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Croatian Government Scholarships 2020/2021

The Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia and the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes offer Croatian Government Scholarships to several countries, including Switzerland. The complete "Call for Applications 2020/2021" is available on the website of the [Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia](#).

1. SCHOLARSHIP TYPES

The following two scholarship programmes are available for the academic year 2020/2021 for Swiss applicants:

- **A/1 one semester studies for students of Croatian Language abroad**

Eligible applicants: undergraduate (BA/BSc) and graduate (MA/MSc) students currently enrolled in studies, especially those majoring in Croatian Language and Literature, as well as graduate students working on their theses. Before application, students are required to have completed a minimum of two semesters at their home institutions.

Candidates for this scholarship can only be nominated by the Croatian language fellows at higher education institutions abroad.

- **F summer course of Croatian language and literature in August 2020 (2 weeks)**

Eligible applicants: foreign students of Croatian and Slavic Studies who are currently enrolled in studies in foreign universities. Also, lecturers (professors, senior assistants with a PhD and teaching/research assistants) who teach Croatian language and literature at foreign universities.

The scholarship type F is granted for the Croatian Seminar for Foreign Slavic Studies Students in Dubrovnik from 17th to 28th August 2020 organised by the [Zagreb School of Slavic Studies](#).

A minimum level of language competence is B1 according to the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#) (it applies to understanding, speaking and writing).

Preference will be given to candidates with a level of the Croatian language competence B2 and higher.

PLEASE NOTE that one application is accepted only for the academic year 2020/2021: either for the summer course 2020 in Dubrovnik, for the autumn term 2020/2021 or for the spring term 2021.

Furthermore, it is only possible to apply once for the summer course in Dubrovnik. However, for the semester studies one application each is accepted during the Bachelor and during the Master studies (see below).

2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The scholarship holders can make use of the scholarships only for the period of the academic year which the scholarship is being granted for (October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021, July and August excluded).

For scholarships type A1 an applicant may submit an application only on one occasion during his/her BA/BSc studies, and on another occasion during his/her MA/MSc studies (once per cycle).

All applicants should indicate the preferred period of scholarship in their application form. The Ministry of Science and Education and the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes reserve the right to change the requested duration of study stay in Croatia, place or institution if admission as requested by the applicant is not feasible.

The results are expected to be published in June 2020. Applicants for the summer course (F) will be informed on the results by the Zagreb School of Slavic Studies during May 2020. All the other applicants will be informed of the results by an official letter sent via e-mail by the Agency. Scholarship holders will receive from the Agency a document called the General Info Package including: Instructions and further details on the stay in Croatia, Letter of Award, Letter of Acceptance and the template for the Final Report. An appeal against the decision of The Joint Committee for Scholarship Award of the Ministry and the Agency shall not be accepted.

Cases of non-eligibility

- 1) Foreign citizens with a residence permit or in the course of applying for a residence permit in Croatia cannot apply
- 2) Students already enrolled in a study programme in Croatia cannot apply
- 3) Students applying for private higher education institutions cannot apply
- 4) Candidates without the citizenship of the country that nominates them.

Age limits for applicants

- 25 years for scholarships for undergraduate/graduate studies
- There are no age limits for the summer courses.

For scholarships type A1 and F priority will be given to the candidates who have not previously been awarded a bilateral scholarship in Croatia.

3. FINANCIAL BENEFITS FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

- undergraduate/graduate (A1)
 - 1.600,00 HRK - monthly grant
 - subsidized accommodation in the student residence hall and subsidized meals at student restaurants
- summer course of 2 weeks
 - tuition-free course, free accommodation and meals

The scholarship is meant to cover the living expenses of one person only so there is no available financing or visa exemption for accompanying members of the family or any other persons. Neither visa related fees nor any other costs related to the scholarship holder's stay in Croatia shall be compensated.

Please note that the scholarship is not meant to cover all the costs of the scholarship holder but rather it is a contribution to the living costs. Scholarship holders are advised, apart from the scholarship funds to be received from the Agency during the mobility period, to have sufficient funds to cover their living costs for at least two months in Croatia.

Travel Expenses

Travel expenses to Croatia and back to the country of origin are not covered by the scholarship package; they are the responsibility of the scholarship holder.

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

The documents listed below can be submitted only in one of the following languages: Croatian or English. **Incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be considered. Documents in other languages than English or Croatian will not be accepted.**

A/1 one semester studies for students of Croatian Language abroad

- 1) [Application form](#) submitted through the Agency's online application system
- 2) A photocopy of passport or ID
- 3) Curriculum Vitae (in [Europass](#) format)
- 4) Transcript of the last two completed semesters at the home institution (Additionally, candidates who have completed a BA/BSc programme also need to submit a copy of their BA/BSc degree)
- 5) Letter of interest
- 6) Recommendation Letter of a Croatian language fellow at the home institution, co-signed by the Head of Department
- 7) Copy of enrolment at the applicant's home institution

F. summer course in August 2020 (2 weeks)

- 1) [Application Form](#) submitted through the Agency's online application system
- 2) A photocopy of passport or ID
- 3) Curriculum Vitae (in [Europass](#) format)
- 4) Copy of enrolment at the applicant's home institution (for students) or copy of the highest degree/diploma received (for researchers, lecturers)
- 5) Letter of Interest
- 6) Letter of Recommendation issued by a professor of the sending higher education institution
- 7) Proof of language proficiency in Croatian (minimum B1)

It is recommended that you keep a copy of all of the application documents in case you will need them when enrolling in the higher education institution.

5. HEALTH INSURANCE

During their stay in Croatia, all international students with temporary residence permit must have health insurance. Regulated health insurance is the prerequisite for being granted a temporary residence permit.

6. VISA

Information on the conditions of entry and residence of foreign nationals in the Republic of Croatia is available on the website of the [Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs](#).

7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

The application procedure for Swiss applicants consists of two steps:

1. Applicants must submit their application in the [Agency's online application system](#).
2. A PDF version of the Application Form and all required documents must be sent by e-mail to stip@swissuniversities.ch.

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As a first step, the application (including all required documents in Croatian or English) must be submitted through the Agency's online application system. Second, after submitting the online application, a copy of the filled-out Application Form and a copy of all documents uploaded to the online application system must be sent by e-mail to stip@swissuniversities.ch.

Application deadline at swissuniversities: April 23, 2020

The deadline for emailing the PDF version of the application documents to stip@swissuniversities.ch is April 23, 2020.

Based on the qualifications of the applications submitted by April 23, the Scholarship Service of swissuniversities will nominate the candidates and send the Nomination Letter to the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes not later than April 30, 2020.