



LATVIAN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

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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.viaa.gov.lv/scholarships

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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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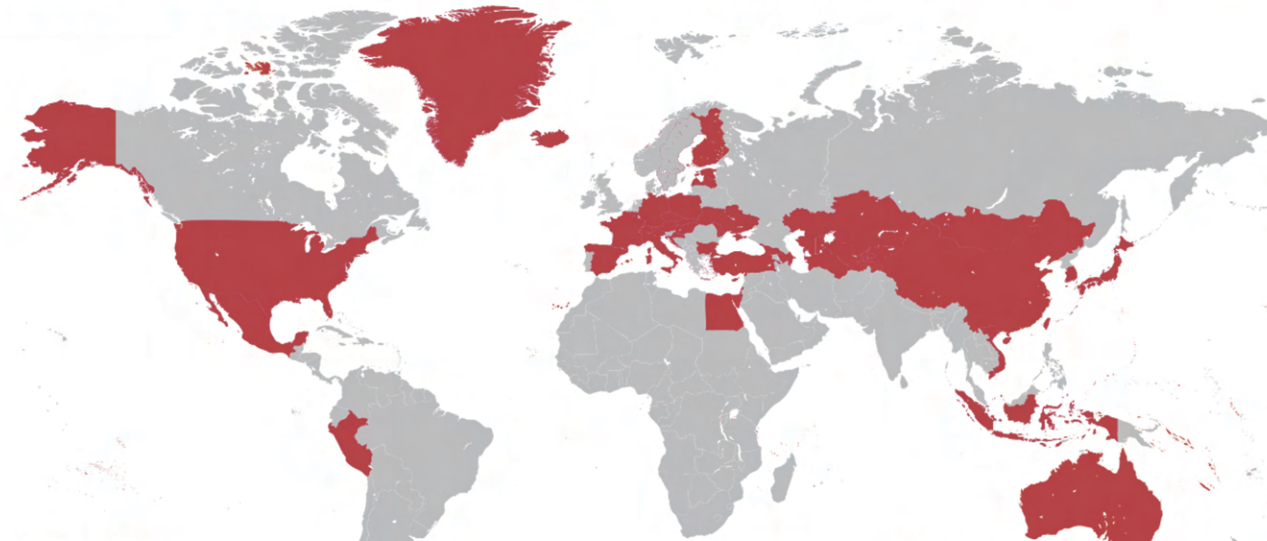
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ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES



Citizens of 38 countries, which have signed an agreement on the co-operation in education and science with Latvia, or other partner countries, can apply.

North America

- The United States of America
- Mexico

South America

- Peru

Africa

- Egypt

Europe

- Italy
- Spain
- Belgium (Wallonia and Brussels)
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Finland
- Ukraine
- France
- Poland
- Austria
- Germany
- Slovakia
- Czech Republic
- Moldova
- Georgia
- Azerbaijan

Asia

- Hungary
- Switzerland
- Estonia
- Iceland
- Turkey
- Israel
- Kazakhstan
- Uzbekistan
- Tajikistan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Turkmenistan
- Mongolia
- The People's Republic of China
- Japan
- South Korea
- Indonesia
- Vietnam

! The list of eligible countries is subject to change.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The quality of studies is high and the opportunities offered for students and graduates are many



Dilan Ortiz from Colombia student of Telecommunication technologies and Data transmission engineering at Riga Technical University

"Once I participated in a summer school, in Latvia as an exchange student through my home university and I liked it so much that I decided to stay and become a full-time student. An open mind and willingness to embrace change helped me to make transition to one of the Baltics states and RTU a smooth one, and Latvian language and culture have been my favorite classes to date. I strongly advise others to come and study at RTU as the quality of studies is high and the opportunities offered for students and graduates are several and therefore, there are good chances of getting a good professional career. My goals after graduation include continuing my studies to PhD and then we'll see what happens."

Living in Latvia has been an excellent choice for a student



Reetta Suves from Finland is medicine student at University of Latvia

"I got into the University of Latvia and began my studies there in September 2018. I was excited to learn new things but also terrified by the amount of knowledge we had to memorize in a short period of time. I worked hard and tirelessly through the pre-clinics and third and fourth year. I still have two more years to go until graduation but I know already I will miss these years and especially the times we have had together as a study group. I do not know yet where life will take us, but Latvia will forever have a special place in our hearts."

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 €2,800 to €15,000 per year. For medicine or executive business programmes the cost may be up to €15,000 per year.
- Scholarship partially cover all the expenses related to your studies (tuition fee, living costs, and other expenses). Scholarship cannot be awarded concurrently with other grants.
- Travel expenses from a home country to Latvia and back are not covered by Latvian state scholarship.
- A scholarship holder is required to make his own arrangements to cover the insurance.

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:

- 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 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.

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 confirmation letter 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 confirmation letter for the present or chosen study programme prior to the application for a scholarship.
- The confirmation letter 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 /month for Bachelor's students (and 2nd level professional higher education students for 1st, 2nd and 3rd study year) €600 /month for Master's students (and 2nd level professional higher education students starting from 4th study year) €700 /month for PhD students

*The list of contact persons of Latvian HEI can be found at: www.studyinlatvia.lv/scholarships

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**
A copy of the most recent HEI qualification and diploma supplement, 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.

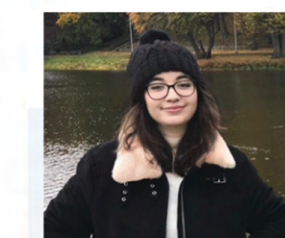
The most important thing for me has always been the quality of teaching



Alex Fedosseyev from Kazakhstan is PhD student in History at Daugavpils University

"It's been 5 years already since I was admitted by Daugavpils University for master programme in History and I am still here doing my PhD studies now. I think that the most important thing for me has always been the quality of teaching, and the conditions created by the university for comfortable and effective assimilation of knowledge. Teachers adapt the course plan based on the student's background, adjust to the speed of the student's work, because the main thing for them is the digesting of the learning materials. I was lucky to be nominated for the Latvian state scholarship."

Teachers and my classmates made sure I felt super welcomed and comfortable



Irem Kurt from Turkey is Master student of Big Data Analysis at RISEBA University of Applied Sciences

"To the new students who want to come to Latvia but are afraid because of language or social life: You will be surprised by how many people speak English in Latvia, and there are tons of international clubs in schools, so don't be shy or afraid to join them! Regarding my studies, I can say that my teachers were really helpful and very practical, especially in IT classes. Latvia offers generous scholarships to international students. With the help of my teachers from school, I applied for this scholarship and got selected to receive it."