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Croatian Government Scholarships 2023/2024

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 for the Croatian Government Scholarships in the academic year 2023/2024" is available on the website of the [Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes](#).

1. SCHOLARSHIP TYPES

The following two scholarship programmes are available for the academic year 2023/2024 for Swiss applicants:

➤ **A1 Semester studies for Croatian language students (mobility: 4-5 months)**

Description: Scholarships type A1 are on offer to students (BA or MA) who would like to spend 1 semester learning Croatian and perfecting their Croatian language skills at either the University of Zagreb ([Croaticum](#)) or at the University of Rijeka ([Rijeka School of Slavic Studies](#)).

Please note that one application is accepted only for the academic year 2023/2024, either for the autumn term 2023/2024 or for the spring term 2024.

Eligible applicants: Croatian language students and students of Slavic Studies who are currently enrolled in BA or MA studies. Students are required to have completed a minimum of 2 semesters at their home institutions.

Candidates for this scholarship can only be nominated by their current Croatian language fellow who should nominate the applicants for the scholarships by his/her Recommendation Letter.

➤ **F Summer seminar of Croatian language and literature (mobility: 14 days)**

Description: Scholarship type F is awarded for participation in the Croatian Seminar for Foreign Slavic Studies Students organised by the [Zagreb School of Slavic Studies](#) in Dubrovnik (from 21 August to 2 September 2023).

Eligible applicants: Croatian language students and students of Slavic Studies who are at the time of application for the Scholarship enrolled in MA or BA studies. Students are required to have completed a minimum of 2 semesters at their home institutions. Eligible are also lecturers (teachers, senior assistants with a PhD degree and teaching/research assistants) who teach Croatian language and literature at universities outside Croatia.

Important:

- Applicants should have a minimum level of language competence of B1 according to the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#).
- Preference will be given to candidates with a level of the Croatian language competence B2 and higher.

- Priority will be given to students who are currently enrolled in master (MA) studies (over students who are currently enrolled in BA studies).

2. FURTHER INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should indicate the preferred mobility period in their application form. For Scholarships type A1 an applicant may submit an application only on one occasion during his/her BA studies and once during his/her MA studies (once per study cycle). For the Scholarships type A1 priority will be given to candidates who have not previously been awarded the same Scholarship.

Age limits for applicants:

30 years for candidates when applying for Scholarships for semester studies for Croatian language and Slavic studies students (A1).

There is no age limit for Scholarships for Summer seminar of Croatian language and literature (F).

The following candidates are not eligible to apply:

- 1) Students who have not completed a minimum of two semesters at their home institutions.
- 2) Foreign citizens with a residence permit or applying for a residence permit in Croatia.
- 3) Students already enrolled in a study programme in Croatia.
- 4) Candidates applying for study or research at private Croatian higher education institutions.
- 5) Candidates without the citizenship of the country that nominates them for the Scholarships.

3. FINANCIAL BENEFITS FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

undergraduate/graduate studies (A1)

- 212,36 EUR monthly financial support (July and August excluded)
- subsidized accommodation in the student residence hall
- subsidized meals at student restaurants

Summer seminar (F)

- tuition-free course
- free accommodation and meals
- cultural programme

The Scholarships cannot be awarded concurrently with other scholarships, grants, stipends etc. (e.g. Erasmus+). The monthly financial support is not meant to cover all the costs of the scholarship holder but rather it is a contribution to the living costs during mobility.

Scholarship holders are advised, apart from the grant to be received from the Agency during the mobility period, to have sufficient financial funds to cover their living costs for at least two months in Croatia. Travel expenses to Croatia and back to the country of origin are not covered by the scholarship package, i.e., they are the responsibility of the scholarship holder.

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

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

A1 One semester study for Croatian language students

- 1) [Application Form](#) submitted through the Agency's online application system
- 2) A photocopy of valid passport or ID
- 3) Curriculum Vitae (using the [Europass](#) template is preferred but not mandatory)
- 4) Letter of interest (1-2 pages)
- 5) Proof of enrolment at the applicant's home institution
- 6) Transcript of the last two completed semesters at the home institution (Additionally: candidates who have completed a BA programme also need to submit a copy of their BA degree)
- 7) Recommendation Letter of a Croatian language fellow at the home institution, co-signed by the Head of Department

F Summer seminar of Croatian language and literature (14 days)

- 1) [Application Form](#) submitted through the Agency's online application system
- 2) A photocopy of the valid passport or ID
- 3) Curriculum Vitae (using the [Europass](#) template is preferred but not mandatory)
- 4) Copy of enrolment at the applicant's home institution (for students) or copy of the highest degree/diploma received (for teachers, researchers and lecturers)
- 5) Letter of Interest (1-2 pages)
- 6) Letter of Recommendation by a professor from the applicant's home institution
- 7) Proof of language proficiency in Croatian (minimum B1)

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 in English or Croatian must be sent by e-mail to stip@swissuniversities.ch.

As a first step, the application (including all required documents) 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: 24th of March 2023

The deadline for emailing the PDF version of the application documents to stip@swissuniversities.ch is 24th of March 2023.

Based on the qualifications of the applications submitted by 24th of March, the Scholarship Service of swissuniversities will nominate the candidates and send the Nomination Letter to the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes no later than 31st of March, 2023.

The final decision on the acceptance of the applications shall be made by the Croatian host institution. The results of the selection will be communicated during June and July 2023 by an official letter sent via e-mail by the Agency. Scholarship holders whose applications will have been approved will receive from the Agency a document called the General Info Package that includes the Letter of Award, Letter of Acceptance, Instructions and Details About the Mobility in Croatia and the template for the Final Report.