



LATVIAN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

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Latvian state scholarships, as well as the Initiative Study in Latvia is administered 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/studies
www.studyinlatvia.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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ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES



The list of eligible countries is subject to change.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

We, as international students, are one big family here in Riga.



"I heard about the possibility to study abroad in the medical field from friends of my family. One got from my hometown graduated at RSU and he told me all about Riga, Latvia, and her experience at RSU. I have never regretted my decision to apply for studies in Latvia - from the first moment I felt very safe and at home in the beautiful city of Riga. We, as international students, are one big family here in Riga and I make the study experience better than anywhere else. The most recent Latvian state scholarship is a motivation of the work and an honor that I got not only into my studies, but also during extracurricular activities at RSU."

Living in Latvia has been an excellent choice for a student.



"I got into the University of Latvia and began my studies there in September 2018. I was excited to learn new things but also worried by the amount of knowledge we had to memorize in a short period of time. I started hard and slowly through the principles 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. We not know yet where life will take us, but Latvia will forever have a special place in our hearts."

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



"It's been 5 years already since I was welcomed 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 plans based on the student's background, adjust to the level of the student's work, because the main thing for them is the quality of the learning material. I was lucky to be nominated for the Latvian state scholarship."

I was really amazed by the beautiful weather



"I have studied Latvian language since 2016. In 2018 I also came here studying for one year as an exchange student. I enjoy the comfortable life in Latvia, when I can make such domestic and international friends, by their trusts and experience a foreign culture. I was really amazed by the beautiful weather, awesome buildings, and nice people when I first came here. I must mention Jarmala city - the best place for summer with its seaside scenery and peacefulness. In winter, though it is cold Latvia, there are also many sight and dining places to enjoy and have a fun. I think Latvian state scholarship provides a recognition and praise to good students, thus motivating for studies."

OVERALL CONDITIONS

- Latvian state scholarships are available for students.
- 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

- Students in Latvia are free (or fixed) in foreign languages.
- Studies in Latvia are free (or fixed) in foreign languages. An average tuition fee ranges from €2,000 to €10,000 for medicine or executive business programmes. The cost may be up to €15,000 per year.
- Scholarships partially cover all the expenses related to studies (tuition fee, living costs, and other expenses).
- Scholarships cannot be awarded concurrently with other grants.
- Travel expenses from a home country to Latvia and back are not covered by Latvian state scholarships.
- 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 31st 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 or fellowship by e-mail in June, and the decision is available in the candidate's profile of the electronic application system**

*The final content of an application is not relevant.

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 letter of acceptance 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 letter of acceptance for the present or chosen study programme prior to the application for a scholarship.
- The letter of acceptance 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 register for a scholarship for another study year, but the scholarship can be awarded for no more than 3 consecutive terms to one scholarship holder.
- *The scholarship shall not be granted for those months, when the recipient of the scholarship is already absent from the HEI in Latvia for more than 13 calendar days of respective month.

Amount of the scholarship

- € 500 per month for Bachelor's and Master's students
- € 700 per month for PhD students

*The final content of an application is not relevant.

Citizens of more than 40 countries, who signed an agreement on the cooperation in education and science with Latvia, or other partner countries can apply.

Application documents for scholarships for studies

1. **CONFIRMATION LETTER BY THE HEI**
Contact the specified HEI contact persons to complete the letter. See the list of contact persons of Latvian HEIs on the web.
2. **CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)**
Contact the specified HEI contact persons to complete the letter. Use the European template.
3. **LETTER OF MOTIVATION**
Include activities outside studies related to the study field in Latvia or in the border country.
4. **PROOF OF EDUCATION**
Diplomas and supplements or transcripts 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**

I have all the documents translated into Latvian or English before the submission.