

CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Scholarships and stays of foreign students – scholarship holders of the Government of the Slovak Republic are conducted in accordance with national legislation of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter the “SR”).
2. The SR Ministry of Foreign Affairs through diplomatic channels notifies the ministry of foreign affairs of the addressed country, stating the approved conditions for higher education at universities in the SR, together with the numbers of scholarships in a notification letter always by the end of February of the year for the subsequent academic year.
3. A request for an SR Government scholarship is to be made by a foreigner no later than 30 May of the respective year on the form “Application for Scholarship of the Government of the Slovak Republic” with the relevant attachments, which form an integral part of these materials. The application is available in electronic form at www.vladnestipendia.sk. Incomplete applications will not be forwarded to the selection committee proceedings. Exceptions will only be made for the additional submission of a final certificate that the applicant receives in the given calendar year at a date after that of submitting the application to the Slovak party. Materials not sent electronically may not be accepted in written form.
4. The sending party of electronically sent applications shall submit their nominations in the prescribed manner (in electronic form) via the SR Embassy in the respective country no later than by 31 May of the respective year to the address specified in the notification letter from the SR Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Nominations of Slovaks living abroad are submitted by the respective compatriot organisation. A nomination is valid only for the year when it was issued.
5. On the basis of the electronically submitted materials the selection committee of the SR Ministry of Education, Science, Research & Sport shall decide whether to award an SR Government scholarship for the standard period of university study in the SR and shall announce its scholarship grant decision by 31 August of the calendar year. Results of the selection proceedings shall be available in electronic form at www.minedu.sk after 15 July of the calendar year.
6. The sending party or recipient of the scholarship is obliged to notify the host university and the SR Ministry of Education, Science, Research & Sport no later than two weeks prior to the date of arrival in the SR.
7. Commencement of study is tied to the academic year in which the scholarship grant was decided. The scholarship may not be transferred to another person. The start date for study cannot be changed without the prior consent of the Slovak party, which an SR Government scholarship holder may request in writing in justified cases.
8. SR Government scholarship holders are exempt from administrative fees for the granting and renewal of temporary residence permits in Slovakia pursuant to national legislation of the SR.
9. The procedure for arranging a temporary residence permit in Slovakia is governed by Act no. 404/2011 Coll. on the residence of foreigners and on the amendment of certain acts,

as amended <http://www.minv.sk/>. We recommend that the procedure under this act be followed by all SR Government scholarship applicants.

10. Health care is provided to foreign citizens studying in the SR:

- a) Under § 3 paragraph 3 subparagraph (d) of Act no. 580/2004 Coll. on health insurance, as amended, a natural person who does not have permanent residence in the territory of the Slovak Republic receives mandatory public health insurance, unless he/she has health insurance in another member state of the European Union or in a state party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or in Switzerland or is a student from another member state or is a foreign student studying at a school in the Slovak Republic on the basis of an international treaty binding on the Slovak Republic, or is a pupil or student who is a Slovak living abroad and concurrently studying at a school in the SR.
- b) Under § 11 paragraph 7 subparagraph (h) of the above-mentioned act, the state pays insurance for a student from another member state, for a foreign student for fulfilling obligations under international treaties binding on the Slovak Republic, or for a pupil or student who is a Slovak living abroad and is concurrently studying at a school in the SR <http://www.health.gov.sk/>.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

1. The SR Ministry of Education, Science, Research & Sport shall provide a foreigner an SR Government scholarship during the standard length of study, when he/she is, pursuant to Act no 131/2002 Coll. on universities and on the amendment of certain acts, as amended a student of a public university in the SR as follows:

Stage of higher education	SR Government scholarship	
	scholarship	merit scholarship ¹
language and vocational training	€280 monthly	€0
higher education: first degree	€280 monthly	€50 monthly
higher education: second degree	€280 monthly	€50 monthly
higher education: third degree	€330 monthly	€170 annually

- a) one-off payment during language and vocational training, first and second degrees of higher education
 - ❖ upon beginning study in the SR €35
 - ❖ upon completing study in the SR €100
- b) one-off payment during the third degree of higher education
 - ❖ upon beginning study in the SR €35
 - ❖ upon completing study in the SR €100

¹ payment of the merit-based supplement is dependent on attaining the study average and fulfilling the study programme for the preceding academic year, as follows:

- during a first and second degree of university study a study average no greater (worse) than 1.3;
- during a third degree of university study the fulfilment of the study programme on successful completion of the prescribed exams in accordance with the doctoral student's individual study plan.

2. The SR Government scholarship is provided up until the day of completing the standard length of study (first, second and third degree of higher education) in an aliquot part in the respective month pursuant to a notification from the respective university.

3. A scholarship holder who has completed the first degree of higher education through final exams and continues in the next academic year in the second degree of higher education will be paid the scholarship during the summer holidays following documentation of the claim.

4. An SR Government scholarship is not provided to the student if:

- a) the student is absent from the respective university in the SR for longer than 30 calendar days in a month;
- b) he/she changes the higher education study programme without the prior consent of the SR Ministry of Education, Science, Research & Sport;
- c) exceeds the standard length of study set by the statute of the respective university in the SR for the selected study programme;
- d) does not begin study at the date given in the notification on the SR Government scholarship grant without the prior consent of the SR Ministry of Education, Science, Research & Sport;
- e) for any reason ceases to be a student of a public university in the SR, or the SR Government scholarship holder is removed from the register of foreign students;
- f) acquires permanent residence in the SR, with the exception of EU citizens, or is granted SR citizenship.

5. The SR Ministry of Education, Science, Research & Sport provides public universities in the SR funds (current expenditure) for the duration of an SR Government scholarship holder at the time when he/she is, pursuant to Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on universities and on the amendment of certain acts, as amended, a student of a public university in the SR as follows:

stage of higher education	current expenditure for university
language and vocational training	€80 monthly
higher education: first degree	€80 monthly
higher education: second degree	€80 monthly
higher education: third degree	€240 monthly

STUDY IN 1ST AND 2ND DEGREE HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY PROGRAMMES (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "BACHELOR, MASTER AND POSTGRADUATE STUDY") IN THE SR

1. The SR Ministry of Education, Science, Research & Sport shall grant scholarship applicants for full-time higher education study conducted in the Slovak language in a chosen field of study according to the applicable system of study programmes at public universities in the SR. An SR Government scholarship shall not be provided for unaccredited study programmes.

2. Persons applying for an SR Government scholarship for bachelor, master or postgraduate higher education study programmes in the framework of the SR Government's offer must meet the following conditions:

- a) have attained complete secondary education completed by a school-leaving exam. The document on education acquired abroad must be assessed by the **Centre for Recognition of Diplomas** (*Stredisko na uznávanie dokladov o vzdelaní*) of the SR Ministry of Education, Science, Research & Sport at Stromová 1, 813 30 Bratislava;
- b) meet the conditions for acceptance for higher education study pursuant to Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on universities and on the amendment of certain acts, as amended, www.minedu.sk;
- c) submit a completed application form for an SR Government scholarship with the relevant attachments;
- d) candidates of 18 to 26 years of age may apply for an SR Government scholarship.

3. The holder of an SR Government scholarship shall receive, for the period of study as set by the statute of the respective university in the selected study field, i.e. at the time when he/she, pursuant to national legislation, is a higher education student:

- a) the monthly scholarship grant in the set amount,
- b) accommodation in a student hall of residence and catering in student canteens for payment equal to that of a student with SR citizenship,
- c) education at the chosen public university under conditions equal to those of a student with SR citizenship pursuant to the conditions set by the university's statute,
- d) an SR Government scholarship for 10-month language and vocational training, in the case that the applicant has not completed secondary education in the SR or at a secondary school with Slovak language tuition abroad. Completion by a final exam is required and does not replace the university admission procedure pursuant to Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on universities and on the amendment of certain acts, as amended.

4. A foreigner who is a holder of an SR Government scholarship is obliged throughout the duration of temporary residence in the Slovak Republic to have health insurance concluded in accordance with the relevant provisions of Act no. 580/2004 Coll. on health insurance, as amended, as stated in point 10 of the General Conditions.

5. Travel costs upon commencing and completing study in the SR are to be paid by the applicant, or the sending party.

STUDY IN 3RD DEGREE HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY PROGRAMMES (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "DOCTORAL STUDY") IN THE SR

1. The SR Ministry of Education, Science, Research & Sport shall provide applicants an SR Government scholarship for full-time doctoral study in the Slovak language at public universities in the SR.

2. Persons applying for a scholarship for doctoral study in the framework of the SR Government's offer must meet the following requirements:

- a) have completed higher education in a second degree study programme (having acquired the academic title "MSc." at a foreign university or "Mgr.", "Ing.", "MUDr." or "MVDr." at a university in the SR). The document on education acquired abroad must be assessed by the **Centre for Recognition of Diplomas** (*Stredisko na*

- uznávanie докладov o vzdelaní*) of the SR Ministry of Education, Science, Research & Sport at Stromová 1, 813 30 Bratislava. Its opinion must be attached to the application for an SR Government scholarship submitted by the applicant for assessment to the selection committee of the SR Ministry of Education, Science, Research & Sport;
- b) meet the conditions for admission to the third degree higher education study programme pursuant to Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on universities and on the amendment of certain acts, as amended;
 - c) submit a completed application for an SR Government scholarship, stating the study field of the doctoral study according to the applicable list of doctoral study programmes conducted in the SR, with a letter of preliminary acceptance from the expected teaching workplace in the SR, as well as with the relevant annexes;
 - d) candidates of 23 to 35 years of age may apply for an SR Government scholarship.
3. The holder of an SR Government scholarship shall receive, for the period of study as set by the statute of the respective university in the selected study field, i.e. at the time when he/she, pursuant to national legislation, is a doctoral student:
- a) the monthly scholarship grant in the set amount,
 - b) accommodation in a student hall of residence and catering in student canteens for payment equal to that of a student with SR citizenship,
 - c) education at the chosen public university equal to that for students with SR citizenship during the study period set by the university's statute,
 - d) an SR Government scholarship for 10-month language training in the case that the applicant has not completed 2nd degree 2nd degree university study in the SR. Completion by a final exam is required and does not replace the university admission procedure for study in a 3rd degree study programme pursuant to Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on universities and on the amendment of certain acts, as amended.
4. A foreigner who is a holder of an SR Government scholarship is obliged throughout the duration of temporary residence in the Slovak Republic to have health insurance concluded in accordance with the relevant provisions of Act no. 580/2004 Coll. on health insurance, as amended, as stated in point 10 of the General Conditions.
5. Travel costs upon commencing and completing study in the SR are to be paid by the applicant, or the sending party. In the case that the topic of the dissertation work requires the collection of materials, samples, etc. in the home country, the doctoral student shall also pay travel costs connected with travelling to the home country during study for this purpose.

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