

Detailed information on scholarships for Greek citizens to participate in the Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies in the Czech Republic in 2020 and Instructions how to apply

A) Two (2) scholarships will be granted for Greek citizens to participate in the Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies in the Czech Republic in 2020, in compliance with Article 5b) of the Programme of Educational and Cultural Co-operation between the Government of the Czech Republic and the Government of the Hellenic Republic. One scholarship has been assigned for the Summer School of Slavonic Languages at the **Faculty of Arts of Charles University in Prague** - the course will be held from **24 July 2020 to 21 August 2020**, detailed information can be found on: <http://lsss.ff.cuni.cz/en>. // The other scholarship has been assigned for the Summer School of Slavonic Studies at the **Faculty of Arts of Masaryk University in Brno** - the course will be held from **18 July 2020 to 15 August 2020**, detailed information can be found on: <https://kabcest.phil.muni.cz/en/study/summer-school>. **Greek citizens can apply only for the courses organized at the two aforementioned universities. // Only those who will have completed 18 years on the 1st day of the course can apply.**

The scholarship covers tuition, board, accommodation and excursions organised as part of the respective summer school course programme. For more information applicants can visit: www.msmt.cz/eu-and-international-affairs/summer-schools-of-slavonic-studies.

The acceptance to the above summer courses follow the international agreements, and hence it is necessary that the nomination of candidates will be done on the reciprocity principle by the respective Greek authorities, which are kindly asked to **have submitted the nominations, consisting of properly completed application forms and other supporting documentation, to the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Athens by 16 March 2020.**

In this respect, please, notice that other than the herewith enclosed application form will not be accepted. Applications can also be downloaded from the webpage of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic: www.msmt.cz/eu-and-international-affairs/summer-schools-of-slavonic-studies. **Please, make sure that the correct university assigned for applicants from Greece** (see above) have been chosen and indicated in the application form.

Apart from a properly completed application form, the below documents have to be part of the application file:

- 1) Candidate's CV in Czech or English.
- 2) Candidate's ID/passport copy.
- 3) Alternatively, other supporting documentation, such as cover/motivation letter resuming why applying for a scholarship, certificates on languages skills and educational background.

In order to speed up and facilitate the process and further communication, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic kindly asks the candidates and alternates to refer their phone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses in application forms.

Letters of acceptance will be delivered by the respective school directly to the contact addresses of the accepted candidates. **It is absolutely necessary that having received a letter of acceptance accepted candidates will immediately confirm by e-mail and also by a letter to the respective school whether they will participate or not.**

In case some of the officially nominated and accepted candidates cannot eventually attend the course and withdraw, these candidates are kindly asked to inform **immediately** the Department of International Relations of the Ministry of the Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic on the fact to the following e-mail address: matus.ziga@msmt.cz. These candidates are asked to inform without any delay also the respective summer school they will have been accepted to in order the school could invite an alternate candidate to participate in the course.

Accepted candidates from the EU member states whose health care service coverage is not specified in the respective international bilateral agreement **are strongly recommended to arrange individual travel health insurance prior to their departure.** This applies especially for cases of repatriation. Nor the Ministry of the Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic, neither the institutions organizing the courses are responsible for health care service coverage and/or repatriation. Detailed information on health care service provided in the Czech Republic can be found on the website of the Czech Health Insurance Bureau (www.kancelarzp.cz). The Embassy kindly asks the esteemed Ministry to inform the candidates and the alternates in detail on the health care service coverage terms in this respect.

B) It is further recommended to submit also applications of potential alternates - the number of potential alternates might be twice as much as the official candidates are.

C) Apart from candidates nominated officially as scholarship applicants by the Greek authorities under the principle of reciprocity, **other citizens are also encouraged to apply for the summer school courses** - these apply directly to the respective schools and cover the course expenses themselves. The Embassy of the Czech Republic encloses short information about all Summer Courses of Slavonic Studies that will take place in the Czech Republic in the year 2020, including the appropriate contact details. Detailed information on the courses and the instructions how to apply, including application forms, can be found on the referred official sites of the respective Universities as well as on the official site of the Ministry of the Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic under: www.msmt.cz/eu-and-international-affairs/summer-schools-of-slavonic-studies.

The list of all Summer Courses of Slavonic Studies 2020, containing the contact details, will soon be found on the official website of the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Athens www.mzv.cz/athens.