

What is the National Scholarship Programme?

- The Government of the Slovak Republic approved the establishment of the National Scholarship Programme for the support of mobility of students, PhD students, university teachers, researchers and artists in 2005.
- The National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic supports study, teaching, research/artistic stays at universities and research organisations. It supports two-way mobility – international scholarship holders to Slovakia, as well as Slovak scholarship holders abroad. The Programme offers scholarships to cover living costs during the stay and travel allowances (all categories in case of scholarship holders from Slovakia; students and PhD students in case of international scholarship holders).
- The Programme scholarship holders are scholarship holders of the Government of the Slovak Republic. The National Scholarship Programme is funded by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic, and it is administered by SAIA, n. o.

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- SAIA, n. o. (Slovak Academic Information Agency) is a non-governmental non-profit organisation that, since its establishment in 1991, has been implementing programmes and providing services aimed at enhancement of civil society and assisting in internationalisation of education and research in Slovakia. SAIA provides information and advisory services related to study and research mobility, administers services, scholarships and grant programmes, and promotes Slovak Universities and research centres abroad.

SAIA Major Programmes:

- Academic Mobility
- Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies (CEEPUS)
- Action Austria – Slovakia, Co-operation in Science and Education
- National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic
- EURACCESS Services Centre for Researchers



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International Applicants for Scholarship Stays in Slovakia

What is offered?

- **scholarships** covering living costs for
 - **students** studying at universities outside Slovakia in order to undertake a study stay (1 – 2 semesters) at a university in Slovakia during their higher education (either during master's studies, or during higher education in general, if the applicant has completed at least 3 years of his/her higher education on the day of the beginning of his/her study stay in Slovakia)
 - **PhD students** studying at universities/research organisations outside Slovakia in order to undertake a study and/or research/artistic stay (1 – 10 months) at a university or in a research organisation, eligible to carry out a doctoral study programme, in Slovakia during their doctoral studies
 - **university teachers, researchers or artists** working at universities/research organisations outside Slovakia in order to undertake a teaching and/or research/artistic stay (1 – 10 months) at a university or in other eligible research organisation in Slovakia
- **travel allowance** to cover travel costs related to a study/research stay in Slovakia in case of **students and PhD students**

Citizens of which countries are eligible applicants?

Citizens of any country in the world can apply for a scholarship in the framework of the National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic, except the citizens of the Slovak Republic.

What is the amount of the monthly scholarship?

- university student 350 €
- PhD student 580 €
- university teacher, researcher or artist
 - without PhD degree and less than 10 years of work experience 580 €
 - with PhD degree and less than 10 years of work experience 850 €
 - with PhD degree and more than 10 years of work experience 1,000 €

The amount of the monthly scholarship shall cover average living costs (rent, food, transport, etc.) in Slovakia.



What is the amount of the travel allowance?

Slovak and PhD students are eligible for a travel allowance. The amount depends on the linear distance between the applicant's place of residence and the place of his/her stay in Slovakia:

- up to 750 km: 100 €
- from 751 to 1,500 km: 150 €
- from 1,501 to 2,000 km: 200 €
- more than 2,000 km: 250 €

How to apply?

Applications are submitted online at www.scholarships.sk. Online application system is opened at least 6 weeks prior to the application deadline. Applications must be submitted in the online application system till the application deadline. It is also necessary to deliver original of the admission/invitation letter to SAIA, n. o., in Bratislava. Detailed information on submitting applications and required documents is available at the website of the Programme.

What are the deadlines for submitting applications?

- **30 April** till 16:00 CET – scholarship stays during the next academic year
- **31 October** till 16:00 CET – scholarship stays during the summer semester of the current academic year

Mandatory conditions and more information about the Programme is available at www.scholarships.sk

Applicants from Slovakia for Scholarship Stays outside Slovakia

What is offered?

- **scholarships** covering living costs for
 - **students** studying at universities in Slovakia in order to undertake a study stay (1 – 2 semesters or 1 – 3 trimesters) outside Slovakia during their master's studies, or a research/artistic stay (3 – 6 months) closely related to the completion of applicant's master thesis
 - **PhD students** studying at universities (including external education institutions, e.g. Slovak Academy of Sciences) in Slovakia in order to undertake a study and/or research/artistic stay (1 – 10 months) outside Slovakia during their doctoral studies
 - **postdoctoral researchers** working at universities and research organisations in Slovakia in order to undertake a research stay (3 – 6 months) outside Slovakia

Postdoctoral researcher is a university teacher or a researcher working at a university or in a research organisation in Slovakia who was awarded a PhD degree (on the indicated country date of the applications, it must not have passed more than 10 years since the applicant has been awarded the PhD degree)

- **travel grants** to cover travel costs (or their part) in order to undertake a study and/or research/artistic stay supported by the Programme

Which country can you choose for your scholarship stay?

The Programme is not country limited. Scholarship stays can be carried out in any country in the world.

What is the amount of the monthly scholarship?

The amount of the scholarship is set for each country separately. The scholarship shall cover average living costs in the respective country during the stay. When setting the amount of the scholarship, only living costs are taken into consideration; it does not cover other costs, e.g. tuition fee. Amounts of monthly scholarships to the countries where scholarship stays have already been carried out is available at www.stipendia.sk

What is the amount of a travel grant?

Travel grant is an allowance to cover travel costs (or their part) to and from a country of scholarship stay. Scholarship stay must last at least one month in case of PhD students, 3 months in case of postdoctoral researchers and in the case of students at least one academic term (semester/trimester). The amount of the travel grant is set by the Selection Committee taking into consideration up-to-date prices of transportation and budget possibilities of the Programme.

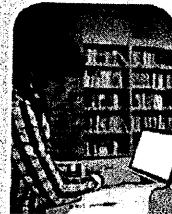
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We would like to inform you that a new call for applications within the National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic is open for study, research and teaching stays during the summer semester of the academic year 2018/2019.

Scholarship application deadline is **31 October 2018 by 16:00 CET** (4:00 pm Central European Time). Scholarship stays can be planned during the summer semester of the academic year 2018/2019. Applications are submitted on-line at www.scholarships.sk (international applicants).

The National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic supports mobility of international students, PhD students, university teachers, researchers and artists to stay at Slovak universities and Slovak research organisations. Students and PhD students can apply also for a travel allowance.

Attached you can find a flyer with basic information about the Programme (in English). The applicants can find detailed information about the Programme at www.scholarships.sk in Slovak, English, Russian, French and Spanish language (if needed we have also flyers in those 5 languages and we can send it to you upon request).

Scholarships of the National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic support also mobility of university students, PhD students and postdocs of Slovak universities or research organisations to cover their living costs during their study or research stay at a university or research organisation outside Slovakia.

Establishment of the National Scholarship Programme for the Support of Mobility of Students, PhD Students, University Teachers and Researchers was approved by the Government of the Slovak Republic in 2005. The National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic is funded by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic.

Next deadline for the submission of applications will be on 30 April 2019 for scholarship stays during the academic year 2019/2020.

We would like to ask you to help us to spread this information and forward it to potential applicants within your country. Thank you for your co-operation and we hope that also contacts made by scholarship holders within this Programme will strengthen the future co-operation of our countries.

Yours sincerely,

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