National scholarship programme for foreign students, researchers and lecturers

SCHOLARSHIP FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUMMER AND WINTER SCHOOLS

Guidelines

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The purpose of this guidelines is to provide conditions and procedures for the payment of scholarships of summer and winter schools within the framework of the national scholarship programme for foreign students, researchers and lecturers. The implementation of the programme is organized by Foundation Archimedes (hereinafter the foundation).

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. The scholarship supports the participation of foreign students in summer and winter schools of the Estonian universities.
2. Scholarships may be applied for by the foreign bachelor's, master's and PhD students who, by the time of applying, have studied in their universities for at least one year (including former study levels).

AMOUNT AND PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

3. The scholarship can be used for the participation in summer courses for Estonian language and culture organized by the Estonian higher education institutions, and in summer and winter schools related to English language curricula.
4. The scholarship covers the participation fee of the summer or winter school and the student's accommodation costs within the limits set.
5. The participation fee of the scholarship is calculated within the actual rate, but not more than 500 euros per summer or winter school.
6. The accommodation cost of the scholarship is calculated at 25 euros per day for a maximum of 28 days.
7. The scholarship is paid to the higher education institution organizing the summer or winter school who arranges the accommodation or the transfer of the scholarship as needed.
8. Registration to the course must be made before applying for the scholarship.

APPLICATION

9. Applications are accepted once a year. Deadline for the application is March 19 (the possibility to submit the application in the environment closes automatically on March 20 at 0.00). The possibility to submit the application will open one month before the deadline.
10. The application, which contains the motivational letter, must be submitted in the electronic application environment (www.archimedes.ee/taotlused) along with the following annexes:
11. copy of passport or ID card;
12. certificate about studying at a foreign higher education institution (including about study level, academic year and nominal period);
13. confirmation about the registration to the summer or winter school.
14. During the application, the applicant can apply to participate in one summer or winter school.
15. If the documents are not Estonian or English, they must be provided with translations either in English or in Estonian.

16. All documents must be uploaded to the application system. Documents signed on paper shall be presented in scanned form. The Foundation has the right to check the correspondence of the submitted documents to the originals.

17. Applications that are not complete or arrive late will not be accepted. In case of the absence of eligible candidates, the Commission reserves the right not to grant the scholarship.

**GRANTING SCHOLARSHIP**

18. Applications are evaluated and the decision about granting the scholarship is made by the Commission.

19. The applications are assessed considering the following:

20. deliberateness of the motivational letter;

21. the overall quality of the application.

22. In case of equal applications, applications from the group A countries listed in Annex 1 are preferred in the first order and applications from the group B countries in the second order.

23. The data of the approved applicants will be forwarded to the host institution.

24. If the applicant fails to attend a summer or winter school, he loses the right to use the scholarship.

**PAYMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AND REPORTING**

25. The Foundation shall pay the scholarship to the host institution within 21 days from the conclusion of the respective contract.

26. During the period of paying the scholarship, the grantee must stay in Estonia. If it turns out that the grantee has not stayed in Estonia during the period of paying the scholarship, the host institution must return the accommodation part of the scholarship.

27. Extension of the scholarship period after confirmation of the results of the scholarship competition is possible only with the written consent of the Foundation.

28. The report about the use of the scholarship is submitted to the Foundation by the host institution. A free-form report about the activities and costs is submitted within one month after the end of the summer or winter school.
ANNEX 1

Group A countries:

1. The People's Republic of China
2. Israel
3. Greece
4. Poland
5. Czech Republic
6. Turkey

Group B countries:

1. United States of America
2. Armenia
3. Azerbaijan
4. Belgium
5. Brazil
6. Bulgaria
7. Egypt
8. Philippines
9. Georgia
10. Spain
11. Croatia
12. India
13. Indonesia
14. Italy
15. Canada
16. Kazakhstan
17. The Republic of Korea
18. Cyprus
19. Lithuania
20. Latvia
21. Mexico
22. Moldova
23. Portugal
24. France
25. Germany
26. Slovenia
27. Finland
28. Sri Lanka
29. United Kingdom
30. Thailand
31. Tunisia
32. Ukraine
33. Hungary
34. Russia
35. Vietnam