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Latvian state scholarships and fellowships

Detailed information about Latvian state scholarships and fellowships on the website of the agency: www.viaa.gov.lv/scholarships

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Study in Latvia

Find a study programme and a university in Latvia on the website www.studyinlatvia.lv. It is a national level website, official information resource and national guide for international students.

It provides:

- Information about the higher education in Latvia, university entry requirements, admission steps, tuition fees, and practical information about life in Latvia.
- A searchable database with a list of universities and study programmes.

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LATVIAN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

OVERALL CONDITIONS

- Latvian state scholarships are available for studies, and fellowships - for research.
- A scholarship can be received by Bachelor's, Master's and PhD students for studies.
- A fellowship can be received by scientific and academic staff for conducting research.
- Citizens from about 40 countries can apply.
- Each applicant can submit only one application on an open call.

Language of instruction

- English, German, Latvian or another EU language.

The academic year in Latvia

- From 1st September to 30th June (in exceptional cases dates may vary).

Financial provisions

- Studies in Latvia are not free of charge in foreign languages. An average tuition fee ranges from €1,600 to €4,000 per year. For medicine or executive business programmes the cost may be up to €15,000 per year.
- Scholarships do not fully cover all the expenses related to your studies (tuition fee, living costs, and other expenses).
- Scholarships and fellowships cannot be awarded concurrently with other grants.
- Travel expenses from a home country to Latvia and back are not covered by Latvian state scholarships or fellowships.
- A scholarship or fellowship holder is required to make his own arrangements for the insurance coverage.
- A fellowship covers accommodation and daily allowance.

APPLICATION

- A call for applications is open annually from **1st February to 1st April**.
- The application process takes place online in the electronic application system at <https://scholarships.viaa.gov.lv>.
- The application process is managed by the State Education Development Agency.

Application process step by step

An applicant:

1 Makes a profile with a unique login and password



2 Fills in an application form according to the set criteria*



3 Attaches all the necessary application documents (translated in Latvian or English)



4 Submits the application by the deadline of the call



5 Receives an official decision on the award of the scholarship or fellowship by e-mail in June, and the decision is available in the candidate's profile of the electronic application system



**Incomplete and incorrect applications are not assessed.*

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDIES

Eligible applicants

- Bachelor's students, who have already successfully completed at least 1 academic year at any higher education institution (HEI).
- Master's or PhD students from any previous HEI.

Application conditions

- An applicant must choose a study programme at a Latvian HEI prior to the application for a scholarship.
- An applicant must receive a letter of acceptance for the chosen study programme from the Latvian HEI prior to the application for a scholarship.
- An applicant, who is already studying at a Latvian HEI, should also receive the letter of acceptance for the present or chosen study programme prior to the application for a scholarship.
- The letter of acceptance for the chosen study programme from a Latvian HEI needs to be provided by the designated contact person*.

Awarded time period



Up to 10 months

for Bachelor's and Master's students



Up to 11 months

for PhD students

! A scholarship holder can re-apply for a scholarship for another study year, but the scholarship can be awarded for no more than 2 consecutive terms to one scholarship holder.

! The scholarship shall not be granted for such month when the recipient of the scholarship studies at the institution of higher education for less than 15 calendar days.

Amount of the scholarship



€ 500 per month

for Bachelor's and Master's students



€ 670 per month

for PhD students

* The list of contact persons of Latvian HEI can be found at: www.viaa.gov.lv/scholarships

Application documents for scholarships for studies

1

COPY OF A LETTER BY THE HEI

Contact the specified HEI contact person to compile the letter. See the list of contact persons of Latvian HEIs on the the web.

2

CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Contact the specified HEI contact person to compile the letter. Use the Europass template.

3

LETTER OF MOTIVATION

Include activities outside studies related to the study field in Latvia or in the home country.

4

PROOF OF EDUCATION

Diploma and supplements or transcript of records of the last 2 semesters.

5

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Copies of two letters of recommendation from academic staff members, signed within the last 6 months.

6

STUDY PLAN

Find the study plan form on the web.

7

COPY OF LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE

Other document certifying the language proficiency required for studies suits as well.

8

COPY OF ID OR PASSPORT

! Have all the documents translated into Latvian or English before the submission.

FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH

Eligible applicants

- Academic and scientific staff of Latvian or foreign higher education and research institutions.

Application conditions

- An applicant must receive a letter of acceptance for the field of the research from the Latvian HEI or research institution prior to the application for fellowship.
- The letter of acceptance for the field of the research from the Latvian HEI or research institution needs to be provided by the designated contact person*.

Awarded time period

 From 14 days up to 5 months

! If a fellowship holder is not present in Latvia for more than 14 consecutive days, then fellowship is revoked for the respective period.

Amount of the scholarship

 € 30 per day

Daily allowance

 € 300 per month

For accommodation

Application documents for fellowships for research

1 COPY OF A LETTER BY THE HEI OR RESEARCH INSTITUTION

See the list of contact persons of Latvian HEIs on the web.

2 CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Add list of academic publications. Use the Europass template.

3 RESEARCH PLAN

4 LETTER OF MOTIVATION

5 PROOF OF QUALIFICATION

Copy of most recent HEI qualification and diploma supplement.

6 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

From one academic staff member of HEI or research institution, signed within the last three months.

7 RESEARCH RELEVANCE

Copy of a substantiation of the research relevance by the research supervisor of the Latvian higher education institution or research institution.

8 COPY OF ID OR PASSPORT

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ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Eligible countries are more than 40 countries, which have signed an agreement on the co-operation in education and science with Latvia, or other partner countries.

North America

- The United States of America
- Mexico

South America

- Peru

Europe

- Italy
- Spain
- Belgium (Wallonia and Brussels)
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Finland
- Ukraine
- France
- Poland
- Austria

- Germany
- Slovakia
- Czech Republic
- Greece
- Sweden
- Denmark
- Hungary
- Lithuania
- Switzerland
- Estonia
- Iceland
- Norway

Asia

- Turkey
- Israel
- Georgia
- Azerbaijan
- Kazakhstan
- Uzbekistan
- Tajikistan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Moldova
- Turkmenistan
- Mongolia
- The People's Republic of China
- Japan
- South Korea
- Indonesia
- Vietnam