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## Bilateral Scholarships for the Academic Year 2020 / 2021

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia (hereafter referred to as the "Ministry") hereby offers the number of scholarship months to foreign nationals, on the basis of bilateral agreements (between the governments/ministries) and reciprocity with the following countries:

Country	Number of <b>scholarship months</b> available for citizens of the country for the academic year 2020/21 (i.e. 1.10.2020 - 30.9.2021)
Bulgaria	14
Bosnia and Herzegovina	18
Greece	10
Hungary	16
India	24
Israel	27
Italy	20
Japan	12
Kosovo	18
Mexico	24
Montenegro	18
Poland	46
People's Republic of China	72
Republic of North Macedonia	36
Russian Federation	16
Serbia	18
Slovakia	20
Switzerland	12
Turkey	9



## **Scholarships are awarded to applicants nominated by the relevant authorities of eligible countries.**

This scholarships scheme is designed for students at all levels who wish to pursue part of their study at one of the [Slovenian institutions of higher education](#).

The study mobility may last from **3 to 10 months** depending upon the bilateral agreement and its specifications. Majority of the applications are approved for study mobility in a form of short time **study mobility** or **research visit** (i.e. they either attend non-degree courses of their choice, or pursue an independent research activity at the host institutions, depending on their qualifications and preferences). A part of postgraduate study is based on individual works under the supervision of Slovenian professor/mentor.

In compliance with the applicable legal regulations, decisions on admission to research or study mobility are taken by the higher education institutions. **Applicants are therefore obliged to contact the selected university directly and request a Letter of Acceptance from the relevant department.** When communicating with the chosen university, all students need to make the institution aware of the fact that they are applying for a scholarship award under the bilateral agreement.

**The age limit** of the applicants for study stays is 26 years (the applicant may not complete 26 years of age before the end of the scholarship period) and 30 years for research visit.

All applicants should indicate the preferred period of scholarship in their Application form. The Ministry reserves the right to change the requested term of scholarship and/or place any applicant to a course and/or higher education institution different from those indicated in his/her scholarship application form, if admission as requested by the applicant is not feasible.

The scholarship **cannot be awarded for a complete course of study leading to a degree**. Neither can the scholarship be granted for any Slovenian language course. Furthermore please note that **tuition fee cannot** be covered from this scholarship!

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The implementation of this scholarships programme in the Republic of Slovenia is assigned to the national agency: [CMEPIUS](#) – Centre of the Republic of Slovenia for Mobility and European Educational and Training Programmes.

The nominations (main and reserve list) and application documentation of applicants needs to be submitted to the CMEPIUS by the relevant authorities (usually ministries of education or government agencies) of eligible countries.

<p><b>CMEPIUS</b></p> <p>»Bilateral Scholarships«</p> <p><b>Ob železnici 30a</b></p> <p><b>SI – 1000 Ljubljana</b></p>
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**Applications sent by individual applicants directly to the CMEPIUS will not be processed.**

Relevant authorities send the nominations before the deadline set in the respective agreement, in most cases **by March, 31 2020**. The closing dates for applications fixed by the relevant authorities are usually earlier (several months). Prospective applicants are therefore advised to contact the respective authorities in time.

Each **application file must comprise a copy of a completely and legibly filled out [Application form](#) and [Letter of Acceptance](#)\*** with the following required **attachments (in duplicate)**:

- copy of ID card or passport (page with the photography),
- one Letter of recommendation for study stays or two Letters of recommendation for research stay from applicant's home institution,
- copy of diploma and/or certified transcript of records,

All these documents must be written in or translated into Slovenian or English language. Incomplete application files or inadequately completed application forms will not be processed.

Should you need some further advice or information, please contact [scholarships@cmepius.si](mailto:scholarships@cmepius.si) or [Slovenian Embassies](#) in eligible countries.

\*The scholarship cannot be awarded unless the original »Letter of Acceptance« signed and sealed by the Slovenian higher education institution – applicant's future host institution is part of the application documentation.

## PRACTICAL DETAILS

The scholarship is awarded upon the decision issued by the Ministry. The applicants and the respective authorities will be notified by CMEPIUS in May/June 2020.

**There is no legal claim to the scholarship award.**

The scholarship is not transferable to another person.

While having this scholarship students can't receive Erasmus, CEEPUS or any other European Union funded scholarship.

**For the academic year 2020/2021, the scholarship comprises of:**

- **300 EUR\* per month** - the amount is periodically reviewed and adjusted each January\*
- **free accommodation** in the facilities (student dormitory) of the Student Centre of the Universities (paid by CMEPIUS directly to provider)
- **Subsidised meals** - **2,63 EUR/per working day** via Student Organisation of Slovenia
- **basic medical insurance** for non-EU applicants if there is no bilateral agreement on health insurance between Slovenia and the applicant's home country (paid by CMEPIUS directly to provider)

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- List of all accredited higher education institutions and study programmes in the Republic of Slovenia is available on the web-site of the **SQAA** – **Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency For Higher Education**
- All information and documentation (application form, Letter of Acceptance, ...) are available on following web-site

**<http://studyinslovenia.si/study/exchange-programmes/>**

- For all additional information contact **[scholarships@cmepius.si](mailto:scholarships@cmepius.si)**.



**[www.studyinslovenia.si](http://www.studyinslovenia.si)**