

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Romanian graduate students can apply for scholarships to study in Israel for two different programs:
  - a) Summer Modern Hebrew language course – Ulpan, with 1 place available;
  - b) One academic year (8 months), with 3 places available.
2. Summer Ulpan course generally last for 3 ½ weeks and takes place at the University of Haifa.
3. The scholarships for one academic year are granted to graduate students registered or applying for:
  - a) **Master's degree programs** in Israel. This scholarship is not renewable and the student will need to find other sources to finance the full degree. Registration to the M.A. program is at the student's responsibility and the student will need to meet the university requirements.
  - b) **Ph.D. programs** in Israel. This scholarship is not renewable and the student will need to find other sources to finance the full degree. Registration to the Ph.D. program is the student's responsibility and the student will need to meet the Israeli university requirements.
  - c) **Postdoctoral programs** in Israel. Students will need to present a research plan and an acceptance letter from an Israeli supervisor at one of the Israeli universities.
  - d) **Research program**: Students may create their own research program under the supervision of an Israeli supervisor from one of the Israeli universities. Candidates will need to present a research plan and an acceptance letter.
  - e) **Special Programs** in Israel. Some Israeli universities offer special post-graduate programs in English. It is possible to register to one of these special programs under the following restrictions: The scholarship will be given for one academic year (8 months) only and NOT the full program. The scholarship will cover only part of the tuition fee. It is imperative to verify the nature and the cost of the special program before registration. Students may apply for scholarships from other sources in order to cover the high cost of the programs.

4. The scholarship covers one academic year - 8 months, with the amount of \$6000 for studies, and does not provide a degree. However, the International Schools for foreign students from Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem and Beersheba may grant special MA programs of 12 months or two years. Should the visiting student decide to complete the degree in Israel, he/she needs to personally cover any expenses beyond the 8 months of the scholarship.
5. Students can choose either the short-term scholarship or the long-term scholarship. They cannot apply for both types for the same calendar year.

## **II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. Terms and conditions of the scholarship may change from year to year according to the annual budget. Either a full or partial scholarship may be granted.
2. **Full scholarship includes:**
  - a) Tuition fee
  - b) Monthly allowance for one academic year (8 months only)
  - c) Basic health insurance\*
3. **Partial scholarship includes:**
  - a) Part of the tuition fee
  - b) Monthly allowance for one academic year (8 months only)
  - c) Basic health insurance\*
4. Scholarships will be granted only for studying in universities and programs approved by the Israeli Council for Higher Education. The list of such institutes can be found at <http://che.org.il/en>
5. As the tuition fee covered by the MFA scholarship for some of these institutions may be only partial, please verify the details in advance. Each university has a different registration procedure. Please check the website of the relevant institution.

## **III. CONDITIONS FOR APPLYING**

Basic Requirements:

- a) The applicant should be a Romanian citizen and under the age of 35.

- b) The applicant should hold a BA or BSc degree (or higher) and have a good record of academic achievement. People with **high academic qualifications** must remember that **two recommendation letters** from university professors, **diploma** of the degree (Baccalaureate and, if graduated, BA) and **transcripts**, as well as **evidence of prior conversations** with the Israeli university or a professor which shows there is mutual agreement on the program they will study **are essential**.
- c) Proof of English language proficiency. Students must have passed at least one following international examinations: IELTS, TOEFEL, GRE, GMAT etc. If the research will be in Hebrew, the student's level of knowledge of Hebrew will be tested.
- d) The applicant should meet the academic requirements of the Israeli university to which he/she applies. A scholarship will be granted only after the required institute approves the acceptance of the candidate.
- e) Good physical and mental shape.

#### **IV. APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. The file selection process is handled by the *Agenția de Credite și Burse de Studii* ([www.roburse.ro](http://www.roburse.ro)). **KEEP IN MIND THAT 3 IDENTICAL FILES MUST BE SUBMITTED.**
2. After the host university has approved the candidate, authorities in Israel will inform the Embassy regarding his/her details. Following this, the applicant must accept, in writing, the terms and conditions of the scholarship.
3. Although students have passed the selection process in Romania, this does not represent a final answer. The decision will be announced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel once the processing of information is completed.

#### **V. IMPORTANT DETAILS ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP**

1. **Cost of living:** a one-academic-year-long scholarship covers expenses of \$850 per month, payable in Shekels, in a bank account made at an Israeli bank. The students must open one when moving to Israel and provide the Embassy and the university

with the **name of the bank, number of the account and passport number**. Students should know that the amount for expenses is relatively modest compared to the costs of living.

2. The **study fees** are covered up to the amount of \$6000. Most of the times, no further costs in this regard are implied. However, should students go for special programs (see I.4), they will need to pay the difference and, in this case, the money will go directly to the university.
3. **Medical insurance**: the scholarship includes basic medical insurance for students. This insurance does not include: dental care, special medical treatment, chronic disease treatment or pregnancy care. Students can upgrade this type of insurance at their own expense.
4. **Visa**: For students who receive the scholarship, study visas must be granted. The visa includes multiple entries at no further any costs. Students who are granted the scholarship are required to apply for such visa at the Israeli consulate in Bucharest.