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## Bilateral scholarships for the academic year 2024 / 2025

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation 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 2024/25 (i.e. 1.10.2024 - 30.9.2025)
Bulgaria	14
Bosnia and Herzegovina	18
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
Serbia	18
Slovakia	20
Switzerland	12
Turkey	9



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

This scholarships scheme is designed for university/college students or graduates and Ph.D. applicants who wish to accomplish a part of their study at one of the [Slovenian Higher Education institution](#). A part of postgraduate study is based on individual works under the supervision of Slovenian professor/mentor.

Its length usually ranges from **3 to 10 months** depending upon the agreement concerned that specifies also the categories of eligible recipients.

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.

Please note that **tuition fee can not** be covered from this scholarship.

Majority of the applications are admitted for short time **study stay** or **research visits by doctoral students/candidates** (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). In compliance with the applicable legal regulations, decisions on admission to research or study stays are taken by the institutions of higher education. **Applicants are therefore obliged to contact the selected university directly and request a Letter of Acceptance from the relevant department.** Applicants are requested to point out to the selected university 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.

The applicants for study stays should be **proficient in the Slovene language**, unless the **working language** is agreed upon with the mentor/supervisor.

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.

**Additional information and conditions:**

Student mobility can be carried out only when student activities are taking place physically and when corresponding student dormitories are open and accepting students.

**Student is eligible to receive scholarship only for physically mobility.**

## **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 dossiers of applicants must be submitted to the CMEPIUS by the competent authorities (usually respected ministries of education, government agencies) of eligible countries.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CMEPIUS</b> »Bilateral scholarships« Ob železnici 30a SI – 1000 Ljubljana</p>
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**Applications sent by individual applicants directly to the CMEPIUS will not be processed.**

Competent authorities present the nominations before the deadline set in the relevant agreements, in most cases **by March, 31 2024**. The closing dates for applications fixed by the competent authorities are necessarily earlier (normally by several months). Prospective applicants are therefore advised to contact the respective competent authorities in time.

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

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

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

Advice and further information can be provided by [CMEPIUS](#) using e-mail: [scholarships@cmepius.si](mailto:scholarships@cmepius.si) and by the [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 attached to the application.

## **PRACTICAL DETAILS**

The scholarship is awarded upon the decision issued by the Ministry. The applicants and the respective authorities will be notified by the CMEPIUS in May/June 2024.

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

The scholarship is not transferable to another person.

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

**For the academic year 2024/2025, the scholarship comprise of:**

- **400 EUR\* per month** - its amount is periodically reviewed and adjusted each January\*
- **free accommodation** in the facilities (student dormitory) of the Student Centre of the Universities (paid for by the CMEPIUS directly to provider)
- **[Subsidised meals](#)** - 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 for by the 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 the information, application form, Letter of Acceptance,... are available on the CMEPIUS's web-site

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

- For additional information send an e-mail to [scholarships@cmepius.si](mailto:scholarships@cmepius.si).



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