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Bilateral scholarships for the academic year 2013 / 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia (hereafter referred to as the "Ministry") hereby offers the number of scholarship months to foreign nationals, on the basis of bilateral agreements (between the governments/ministries) and reciprocity with the following countries:

Country	Number of scholarship months available for citizens of the country for the academic year 2013/14 (i.e. 1.10.2013 - 30.9.2014)
Bulgaria	14
Croatia	26
Czech Republic	40
Greece	10
Hungary	16
Israel	27
Italy	20
Japan	12
Mexico	24
Montenegro	18
Poland	46
People's Republic of China	48
Republic of Macedonia	26
Russian Federation	10
Slovakia	20
Switzerland	12
Turkey	9

Scholarships are awarded to applicants nominated by the competent authorities of eligible countries.

This scholarships scheme is designed for university/college students or graduates and Ph.D. applicants who wish to accomplish a part of their study at one of the [Slovenian institution of higher education](#). A part of postgraduate study is based on individual works under the supervision of Slovenian professor/mentor.

Its length usually ranges from 3 to 10 months depending upon the agreement concerned that specifies also the categories of eligible recipients.

The scholarship **cannot be awarded for a complete course of study leading to a degree.**

Neither can the scholarship be granted for any Slovenian language course.

Please note that **tuition fee cannot** be covered from this scholarship!

Majority of the applications are admitted for short time **study stay** or **research visits by doctoral students/candidates** (i.e. they either attend non-degree courses of their choice, or pursue an independent research activity at the host institutions, depending on their qualifications and preferences). In compliance with the applicable legal regulations, decisions on admission to research or study stays are taken by the institutions of higher education. **Applicants are therefore obliged to contact the selected university directly and request a Letter of Acceptance from the relevant department.** Applicants are requested to point out to the selected university that they are applying for a scholarship award under the bilateral agreement.

The age limit of the applicants for study stays is 26 years (the applicant may not complete 26 years of age before the end of the scholarship period) and 30 years for research visit.

Exceptions to these regulations are possible only if so defined in the concerned bilateral agreement.

The applicants for study stays should be **proficient in the Slovene language**, unless the **working language** is agreed upon with the mentor/supervisor.

All applicants should indicate the preferred period of scholarship in their application form. The Ministry reserves the right to change the requested term of scholarship and/or place any applicant to a course and/or higher education institution different from those indicated in his/her scholarship application form, if admission as requested by the applicant is not feasible.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The implementation of this scholarships programme in the Republic of Slovenia is assigned to the national agency: [CMEPIUS](#) – Centre of the Republic of Slovenia for Mobility and European Educational and Training Programmes.

The nominations (main and reserve list) and application dossiers of applicants must be submitted to the CMEPIUS by the competent authorities (usually respected ministries of education, government agencies) of eligible countries.

<p>CMEPIUS</p> <p>»Bilateral scholarships«</p> <p>Ob železnici 30a</p> <p>SI – 1000 Ljubljana</p>

Applications sent by individual applicants directly to the CMEPIUS will not be processed.

Competent authorities present the nominations before the deadline set in the relevant agreements, in most cases **by March, 31 2013**. The closing dates for applications fixed by the competent authorities are necessarily earlier (normally by several months). Prospective applicants are therefore advised to contact the respective competent authorities in time.

Each **application dossier must comprise 2 copies of a completely and legibly filled out [Application form](#) and [Letter of Acceptance](#)*** with the following required **attachments** which are also submitted in **duplicate**:

- a photocopy of ID card or passport (page with the photography),
- one Letter of recommendation for study stays and two Letters of recommendation for research stay from applicant's home institution,
- photocopy of diploma and/or certified transcript(s) of records,

All these documents must be written in or translated into Slovenian or English language. Incomplete application dossiers and/or inadequately completed application forms will not be processed.

Advice and further information can be provided by [CMEPIUS](#) using e-mail: scholarships@cmepius.si and by the [Slovenian Embassies](#) in eligible countries.

*The scholarship cannot be awarded unless the original »Letter of Acceptance« signed and sealed by the Slovenian higher education institution – applicant's future host institution is attached to the application.

PRACTICAL DETAILS

The scholarship is awarded upon the decision issued by the Ministry. The applicants and the respective authorities will be notified by the CMEPIUS in June/July 2013.

There is no legal claim to the scholarship award.

The scholarship is not transferable to another person.

For the academic year 2013/2014, the scholarship comprise of:

- 286 EUR per month and

Its amount is periodically reviewed and adjusted.

- free accommodation in the facilities of the Student Centre of the Universities (paid for by the Ministry directly to provider).
- Basic medical insurance for non-EU applicants if there is no bilateral agreement on health insurance between Slovenia and the applicant's home country (paid for by the Ministry directly to provider).

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- List of all eligible (accredited) **higher education institutions** and study programmes in the Republic of Slovenia available on the Ministry's of the Republic of Slovenia for Education, Science, Culture and Sport - MESCS [web-site](#) (in Slovenian language).
- All the information, application form, Letter of Acceptance,... are available on the CMEPIUS's web-site
www.cmepius.si/en/bilateralscholarships-2013-14.aspx
www.cmepius.si/bilateralne-stipendije/tuj-student.aspx
- For additional information send an e-mail to scholarships@cmepius.si.