

Study  Latvia



OVERALL CONDITIONS

- Latvian state scholarships are available for studies.
- A scholarship can be received by Bachelor's, Master's and PhD students for studies.
- Citizens of more than 40 countries can apply.
- Each applicant can submit only one application in an open call.

Language of instruction

- English, Latvian

The academic year in Latvia

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

Financial provisions

- Studies in Latvia are fee-based in foreign languages. An average tuition fee ranges from €2,000 to €10,000. For medicine or executive business programmes the cost may be up to €15,000 per year.
- Scholarships partially cover all the expenses related to studies (tuition fee, living costs, and other expenses).
- Scholarships cannot be awarded concurrently with other grants.
- Travel expenses from a home country to Latvia and back are not covered by Latvian state scholarships.
- A scholarship holder is required to make his own arrangements to cover the insurance.

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 those months, when the recipient of the scholarship is physically absent from the HEI in Latvia for more than 15 calendar days of respective month.

Amount of the scholarship



€ 500 per month

for Bachelor's and Master's students



€ 700 per month

for PhD students

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

APPLICATION

- A call for applications is open annually from **1st February to 1st April**.
- The application process is through online 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:

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| 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.*

Application documents for scholarships for studies

1

CONFIRMATION 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 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.

FIND OUT MORE

Latvian state scholarships, as well as the initiative *Study in Latvia* is administrated by the State Education Development Agency in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science.

Latvian state scholarships

Detailed information about Latvian state scholarships on the websites of the agency: www.viaa.gov.lv/en/studies
www.studyinlatvia.lv/scholarships

Contact us:

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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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