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Croatian Government Scholarship Pool 2018/2019

The Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia through the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes offers scholarships to several countries, including Switzerland.

1. SCHOLARSHIP TYPES

The following two scholarship programmes are available for the academic year 2018/2019 for Swiss applicants:

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

Eligible applicants: undergraduate (BA/BSc) and graduate (MA/MSc) students, 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 are nominated by the Croatian language fellows at higher education institutions abroad.

• **F. summer course in the summer of 2018 (2 weeks) in Dubrovnik**

The scholarship is granted for Zagreb School of Slavic Studies (47th Croatian Seminar for Foreign Slavic Studies Students) that will be held in Dubrovnik in August 2018 (<http://www.hrvat-skiplus.org>).

Eligible applicants: Foreign students of Croatian and Slavic Studies, lecturers (professors, senior assistants with a Ph.D. and teaching/research assistants) who teach Croatian language and literature at foreign universities, experts who specialize in Croatian Studies in different research institutions, as well as translators of the Croatian language.

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).

A 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 2018/2019: either for the summer course 2018 in Dubrovnik, for the autumn term 2018/2019 or for the spring term 2019. 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 scholarship only for the period of the academic year which the scholarship is being granted for (October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019, July and August excluded).

For Type A scholarship, 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 2018. Applicants for the summer course (F) will be informed on the results by the Zagreb School of Slavic Studies at the beginning of June 2018. All the other applicants will be informed of the results in an official letter posted and sent via e-mail. Scholarship holders will receive from the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes General Info Package including: Instructions and further details on the stay in Croatia, Letter of Award, Letter of Acceptance and Final Report Form. The appeals against the decision shall not be accepted.

Cases of non-eligibility

- Foreign citizens with a residence permit or in the course of applying for a residence permit in Croatia cannot apply;
- Students already enrolled in a study programme in Croatia cannot apply;
- Students applying for part-time study programmes cannot apply;
- Students applying for private higher education institutions cannot apply;
- Candidates without the citizenship of the country which 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 grant.

3. FINANCIAL BENEFITS FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

1. undergraduate/graduate (A1)

- ◆ 1.600,00 HRK - monthly allowance
- ◆ subsidized accommodation in the student dormitory and subsidized meals at student restaurants

4. summer course (2 weeks)

- ◆ Tuition-free course, free accommodation and meals

4. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Every application must contain two (2) copies of the documents listed below in one of the following languages: Croatian or English. Documents in other languages will not be accepted.

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

- On-line and printed version of the Application form http://www.mobilnost.hr/scholarship_application
- One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form
- A photocopy of passport
- Curriculum Vitae (in Europass format)
<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae>
- Transcript of the last two completed semesters at the home institution (Copy of BA/BSc degree - for those who have completed a BA/BSc programme)
- Letter of interest
- Recommendation of a Croatian language fellow at the home institution, co-signed by the Head of Department
- Copy of enrolment at the applicant's home institution
- Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

F. summer course in the summer of 2018 (2 weeks) in Dubrovnik

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- One (1) identity card photo, affixed on the application form
- A photocopy of passport
- Curriculum Vitae (in Europass format)
<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/curriculum-vitae>

- o Copy of enrolment at the applicant's home institution (for students) or copy of the highest degree/diploma received (for researchers, lecturers)
- o Letter of interest
- o Letter of recommendation
- o Proof of proficiency in Croatian language (minimum A2)

Please note: Incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be considered. Documents in other languages than English or Croatian will not be accepted. Application documents shall not be returned.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

These scholarships cannot be awarded concurrently with other scholarships from EU Programmes. If a scholarship holder has been awarded another scholarship from any of EU programmes, for the same mobility, he/she is not eligible for this scholarship.

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 for Mobility and EU Programmes, to have sufficient amount of money 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 a scholarship holder.

6. HEALTH INSURANCE

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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application documents

The Application consists of:

1. On-line Application form
2. Printed and signed version of the Application form
3. Two copies of required documents in English or Croatian

The on-line Application form must be submitted through the website: http://www.mobilnost.hr/scholarship_application/. After submitting the on-line Application form, the pdf version of the on-line Application form should be printed and signed. Please keep a copy of the application documents in order to submit them yourself when enrolling in the higher education institution.

The complete "Call for Applications" is available on the website of the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia at <https://mzo.hr/en/scholarships-republic-croatia-call-applications-20182019?cat=746>.

Reception deadline: 12th March 2018

Place of Submission: Two copies of the printed and signed version of the Application form accompanied by two copies of the required documents listed above must be sent to swissuniversities, Scholarship Service, Effingerstrasse 15, P.O. Box, 3001 Bern.