



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia through the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes offers scholarships for foreign students and professors of higher education institutions as well as research fellows who intend to gain further professional experience in Croatian institutions of higher education or research.

Scholarships can be applied for under two different application pools

- 1. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS
- 2. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF CROATIAN LANGUAGE

IMPORTANT:

Applications are accepted only when delivered by competent authorities responsible for the implementation of scholarships programmes and cannot be submitted individually. Applications (for the pool 1) from countries that are not on the list will not be taken into consideration.

1. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

This application pool is **open only for citizens** of countries (and territories) that have a valid/effective educational co-operation programme with Croatia, or a bilateral agreement signed by the Croatian Government or the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports and the relevant ministry of the given country (or territory). Applications of the students enrolled in the institutions of the above specified countries (and territories), but without a citizenship of these same countries (or territories) will not be accepted.

COUNTRIES WHOSE CITIZENS MAY APPLY ON THE BASIS OF A VALID/EFFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME AND/OR A BILATERAL AGREEMENT:

BELGIUM	1. Two (2) scholarships for the summer course of Croatian Language and
(FLANDERS)	Literature
BULGARIA	1. Two (2) scholarships for undergraduate/graduate studies of the Croatian
	language and literature in duration of one semester each

	2. Scholarships of up to 8 months for study visits, in the duration of 1 to 2 months individually
	3. Four (4) scholarships for a summer course of the Croatian language and literature.
CZECH REPUBLIC	1. Five (5) scholarships for the summer course of Croatian Language and Literature
CHINA	1. Eight (8) scholarships for undergraduate (BA/BSc), graduate (MA/MSc) or postgraduate (PhD) study (whereby the students of Croatian language and literature have priority)
GERMANY	1. One (1) scholarship for a research visit (up to 3 months) for associate or higher ranking professors or for researchers holding minimum a PhD or an equivalent degree
GERMANY (Bavaria)	 Two (2) scholarships for partial study for undergraduate (BA/BSc)/graduate (MA/MSc) study (one academic year) Two (2) scholarships for partial postgraduate (PhD) study or research visit Six(6) scholarships for the summer course of Croatian Language and Literature
GREECE	 Ten (10) months of scholarship for postgraduate studies or up to ten (10) months for research Two (2) scholarships for the summer course of Croatian Language and Literature
HUNGARY	 Scholarship for semester/partial studies for undergraduate (BA/BSc) and graduate (MA/MSc) students for the duration of three to ten (3-10) months for Croatian Language and Literature students Scholarship for postgraduate studies or research for the duration of 3-21 days or 1-10 months Scholarship for full PhD programme for the duration of 36 months Scholarship for postdoctoral studies and research for the duration of 1-10 months; scholarships for research visit for the duration of 3-21 days or 1-10 months Four (4) scholarships for the summer course of Croatian Language and Literature Scholarships for full undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate studies for members of the Croatian national minority in Hungary
ISRAEL	One (1) scholarship for postgraduate studies and research for the duration of eight (8) months
ITALY	 Five (5) scholarships for semester studies for Croatian Language and Literature students Twelve (12) months of scholarships for members of the Croatian national minority in Italy
MACEDONIA	 Two (2) scholarships for semester studies for undergraduate (BA/BSc) and graduate (MA/MSc) students in the field of Croatian studies Eight (8) months of scholarships for study visits for the duration of one (1) or two (2) months each Two (2) scholarships for the summer course of Croatian Language and Literature
MONTENEGRO	1. Twenty (20) months of scholarships for undergraduate (BA/BSc) and graduate (MA/MSc) studies for the duration of one (1) or two (2) semesters

	2. Eight (8) months of scholarships for research visits for graduate/postgraduate (PhD) studies for the duration of one (1) or two (2) months each
POLAND	 Four (4) scholarships for semester studies for Croatian Language and Literature students Three (3) scholarships for the summer course of Croatian Language and Literature
ROMANIA	 Two (2) semester scholarships for Croatian Language and Literature students Two (2) scholarships for the summer course of Croatian Language and Literature Two (2) scholarships for full undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate studies for members of the Croatian national minority in Romania
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	 Fifteen (15) months of scholarships for undergraduate (BA/BSc) and graduate (MA/MSc) study for the duration of four (4) months minimum and for postgraduate studies or research for the duration of minimum one (1) month Two (2) scholarships for the summer course of Croatian Language and Literature Five (5) scholarships for full undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate studies for members of the Croatian national minority in the Slovak Republic
TURKEY	1. Two (2) scholarships for postgraduate studies or research for the duration of eight (8) months each
UKRAINE	 Two (2) scholarships for semester studies for Croatian Language and Literature students One (1) scholarship for the summer course of Croatian Language and Literature

Belgium (Flanders), Bulgaria, Czech Republic, China, Germany (Bavaria), Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Turkey, Ukraine.

2. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF CROATIAN LANGUAGE

This application pool is open only for applications by students of language departments of Croatian language and literature abroad, regardless whether or not their respective countries have a valid cooperation programme or a bilateral agreement with Croatia, i.e., regardless of whether or not the language department of Croatian language and literature falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry. If applicable an application must be submitted by the Croatian language fellow.

The above mentioned students can apply for the following scholarship types:

- A/1. one semester studies for students of Croatian Language abroad
- F. summer course in the summer of 2016 (2 weeks)

1. SCHOLARSHIP TYPES

The following scholarships are available in the 2016/2017 Academic Year:

A/1. one semester studies for students of Croatian Language abroad

Eligible applicants: undergraduate (BA/BSc) and graduate (MA/MSc) students, especially those majoring in Croatian Language and Literature, as well as graduate students working on their theses. Before application, students are required to have completed a minimum of two semesters at their home institutions.

Candidates for this scholarship are nominated by the Croatian language fellows at higher education institutions abroad.

A/2. semester/partial studies (3-10 months)

Eligible applicants: undergraduate (BA/BSc) and graduate (MA/MSc) students. Before application, students are required to have completed a minimum of two semesters at their home institutions.

B. undergraduate/graduate studies

Eligible applicants: only candidates on the basis of a valid/effective educational co-operation programme, namely candidates from China and members of Croatian minority in Hungary, Romania and Slovak Republic.

C/1. full PhD programme (36 months)

The scholarship is conditional upon successful entrance exam/admission to the respective doctoral school.

C/2. partial PhD studies (up to 12 months)

Applicants must be enrolled in a PhD programme at an accredited institution of higher education in his/her home country or in a foreign country (but not in Croatia).

D. postdoctoral studies, research (1-10 months)

Applicants must have a PhD or an equivalent degree.

E. research visit (3-21 days or 1-10 months)

For associate or higher ranking professors or for researchers holding minimum a PhD or an equivalent degree, for carrying out a research at one of the accredited Croatian research

institutions. The list of eligible research institutions is available at: http://pregledi.mzos.hr/Ustanove_Z.aspx

F. summer course in the summer of 2016 (2 weeks)

The scholarship is granted for <u>Zagreb School of Slavic Studies</u> (Croatian Seminar for Foreign Slavic Studies Students) that will be held in Dubrovnik in August 2016.

Eligible applicants: Foreign students of Croatian and Slavic Studies, lecturers (professors, senior assistants with a Ph.D. and teaching/research assistants) who teach Croatian language and literature at foreign universities, experts who specialize in Croatian Studies in different research institutions, as well as translators of the Croatian language.

A minimum level of language competence is A2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (it applies to understanding, speaking and writing).

A preference will be given to candidates who are independent users of Croatian (B1 and B2).

2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The scholarship holders can make use of the scholarship only for the period of the academic year which the scholarship is being granted for (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017, July and August excluded).

These scholarships allow for study or research in any field of arts and sciences during the granted period at an accredited public Croatian higher education or research institution to be determined in advance. For Type A scholarship, an applicant may submit an application only on one occasion during his/her BA/BSc studies, and on another occasion during his/her MA/MSc studies.

The semester/partial studies and full PhD and partial PhD studies scholarships may not be extended. Postdoctoral studies and research or research visit scholarships may be extended exceptionally, only under special circumstances, on one occasion. These scholarships can only be used for conducting studies or research in Croatia, which means that scholarship holders must stay in Croatia during the whole period of their studies or research.

All applicants should indicate the preferred period of scholarship in their application form. The Ministry of Science, Education and Sports and the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes reserve the right to change the requested duration of study stay in Croatia, place or institution if admission as requested by the applicant is not feasible.

Scholarships are awarded by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports and the Agency for Mobility

and EU Programmes on the basis of bilateral agreements between the Republic of Croatia and other countries. The results are expected to be published by the beginning of July 2016. Applicants for the summer course (F) will be informed on the results by the Zagreb School of Slavic Studies before July. All the other applicants will be informed of the results in an official letter posted and sent via e-mail. Scholarship holders will receive from the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes General Info Package including: Instructions and further details on the stay in Croatia, Letter of Award, Letter of Acceptance and Final Report Form. The appeals against the decision shall not be accepted.

By applying to the Call for Applications candidates agree that their name can be published on the list of successful applicants on website: www.mobilnost.hr.

Cases of non-eligibility

- Foreign citizens with a residence permit or in the course of applying for a residence permit in Croatia cannot apply;
- Students already enrolled in a study programme in Croatia cannot apply;
- Students applying for part-time study programmes cannot apply;
- O Students applying for private higher education institutions cannot apply.
- o Candidates without the citizenship of the country which nominates them

Age limits for applicants

- 25 years for scholarships for undergraduate/graduate studies;
- o 35 years for scholarships for postgraduate studies;
- o 45 years for postdoctoral scholarships.

There are no age limits for the following types of scholarships:

- o research visit
- summer courses

For scholarships type A1. and F, priority will be given to the candidates who have not previously been awarded a bilateral grant.

3. FINANCIAL BENEFITS FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS:

1. undergraduate/graduate (A1, A2, B)

- 1.300,00 HRK monthly allowance
- subsidized accommodation in the student dormitory and subsidized meals at student restaurants

2. full PhD or partial PhD studies longer than 10 days (C1, C2)

- 1.500,00 HRK monthly allowance
- subsidized accommodation in the student dormitory and subsidized meals at student restaurants

3. postdoctoral studies or research longer than 10 days (D, E)

- 1.500,00 HRK monthly allowance
- subsidized accommodation in the student dormitory

4. short research stay (3-10) days (E)

- ◆ **150,00 HRK** per diem
- subsidized accommodation in the student dormitory

4. summer course (2 weeks)

♦ Tuition-free course, free accommodation and meals

The Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia and the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes reserve the right to change the financial benefits for scholarship holders stated in the Call for Applications, during the scholarship period according to the Croatian legislation and financial regulations in force.

Scholarship terms for undergraduate/graduate studies

For scholarship holders who are about to follow a full cycle of undergraduate/graduate studies in Croatia and whose Croatian language skills are not sufficient, a scholarship for an initial one (1) academic year shall be granted in order to follow Croatian language lessons and be prepared for the final language exam, which they should pass successfully. In case they fail, the scholarship is automatically discontinued, and the scholarship holder is obliged to return to his/her country. Successful applicants will be granted a full cycle of undergraduate/graduate studies, and renewed every year, pending academic success. Only members of the Croatian minority in Hungary, Romania and Slovak Republic who will enrol in any of the five study programmes (Croatian language and culture ("kroatistika" and "kroatologija"), History, Geography, Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Teacher Education Studies) may apply for this scholarship.

Each scholarship holder is obliged, throughout the scholarship programme, to stay in Croatia and be engaged solely in the programme which has been approved by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports. Absence is justified for three (3) consecutive months (during summer) and in case a scholarship holder needs to be absent for a longer period, he/she should inform the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes.

According to the national legislation, all candidates for this scholarship must undergo external evaluation of secondary education (State School Leaving Exam) and register as new users using the Central Application System on the following website: www.postani-student.hr

Prospective students with foreign educational certificates who wish to apply for undergraduate study programmes in Croatia should send their secondary school diplomas and results of school leaving exams to the Agency for Education and Teacher Training where they will undergo a process of recognition. More information on the recognition of foreign secondary school qualifications can be found on: http://www.azoo.hr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2702&Itemid=92.

Please note that process of foreign educational qualifications recognition should be in line with national legislation currently in force.

A scholarship for a full cycle of undergraduate/graduate studies in Croatia will be approved only upon successful enrolment at the higher education institution and after an applicant submits to the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes a proof of successful enrolment to the higher education institution.

Please note that the Agency is not in charge of student enrolment and that each student, applying for semester/partial/full degree studies, needs to arrange the conditions of their enrolment to study period with the higher education institution.

A scholarship for a full cycle of undergraduate/graduate studies in Croatia will be renewed every year, pending academic success in previous academic year.

A scholarship holder must submit to the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes at the end of the each academic year, latest until 1st October:

- Final Report
- Certificate about successful enrolment in the next academic year
- Certificate about acquired ECTS credits; for acquired:
 - more than 45 ECTS the scholarship will be renewed
 - between 30 and 45 ECTS the scholarship will be renewed only if student covers tuition fee
 - less than 30 ECTS the scholarship won't be renewed.

Also, a scholarship holder must submit to the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes a transcript of records or a copy of student identification document (indeks) at mid-semester to present their study progression.

Scholarship terms for postgraduate studies and research

The applicant should meet the academic requirements of the Croatian higher education institution that he/she applies to. A scholarship will be approved only after the required institution accepts the candidate.

Scholarship holders can make use of the scholarship <u>only during the period of the specific academic</u> <u>year for which the scholarship has been granted.</u>

Within 30 days after the scholarship ends, each scholarship holder must submit to the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes a detailed Final Report about the studies or research he/she has carried out, as well as a certificate by his/her supervisor about the research. If this is not the case, scholarship refund shall be claimed.

Prospective students who wish to apply for graduate or postgraduate study programmes and have a foreign higher education qualification or degree, will need to undergo the process of academic recognition. Academic recognition for the purpose of continuation of higher education on graduate or postgraduate study programmes in Croatia is performed by Offices for Academic Recognition of Foreign Higher Education Qualifications at Croatian higher education institutions. *Please contact desired Universities for more information*.

Candidates for **research** should be fluent in Croatian or English. The term "research" includes preparation for a doctoral or postdoctoral thesis, as well as any other form of scientific research **except** medical specialization.

A scholarship for a full cycle of postgraduate studies in Croatia will be renewed every year, pending academic success in previous academic year.

A scholarship holder must submit to the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes at the end of the each academic year:

- Final Report
- Certificate about successful enrolment in the next academic year

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Every application must contain **two** (2) **copies** of the documents listed below in one of the following languages: Croatian or English. Documents in other languages will not be accepted.

A/1. one semester studies for students of Croatian Language abroad

- On-line and printed version of the Application form http://www.mobilnost.hr/scholarship_application/
- One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form
- A photocopy of passport
- Curriculum Vitae (in Europass format)
 http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/hornav/Downloads/EuropassCV/CVTemplate.csp
- Transcript of the last two completed semesters at the home institution (Copy of BA/BSc degree for those who have completed a BA/BSc programme)
- Letter of interest
- Recommendation of a Croatian language fellow at the home institution, co-signed by the Head of Department
- o Copy of enrolment at the applicant's home institution
- o Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

A/2. semester/partial studies (3-10 months)

- On-line and printed version of the Application form http://www.mobilnost.hr/scholarship_application/
- One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form
- A photocopy of passport
- Curriculum Vitae (in Europass format)
 http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/hornav/Downloads/EuropassCV/CVTemplate.csp
- Transcript of the last two completed semesters at the home institution (Copy of BA/BSc degree for those who have completed a BA/BSc programme)
- Letter of interest.
- Certificate of proficiency in Croatian unless there is another working language agreed upon for the proposed course/programme (to be attached to the letter of invitation)
- o Copy of enrolment at the applicant's home institution
- Letter of invitation by the host institution in Croatia signed by the Head of Department
- o Two letters of recommendation
- Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

B. undergraduate/graduate studies

- On-line and printed version of the Application form http://www.mobilnost.hr/scholarship_application/
- One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form
- A photocopy of passport
- Curriculum Vitae (in Europass format)
 http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/hornav/Downloads/EuropassCV/CVTemplate.csp
- Letter of interest
- o Copy of the last acquired Certificate or Diploma
- o A language certificate of the language(s) that the candidate declares that he/she speaks
- Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition
- Copy of the enrolment certificate (for undergraduate / graduate programme), submitted after successful completion of enrolment process

C/1. full PhD programme (36 months)

- On-line and printed version of the Application form http://www.mobilnost.hr/scholarship_application/
- One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form
- o A photocopy of passport
- Curriculum Vitae (in Europass format)
 http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/hornav/Downloads/EuropassCV/CVTemplate.csp
- List of publications
- o Copy of the highest degree / diploma received
- Precise and detailed work plan maximum two pages
- Certificate of proficiency in Croatian unless there is another working language agreed upon for the proposed course/programme (to be attached to the letter of invitation)
- o Letters of recommendation from two recognized experts in the relevant discipline
- o Letter of invitation by the dean of the higher education institution in Croatia offering the doctoral programme (in which he/she declares that the applicant can take part in a tuition-free programme if he/she is accepted in the doctoral programme and if the MoSES scholarship is awarded to him/her).
- o Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

C/2. partial PhD studies (up to 12 months)

- On-line and printed version of the Application form http://www.mobilnost.hr/scholarship_application/
- One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form
- A photocopy of passport
- Curriculum Vitae (in Europass format)
 http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/hornav/Downloads/EuropassCV/CVTemplate.csp
- List of publications
- o Copy of the highest degree/diploma received
- Precise and detailed work plan maximum two pages
- Certificate of proficiency in Croatian unless there is another working language agreed upon for the proposed course/programme (to be attached to the letter of invitation)
- Two letters of recommendation: one by the applicant's home institution, one by the supervisor in Croatia
- Copy of enrolment in the doctoral programme in the applicant's home country
- Letter of invitation by the dean of the higher education institution in Croatia offering the doctoral programme
- Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

D. postdoctoral studies, research (1-10 months)

- On-line and printed version of the Application form http://www.mobilnost.hr/scholarship_application/
- One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form
- A photocopy of passport
- Curriculum Vitae (in Europass format)
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- List of publications
- o Copy of the highest degree/diploma received
- o Precise and detailed work plan maximum two pages
- Certificate of proficiency in Croatian unless there is another working language agreed upon for the proposed course/programme (to be attached to the letter of invitation)
- o Letters of recommendation from two recognized experts in the relevant discipline
- Letter of invitation by the future host institution in Croatia
- o Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

E. research visit (3-21 days or 1-10 months)

- On-line and printed version of the Application form http://www.mobilnost.hr/scholarship_application/
- One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form
- A photocopy of passport
- Curriculum Vitae (in Europass format)
 http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/hornav/Downloads/EuropassCV/CVTemplate.csp
- List of publications
- Copy of the highest degree/diploma received (supporting document of associate or higher ranking professorship)
- o Precise and detailed work plan maximum two pages
- Certificate of proficiency in Croatian unless there is another working language agreed upon for the proposed course/programme (to be attached to the letter of invitation)
- o Two letters of recommendation from two recognized experts in the relevant discipline
- Letter of invitation by the future host institution in Croatia
- Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

F. summer course in the summer of 2016 (2 weeks)

- On-line and printed version of the Application form http://www.mobilnost.hr/scholarship_application/
- One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form
- A photocopy of passport
- Curriculum Vitae (in Europass format)
 http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/hornav/Downloads/EuropassCV/CVTemplate.csp
- Copy of enrolment at the applicant's home institution (for students) or copy of the highest degree/diploma received (for researchers, lecturers)
- Letter of interest
- Letter of recommendation
- o Proof of proficiency in Croatian language (minimum A2)

PLEASE NOTE:

Incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be considered. Documents in other languages than English or Croatian will not be accepted. Application documents shall not be returned.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

These scholarships cannot be awarded concurrently with other scholarships from EU Programmes. If a scholarship holder has been awarded another scholarship from any of EU programs, for the same mobility, he/she is not eligible for this scholarship.

The scholarship is meant to cover the living expenses of one person only, so there is no available financing or visa exemption for accompanying members of the family or any other persons. Neither visa related fees nor any other costs related to the scholarship holder's stay in Croatia shall be compensated.

Please note that the scholarship is not meant to cover all the costs of the scholarship holder but rather, it is a contribution to the living costs. Scholarship holders are advised, apart from the scholarship funds to be received from the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes, to have sufficient amount of money to cover their living costs for at least two months in Croatia.

Travel Expenses

Travel expenses to Croatia and back to the country of origin are not covered by the scholarship package; they are the responsibility of a scholarship holder.

6. HEALTH INSURANCE

During their stay in Croatia, all international students with temporary residence permit must have health insurance. Regulated health insurance is the prerequisite for being granted temporary residence permit.

EU nationals

EU countries residents are obliged to obtain European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) prior to their arrival to Croatia. EHIC is issued by their national health insurance provider.

Countries with health care agreements with Croatia

Croatia regulates the issue of health care for foreign nationals during their stay in Croatia through agreements on social security signed with the following countries:

Macedonia, Montenegro and Turkey.

Students from the aforementioned countries are recommended to contact their public health insurance provider before arriving in Croatia in order to obtain the document which enables them to receive health care in Croatia.

Countries without health care agreements with Croatia

The Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes covers the health insurance expenses for scholarship holders from countries which do not have social security agreements with Croatia, **if so foreseen in a valid/effective bilateral educational co-operation programme**.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application consists of:

1. On-line Application form

2. Printed and signed version of the Application form

3. Two copies of required documents in English or Croatian

On-line **Application** form be submitted website: must through the

http://www.mobilnost.hr/scholarship_application/. After submitting the on-line Application form, the pdf

version of on-line Application form should be printed and signed. We suggest that applicants keep a copy

of the application documents, in order to submit them themselves when enroling in the higher education

institution.

The deadline for application and for submitting two copies of the required documents and printed

version of the Application form is: 18th April 2016 (as per postmark).

Printed application materials should be sent to (by the national competent authority if applicable):

Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes

Frankopanska 26, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia

Phone: +385 (0)1 5005 635

Fax: +385 1 5005 699

www.mobilnost.hr

E-mail: bilaterala@mobilnost.hr

Attention! Incomplete applications, applications sent only via e-mail or those past the deadline will

not be accepted and will not be considered for scholarship award.

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