholarships are available for study/research periods from one month to two academic years. The studies for which the scholarship is requested must be in line with or complement previous studies. Scholarships are also granted for practical work related to academic studies.

HOW TO APPLY FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

If you intend to study in Sweden at undergraduate level:

You should first be accepted by the institution at which you wish to study. Please provide a letter of acceptance from that institution.



Eligibility criteria include the following:

- You should not have lived in Sweden for two or more years when the scholarship period is due to begin;
- You should not have a Swedish permanent residence permit;
- You should not have a Swedish work permit or be an EU citizen.

There is no age limit for scholarship holders. You should, however, be fluent in English. You may apply even if you are already studying in Sweden, provided you meet the above criteria.

The deadline for the 2008-2009 academic year is March 1, 2008. Application forms are available in September 2007 at:

<http://www.si.se>.

Please enclose all the required documents with your application form.

Scholarships are awarded for an amount calculated to cover the costs of travel to and from Sweden, plus board and lodging during the study period.

If you wish to pursue advanced university level courses, a portion of your PhD studies, or post-doctoral research in Sweden, please follow the instructions for SI scholarships for advanced study/research at:

http://www.sweden.se/templates/cs/Article____7472.aspx

If you intend to pursue Masters level studies in Sweden, please follow the instructions for SI Masters scholarships at:

http://www.sweden.se/templates/cs/Article____7471.aspx

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SHORT-TERM VISITS

Scholarships for short-term visits apply to research, lectures or other kinds of active participation in academic or scholarly conferences in Sweden by scholars from the Visby region. No other support for conference participation is offered, nor is support provided for arranging conferences. Scholarships for short-term visits are for visits of 1 to 2 weeks and take the form of grants for travel, board and lodging.

HOW TO APPLY FOR SHORT-TERM VISIT SCHOLARSHIPS

An application for a short-term visit may cover a maximum of three people and should be submitted using the form for individual scholarships (available at <http://www.studyinsweden.se>) if it refers to one person. If it applies to two or three people, the form for projects and networks should be used on <http://www.studyinsweden.se>.



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Applications for scholarships for short-term visits should reach the Swedish Institute no later than eight weeks before the planned journey. Submit the application to the address below:

Swedish Institute
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THE GUEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

All nationalities, with the exception of citizens from the Nordic countries – Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway – may apply to the Guest Scholarship Programme. The programme is administered by the Swedish Institute and supports Masters level or advanced level studies in all subjects at a Swedish Institution of higher education. For further information, please contact the Swedish Institute: <http://www.si.se>

For more information about scholarships, please visit: <http://www.studyinsweden.se> («Scholarships» section).





WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

The Swedish Institute (Svenska Institutet)
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Department of Research Cooperation (SAREC), Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA)
<http://www.sida.se>

International Programme Office
<http://www.programkontoret.se>

Ministry of Education and Science (Utbildningsdepartementet)
<http://www.sweeden.gov.se/sb/d/2063>

National Agency for Higher Education (Högskoleverket)
<http://www.hsv.se>

Association of Swedish Higher Education (Sveriges universitets-och högskoleförbund)
<http://www.suhf.se>



United Kingdom

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is located off the north-western coast of Europe between the Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea. It is separated from the continent by the Strait of Dover and the English Channel, and from Ireland, or the Republic of Ireland, by the Irish Sea and St. Georges Channel. The United Kingdom comprises four constituents: England, Wales and Scotland, which form Great Britain, as well as Northern Ireland and several island groups. The United Kingdom has a population of approximately 60 million people. The official language is English, although Welsh and Gaelic are spoken by minorities in Wales and the Scottish Highlands, respectively. The capital of the country is London. The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy. The head of state is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. There is no written constitution in the British system, but the Constitution refers to the Crown, succession to the Crown, the UK Parliament, and the Union of Scotland, Wales, England and Northern Ireland.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Higher education in the United Kingdom is provided by three main types of institutions: universities, colleges and higher educational institutions, and art and music colleges. The binary line separating universities and polytechnics was abolished and polytechnics have been given university status and acquired university titles. Most universities are divided into faculties, which may be sub-divided into departments. Students have to pay tuition fees, which can differ depending on whether the student is a resident of the European Union or from a non-European country.

University level first stage: Undergraduate stage

This stage lasts for three or four years and leads to a Bachelors degree in the arts, science or other fields (technology, law, engineering, etc.). In some universities and colleges of higher education, a two-year course leads to a Diploma in Higher Education (DipHE). This is a recognised qualification in its own right. In some universities, students must follow a foundation course before embarking on a course leading to a Bachelors degree. Students of foreign languages are usually required to study or work for an additional year in the country of the target language. Sandwich courses generally involve an additional year's work experience. Some institutions have introduced accelerated two-year degrees requiring students to study during the normal vacation period.

University level second stage: Masters degree

A Masters degree is conferred after one or two years' study following a Bachelors degree. Study is in a specialised field. In some cases, the degree is awarded after taking



only a written examination, but candidates must usually submit a thesis. Some Masters degree courses (e.g. at Imperial College, London) first award Bachelors degrees after four to five years of study. In such cases, the bachelor's programme is included in the course.

University level third stage: Master of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy or PhD

The third stage is one of pure research. At a university, it leads, after two years of additional study and the successful presentation of a thesis, to a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degree. Usually after three years' further study beyond a Masters degree, the candidate may present a thesis for a Doctorate of Philosophy (D.Phil. or Ph.D.).

University level fourth stage: Post-doctorate research

The next stage leads to higher doctorates which may be awarded by a university in law, humanities, science, medical sciences, music and theology after a candidate, usually a senior university teacher, has submitted a number of learned, usually published, works.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UK government departments and the devolved administrations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, plus a number of other UK organisations, offer a variety of scholarships and other awards to help foreign students study in the UK.

You can consult your local British Council Office, which will provide you with information about UK award schemes. The UK Education website, established by the British



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Council to help international students interested in studying for a UK course or qualification, can also be useful in the online search for a scholarship. On the <http://www.educationuk.ru> (section "Scholarships and fees") you can find any scholarship appropriate for your country of origin, level of education, subject, and the institution you are interested in.

CAREER-BASED COURSES

A very small number of scholarships are available and there is strong competition for them. Your local Ministry of Education and British Council Office will be able to give you detailed information about scholarships for career-based courses.

DEGREE COURSES

Scholarships for degree courses are most likely to be available through your own government (contact your local Ministry of Education). The UK higher educational (HE) institutions also offer scholarships and bursaries.

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES AND MBAS

The main scholarships for Masters degrees are the following:

- British Chevening Scholarships. These give access to high-quality UK education and an opportunity to obtain a post-graduate Masters qualification for talented graduates and ambitious young professionals wanting to study in the UK. To apply for a scholarship, contact your local British Council Office or British Embassy. Preference is given to candidates already established in a career: <http://www.chevening.com>.
- Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme (ORSAS). Awards are for postgraduate research for an initial period of one year. Application forms are available from UK HE institutions (contact the institutions you want to study at).

For research programmes, scholarships are also available from UK research councils, which provide funding for sciences and humanities, and under British Council schemes. To apply and receive more information, contact your local British Council Office.

International organisations, such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the World Health Organisation (WHO), also operate award schemes, mainly for students from developing countries. Scholarships are also available from many HE institutions.

CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS

Through Chevening scholarships, the British government invests in individuals with focused career plans and the potential to become influential leaders in their fields.



The British Chevening scholarship offers an opportunity to acquire a post-graduate Masters qualification.

Priority fields of study include: Public administration, international relations, media and journalism, political science, urban planning, environmental management, petroleum studies, law, telecommunications management, engineering, and economics. Other subjects may also be possible.

You should:

- Be aged 22-35;
- Have Russian citizenship;
- Have a track record of excellence and achievement;
- Already have a first degree with excellent and good marks;
- Have good English language skills (minimum IELTS score 6.5);
- Have a minimum of 2 years' work experience in your chosen career;
- Have a clear idea how your scholarship will benefit Russia on your return.

A Chevening scholarship covers tuition fees, accommodation, international flights and living costs for a 3-12 month study period up to a total value of £23,500 (€34,000).

Detailed information and application forms are available from British Council centres and <http://www.britishcouncil.ru/chevening>, or directly from the Chevening website: <http://www.chevening.com>. Information about UK institutions is available at <http://www.educationuk.ru>. For general enquires, please contact your nearest British Council Centre: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/ru>.

Some jointly-funded scholarships with support from business companies, foundations and British Universities are available for Russian students. The sponsors are: BP, Shell, Open Society Institute, Vodafone, TNK-BP, Cambridge Overseas Trust, Hill Foundation and others. More information is available on the British Council website at: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/ru/russia-educationuk-scholarship-programmes.htm>.



WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

British Council:

<http://www.britishcouncil.ru>,

<http://www.educationuk.ru>.

The British Council is the United Kingdom's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations. It works in partnership with governmental, non-governmental and commercial organisations in education, governance, science and technology, the arts, literature and design. It administers a range of UK examinations for Russians seeking UK qualifications.

In all areas of British Council activity, it seeks to work in collaboration with local partners and to promote exchange of experience and best practice between Russia and the UK.

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Universities UK

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Association of Commonwealth Universities

<http://www.acu.ac.uk>



Universities Scotland

<http://www.universities-scotland.ac.uk>

Higher Education Wales (HEW)

<http://www.hew.ac.uk>

Independent Schools Council information service (ISCis)

<http://www.iscis.uk.net>



Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation

FEDERAL AGENCY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND COOPERATION

The Ministry of Education and Science of the RF provides information on scholarships to study abroad via a unit of the Federal Agency of Education – the Department of International Education and Cooperation.

The Department of International Education and Cooperation is a unit of the Federal Agency of Education. It promotes international cooperation in the field of education, provides educational institutions with state support in their international activities and offers educational services. It supervises the implementation of Russia's international commitments in the field of education.

The Department of International Education and Cooperation deals primarily with foreign citizens: it determines the terms and conditions of eligibility of foreign citizens who would like to take educational courses, do internships in Russia, or teach at Russian educational institutions. Russian diplomatic missions abroad and governmental bodies of foreign states (ministries of education, ministries of foreign affairs, etc.) are provided with this information. It assists in organising cultural events that aim to promote Russian education abroad (for instance, education fairs and expos).

However, this department also deals with Russian students who wish to study abroad. It assists candidates who have applied for Russian national scholarships and grants, as well as for scholarships and grants of foreign governments during the selection process. It supervises exchange programmes and helps organise international student conferences.

The Department of International Education and Cooperation includes the following units:

- International education.
- Bilateral cooperation.
- Cooperation with the member states of the Commonwealth of Independent States.
- International programmes for education and youth cooperation.

The selection of candidates for scholarships awarded by Hungary, Greece, Denmark, Ireland, Slovakia, Sweden is primarily made by the Russian authorities. This matter is entrusted to the Department of International Education and Cooperation of the Federal Agency. There you can also find relevant information about the application procedure, selection criteria and deadlines.



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Information about scholarships available for Russian students can be found in the “Foreign programmes and funds” section of the federal “Russian Education” portal at <http://www.edu.ru>



Where can I find this Guidebook?

The Guidebook Your Scholarship in Europe Compendium will be available free of charge at the Delegation of the European Commission to Russia, the EU Member States' Embassies in Moscow, at the Local Support Offices of the EC-Russia Cooperation Programme and the European Documentation Centres.

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