

Visegrad Scholarship Program 2026 Questions & Answers

1. Eligibility

Q: Can I apply for scholarship for my bachelor's studies?

A: Visegrad Scholarships only cover studies at master's (MA or equivalent) or post-master's levels (doctoral studies programs or independent research, e.g., at a postdoc level).

Q: Can I apply if I am currently not a student?

A: Yes, one's student's status is not required but you must have completed at least 6 semesters of higher education at the time of starting the MA-level scholarship or hold the equivalent of a bachelor's (BA) degree.

Q: Is there an age limit for applying?

A: No.

Q: Which academic disciplines do the scholarships cover?

A: We currently do not have any priority areas as regards your academic discipline or study/research topics.

Q: If I completed my bachelor's studies abroad, can I continue in the same country (e.g., MA)?

A: If you completed your previous studies in one of the V4 countries (e.g., you hold a Czech BA degree), you cannot apply for further studies in the same country (e.g., MA in Czechia) but can decide for a different V4 country.

Q: If I am enrolled in the first year of a MA program, can I apply for scholarship to finish my studies at the same university?

A: Yes, you can.

Q: Can I apply in case I will not have the acceptance letter (from the host university) by the deadline?

A: Yes, in case your program requires admission tests or a personal interview (results of which will be known only after the deadline), you can submit a proof of your application for the studies (scan/on-line version of duly filled-in host university application form and confirmation of its hard copy/on-line submit)

or a preliminary acceptance letter. The final acceptance letter is to be submitted before the signing of the contract with the Fund.

Q: Can I apply for more than one study program within an application form? Can I submit several application forms in one deadline?

A: No, each scholar can submit only one application to one host institution and for one study program/research project at a time (within a deadline).

Q: Can I receive Erasmus and Visegrad Fund scholarship at the same time?

A: In principle, we do allow for parallel funding even from other public budgets but the preference will always be given to scholars without other funding opportunities. Applicants are also advised to find out whether other public scholarships do allow co-funding.

Q: Can I leave my host university/institution during the scholarship period?

A: The scholarship is an attendance, full-time scholarship. The scholar is expected to work on his or her study/research project at the host institution for the entire scholarship period.

Q: Do I have to study in English?

A: The language of your study/research depends on the programs offered by your host institution; you do not have to study in English. Also, you do not need to provide us with any language certificates.

Q: Does the Visegrad Fund help me with the admission at the host institution?

A: No, the scholarship is meant as a support for scholars who were already accepted (at least preliminarily) at host institutions. The admission process at the host institution is the sole responsibility of the applicant.

Q: Which institutions are eligible hosts?

A: Any higher-education institution (accredited in the respective country) is eligible as the potential host and so are institutes of science academies in the respective countries. The application form includes a list of the most common destinations in every eligible country.

2. Application form

Q: Can I submit my application form after the deadline?

A: No. The Fund cannot accept any application or its parts after the deadline.

3. Scholarships

Q: When can I start my scholarship?

A: As the results of the scholarships are usually published around May/June, the scholarship can only start afterwards, usually from September/October (fall semester of the upcoming academic year) at the earliest.



Q: When and how do I receive the money?

A: The scholarship is paid in advance for each semester (5-month period) only once the host university confirms the scholar's arrival (to be uploaded by the student in the system). The follow-up semesters (continuation of the scholarship) can each be paid only based on a confirmation of the continuation of the studies (progress report/transcript of records).

Q: When and upon what conditions will I receive the contract for signing?

A: The scholarship contract will be sent to you by post together with an official confirmation letter proving your award. You may use these documents for whatever purposes necessary (e.g., when applying for a student visa).

Q: Does the scholarship cover tuition fees?

A: The scholarship does not literally cover the tuition fees but the host university/institute receives €2,000/semester for every scholar (this lump sum is paid separately). In the cases of bachelor's (V4 scholars only) or master's studies, the host university/institute is encouraged not to charge additional tuition fees. However, if the tuition fees exceed the lump sum per semester, the scholars are responsible to cover the remaining sum by themselves. We recommend finding out about the tuition fees at the host university/institute in advance and if the lump sum will fully cover the costs. In case of post-master's scholars, the lump sum is to cover all possible costs of the host university connected with hosting a foreign scholar, e.g. publishing scholar's monograph, related office supplies, short-term conference costs, access to databases for research purposes, the scholar's supervisor fee, etc..

Q: How much is the scholarship I receive?

A: The scholarship amounts to €3,500 per semester and is paid to each scholar without the need to account for it. This money is at the scholar's full disposal but the Fund cannot cover any additional costs (visa fees, health insurance, accommodation, etc.).

Q: Does the Fund arrange/facilitate my visa, health/travel insurance, accommodation, travel to the host country?

A: No, but the Fund can issue a scholarship confirmation which can be used as an enclosure to the visa application.

Q: Do I have to acknowledge the Fund's support?

A: Yes, you should promote your accomplishment in becoming a Visegrad scholar. Please remember to acknowledge our support in any documentation related to your scholarly activities and at any public events where you present the results and outcomes of your study/research acquired during the scholarship period.

You can also use [our logo](#) to visually acknowledge the Visegrad Scholarship Program's contribution to your study/research.