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Dear Shri Kejriwal,

The Slovak Academic Information Agency (SAIA) has invited applications from foreign students under their National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic.

2. The Scholarships are intended for foreign students of university level, PhD studies and for teachers and researchers to study at Slovak universities and Slovak research organisations. Detailed information about the scholarships is available at website www.scholarships.sk.

3. The deadline for submission of applications for the academic session (2014-2015) is 31 October 2014. Application can be submitted online at www.scholarships.sk. In case of any query Mr. Michal Fedak, Deputy Director of SAIA could be contacted at e-mail Michal.Fedak@saia.sk.

4. A copy of the brochure is enclosed for information and necessary action at your end. The above scholarship scheme may please be publicized appropriately to encourage wide participation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(VPS Kaul)

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Foreign Applicants for Scholarship Stays in Slovakia

What is offered?

- **scholarships** covering living costs
 - related to a study stay (1 – 2 semesters) of foreign university students at a Slovak university during their Master studies
 - related to a study/research stay (1 – 12 months) of PhD students from foreign universities/research organisations at a university or research organisation eligible to carry out PhD study programme in Slovakia during their PhD studies
 - related to a teaching, research or artistic stay (1 – 12 months) of university teachers, researchers or artists from foreign universities/research organisations at a university, research organisation eligible to carry out PhD study programme or non-governmental organisation in Slovakia

Individuals with permanent residence in Slovakia and citizens of the Slovak Republic studying or working at universities or research organisations abroad cannot apply for the Programme scholarship for foreign applicants.

Citizens of which countries are eligible?

Citizens of the following countries can apply for the scholarship:

- the Member States of the European Union;
- other countries participating in the Bologna Process (listed are just non-EU Member States) – Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Russian Federation, Serbia (including Kosovo), Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Vatican City;

- Belarus, Uzbekistan
- Canada, Mexico, USA, countries of Latin and Central America;
- Australia, China (including Taiwan), Egypt, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Republic of South Africa, Thailand, Vietnam.

What is the amount of a scholarship?

- university student of second level or higher education 350 €
580 €
- PhD student
- university teacher, researcher or artist:
 - without PhD degree and less than 4 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 a scholarship shall cover average living costs of a scholarship holder.

How to apply?

Applicants shall apply on-line at www.scholarships.sk. System opens not later than 6 weeks before the deadline. After submitting on-line application form (with all attachments), applicant shall send original hard copy of most institution Invitation Letter to SAIA Bratislava not later than on the day of the application deadline. Information on application forms, required documents and sending/submitting the required documents can be found at the Programme website.

What are the deadlines for submitting application forms?

- 30 April by 16:00 CET – scholarship stays for the next academic year
- 31 October by 16:00 CET – scholarship stays for the summer semester of the running academic year

Mandatory conditions and more information about the Programme at:

www.scholarships.sk

Slovak Applicants for Scholarship Stays and Travel Grants Abroad

What is offered?

- **scholarships** covering living costs
 - related to a study stay abroad (1 – 2 semesters or 1 – 3 trimesters) of Slovak university students during their Master studies
 - related to a study/research stay abroad (1 – 12 months) of PhD students from Slovak universities or research organisations eligible to carry out PhD study programme (e. g. the Slovak Academy of Sciences) during their PhD studies

- **travel grants** – contributions to travel costs related to study, research/artistic or lecture stays abroad of students of Slovak universities during their Master studies, full-time PhD students of Slovak universities during their PhD studies and university teachers, researchers or artists from Slovak universities and the Slovak Academy of Sciences *

* Students and PhD students can apply for travel grant directly together with a scholarship; they submit just a scholarship application form, or independently, without a scholarship; they submit just a travel grant application form.

Which country can you choose for your scholarship stay?

The Programme scholarship is not country limited. After being awarded a scholarship, you can carry out your scholarship stay in any country of the world.

What is the amount of a scholarship?

The amount of a scholarship is set for every country individually. It shall cover average living costs during scholarship stay. When setting the amount of a scholarship, just living costs are taken into consideration. It does not cover other costs, e. g. tuition fee.

At www.stipendia.sk a list of countries can be found, to which scholarships have already been granted.

What is the amount of a travel grant?

Travel grant is a contribution related to travel costs to and from a scholarship stay. Scholarship stay shall last at least one month, in the case of students at least one academic term (semester/trimester). Selection Committee awards the amount of a travel grant taking into consideration up-to-date prices of transportation and financial possibilities of the Programme.

How to apply?

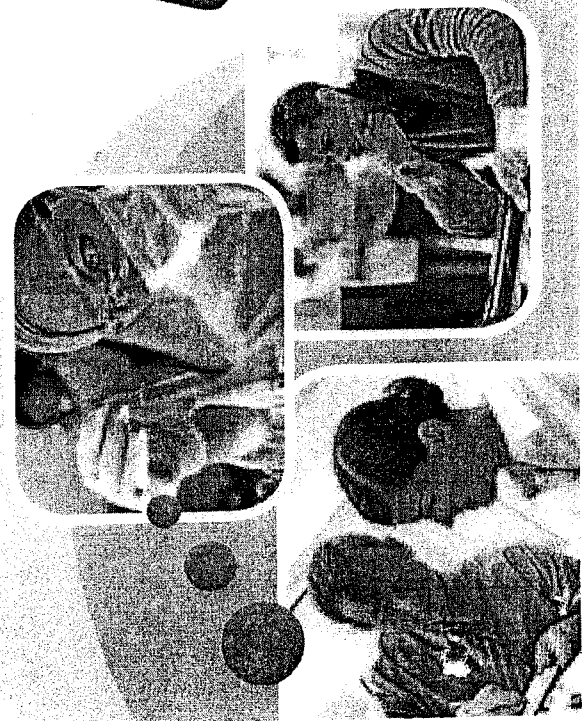
Applicants shall apply on-line at www.stipendia.sk. System opens not later than 6 weeks before the deadline. After submitting on-line application form (with all attachments), applicant shall send original or signed hard copy of application form to SAIA Bratislava not later than on the day of the application deadline. Information on application forms, required documents and sending/submitting the required documents can be found at the Programme website.

What are the deadlines for submitting application forms?

- 30 April by 16:00 CET – scholarship stays for the next academic year
- 31 October by 16:00 CET – scholarship stays for the summer semester of the running academic year

Mandatory conditions and more information about the Programme at:

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS, PHD STUDENTS, UNIVERSITY TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS

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

Types of scholarships

- Scholarships for foreign university students (enrolled at least in the 6th semester) 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.

Citizens from the following countries can apply for scholarships:

- European Union member states;
- other countries participating in the Bologna process (listed are only countries that are not EU member states) – Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Russian Federation, Serbia, Switzerland, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine;
- Belarus;
- Canada, Central American countries, Latin American countries, Mexico, the United States of America;
- Australia, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam.

The Scholarship Programme does not support:

- foreign students and PhD students accepted for entire Master or PhD studies in Slovakia, specifically those who are already studying in Slovakia and would like to cover part of their costs from the National Scholarship Programme;
- foreign university teachers and researchers who are already teaching or researching at Slovak universities and research institutes;
- citizens of the Slovak Republic studying, teaching or researching at foreign universities or research institutes;
- foreign applicants accepted for other scholarship programmes in Slovakia (for example Visegrad Fund, Erasmus, CEEPUS, bilateral agreements, etc.).

Scholarship designation

The scholarship is designated to cover living costs (accommodation, boarding, etc.) of a study, research and teaching stay of foreign applicants at Slovak universities and research institutions. The applicants can ask their host institution to assist them to arrange their accommodation and necessary documents regarding the stay in Slovakia, or they have to arrange it by themselves. The Scholarship Programme does not cover the travel costs to and from Slovakia.

Amount of a monthly scholarship

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| a) university students | 7 000 SKK |
| b) PhD students | 14 000 SKK |
| c) university teachers:
lecturers with or without a PhD degree
associated professors
professors | 20 000 SKK
25 000 SKK
30 000 SKK |
| d) researchers:
young researchers (< 4 years of experience)
PhD holders (or > 4 years of experience)
senior researchers (> 10 years of experience) | 20 000 SKK
25 000 SKK
30 000 SKK |
- 1 EUR = 33 SKK 1 USD = 22 SKK

Application procedure

The on-line application system opens at www.scholarships.sk 6–8 weeks before the deadline. The application form is accessible only after the on-line application system is opened. In order to submit the on-line application, it is necessary to fill in the on-line application form (in Slovak, English, French, Spanish or Russian version), attach all required documents (in .doc or .pdf format) and press the "submit" button.

Applications must be submitted on-line at www.scholarships.sk and documents marked with asterisk (*) must be sent by post and received by the deadline at SAlA, n. o. (see further List of required documents that must be attached to the on-line application form). The submitted documents must be originals.

Applications deadlines:

- 30 April** – for the next academic year
31 October – for the summer semester

DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEADLINE AT

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

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 Bachelor's diploma or Master's 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). The admission or invitation letter must be printed on official letter-head paper of the host institution, including a signature of the person in charge and a stamp. (**)

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 invitation letter must be printed on official letter-head paper of the host institution, including a signature of the person in charge and a stamp. (**)

(*) The documents must be sent by post and received by the deadline at SAlA, n. o. The submitted documents must be originals. The original admission or invitation letter from the Slovak host university or research institute can be sent by post from the host institution in Slovakia directly to SAlA n. o.

Contact:
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