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**LITHUANIAN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE AND
CULRUTE SUMMER COURSES FOR APPLICANTS**

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania takes pleasure offering Lithuanian state scholarships for students, lecturers and researchers of foreign countries for Lithuanian language and culture summer courses. In the summer 2016 Lithuanian language and culture summer courses will be organised at 5 Universities:

	Institution	Dates	Website
1.	Vytautas Magnus University	July 17 – August 13, 2016	http://www.hmf.vdu.lt/en/summer_course/
2.	Vilnius University	July 3 – 30, 2016	http://www.lsk.flf.vu.lt/en/department/courses-for-foreigners/course-b
3.	Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences	August 1 – 28, 2016	http://leu.lt/en/studies/summer-courses/lithuanian-language-and-cx1v.html
4.	Klaipėda University	July 22 – August 18, 2016	http://www.ku.lt/en/international-studies-and-admission/international-studies/summer-school/
5.	LCC International University	July 31 – August 27, 2016	http://www.lcc.lt/home/study-abroad/cie/lithuanian-language-and-culture/

Potential applicant is required to choose 3 universities from the list above according to the priority (N.B. the choice must be marked in the application form). Please note that the scholarship might not necessarily be granted to the University of the first priority.

Scholarships for Lithuanian language and culture summer courses are offered for candidates who are **students, lectures or researchers** at the higher education and research institutions of the following countries:

Countries	No of scholarships	Applications should be submitted
I group		
Belarus	4	Applications should be sent by post to the Education Exchanges Support Foundation (http://www.smpf.lt): Higher Education Programmes Unit, Education Exchanges Support Foundation, Rožių al. 2, LT-03106 Vilnius, Lithuania. Contact person - Mrs. Donata Pečiukėnienė, e-mail donata.peciukeniene@smpf.lt .
Belgium (Walloon Region)	4	Applications should be sent by post to Wallonie – Bruxelles International (http://www.wbi.be).

Countries	No of scholarships	Applications should be submitted
Czech Republic	2	Applications should be sent by post to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic (http://www.msmt.cz).
China	15	Applications should be sent by post to the China Scholarship Council (http://www.csc.edu.cn/): China Scholarship Council, Level 15, Bldg. A3 No.9 Chegongzhuang Avenue. Beijing, P.R., China 100044. Contact persons - Mr. Dengke Zhang, Project Officer/Ms. Ye YANG, Project Officer, e-mail dkzhang@csc.edu.cn, yangye@csc.edu.cn.
Estonia	3	Applications should be sent by post to the Archimedes Foundation (http://www.archimedes.ee): SA Archimedes, Koidula 13 a, 10125 TALLINN. Contact person - Sander Kirsnel, e-mail sander.kirsnel@archimedes.ee.
Israel	1	Applications should be sent by post to the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (http://www.mfa.gov.il).
Latvia	3	Applications should be sent by ordinary or registered post to the State Education Development Agency (http://www.esn.lv/): VALSTS IZGLĪTĪBAS ATTĪSTĪBAS AĢENTŪRA, Vaļņu iela 1, Rīga, LV-1050, LATVIJA. Contact person - Aija Jakoviča, e-mail aija.jakovica@viaa.gov.lv.
Poland	15	Applications should be sent by post to the Bureau for Academic Recognition and International Exchange (http://www.buwiwm.edu.pl).
Slovakia	3	Applications should be sent by post to the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic (http://www.minedu.sk).
II group		
Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Turkey, Switzerland	14	Applications should be sent by post to the Education Exchanges Support Foundation (http://www.smpf.lt): Higher Education Programmes Unit, Education Exchanges Support Foundation, Rožių al. 2, LT-03106 Vilnius, Lithuania. Contact person - Mrs. Donata Pečiukėnienė, e-mail donata.peciukeniene@smpf.lt.
III group		
Armenia, Austria, Belgium (Flanders), Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, India, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan	50	Applications should be sent by post to the Education Exchanges Support Foundation (http://www.smpf.lt): Higher Education Programmes Unit, Education Exchanges Support Foundation, Rožių al. 2, LT-03106 Vilnius, Lithuania. Contact person - Mrs. Donata Pečiukėnienė, e-mail donata.peciukeniene@smpf.lt.

Countries	No of scholarships	Applications should be submitted
IV group - freemovers (all countries that are not mentioned in the groups No I, No II, No III)		
Students, lecturers and researchers from the countries that are not mentioned above	5	Applications should be sent by post to the Education Exchanges Support Foundation (http://www.smpf.lt): Higher Education Programmes Unit, Education Exchanges Support Foundation, Rožių al. 2, LT-03106 Vilnius, Lithuania. Contact person - Mrs. Donata Pečiukėnienė, e-mail donata.peciukeniene@smpf.lt.
V group - Lithuanians and foreigners of Lithuanian origin		
Lithuanian state scholarships for children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren of the Lithuanians living abroad and foreigners of the Lithuanian origin	10	Applications should be sent by post to the Education Exchanges Support Foundation (http://www.smpf.lt): Higher Education Programmes Unit, Education Exchanges Support Foundation, Rožių al. 2, LT-03106 Vilnius, Lithuania. Contact person - Mrs. Donata Pečiukėnienė, e-mail donata.peciukeniene@smpf.lt.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CANDIDATES

1. The candidate has to be a student (not in the final year), lecturer or researcher at the higher education and research institution of the particular country listed above.
2. N.B. for candidates from **POLAND**: the candidate has to be a student (not in the final year) of Lithuanian (Baltic) Philology at the higher education and research institution of the Republic of Poland.
3. N.B. Requirement for the candidates from the group No V "**Lithuanians and foreigners of Lithuanian origin**" - the candidate has to be a child, grandchild, great-grandchild of the Lithuanians living abroad or a foreigner of the Lithuanian origin.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- 1st cycle (Bachelor), 2nd cycle (Master), 3rd cycle (Doctorate) students, lecturers and researchers of all study/research fields approved for the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses will receive a scholarship of 514 EUR.
- Lecturers and researchers of Lithuanian (Baltic) field approved for the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses will receive a scholarship of 858 EUR.
- **For the candidates from the country groups No. I, II, III, V:** tuition fee for Lithuanian language and culture summer courses will be covered by the Republic of Lithuania. **For the candidates from the country group No. IV "Freemovers":** tuition fee for Lithuanian language and culture summer courses, accommodation costs and other expenses have to be covered by the scholarship holder from the scholarship received or other financial recourses.
- Tuition fees by the organising institution 2016:

Institution	Tuition fee in EUR
Vytautas Magnus University	608,20 EUR
Vilnius University	666,13 EUR
Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences	724,05 EUR
Klaipėda University	639,48 EUR
LCC International University	637,16 EUR

- Any other fees such as student union fee, library membership fee, etc. shall be paid by the scholarship holder.
- Travel and accommodation costs shall be covered by the scholarship holder.
- Stipend is intended to cover scholarship holder's expenses only. Additional amounts for accompanying partners or family are not provided. Lithuanian state scholarships cannot be coupled with other grants, scholarships or other academic exchange programs.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

List of documents to be submitted (in the order given):

1. Printed and signed online application form (form can be found on the website www.scholarships.lt).
2. Official original letter from the candidate's higher education and research institution approving the status of a student, lecturer or researcher.
NBI. For students the letter must contain information on applicants current cycle of studies (1st, 2nd or 3rd cycle), year of studies and expected date of graduation.
3. For students - transcript of the academic records of the last two semesters from the candidate's higher education and research institution.
4. Document (original/copy) (e.g. *TOEFL, IELTS, CPE*, language courses certificate, signed letter confirming the proficiency in the language from the home university) of the proficiency in English, Lithuanian or another language acceptable for the host institution).
5. Copy of the valid identity document.

Additional documents submitted by the candidates from the group No. V "*Lithuanians and foreigners of Lithuanian origin*":

1. A certificate or other document proving the Lithuanian origin issued by the Lithuanian community of respective country or other competent authority (an embassy and similar);
2. A document issued by a competent foreign authority (a school, municipality, embassy and similar) proving that the person has resided for three years in a foreign country if he is an alien.

Documents must be:

1. Completed in English, Russian or Lithuanian only (or with certified translations into one of these languages).
2. Submitted in one original set. This set must be put into plastic sheet or envelope. Please **do not put** each individual document into plastic sheets or binders.
3. Typed and printed (handwritten documents will not be accepted).

! Documents submitted only online or sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted. Incomplete applications or postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.

IMPORTANT DATES

1st of April, 2016 – deadline for the application submission. Online application form can be found at www.scholarships.lt. Online Application System will be closed at 12.00 Central European time (GMT+1) on the 1st April, 2016. Printed and signed online application form with additional documents should be sent by post not later than 1st of April (date as per postmark) to the institution mentioned in the countries' list above.

1st of June, 2016 – e-mail notification on the results for the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses.



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LITHUANIAN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania takes pleasure in offering the quota for the Lithuanian state scholarships for students, lecturers and researchers of higher education and research institutions from the following countries: **Denmark, Italy, Japan, Mexico, France, Switzerland, Turkey, Hungary and Germany:**

1. Scholarships for short-term studies in all fields including Lithuanian (Baltic) studies (duration of studies – 5 to 10 months per person).
2. Research scholarships for lecturers and researchers of all fields (duration of research visit – up to 10 months per person).

The quota of **55 months** is offered for both short-term studies and research visits for candidates from the countries mentioned above.

PART 1. DESCRIPTION

Lithuanian state scholarships programme is designed for the advanced students, lecturers and researchers of higher education and research institutions of **Denmark, Italy, Japan, Mexico, France, Switzerland, Turkey, Hungary or Germany** for short-term studies or research visits at higher education and research institutions of Lithuania. This scholarship programme is open to applicants from all fields of studies and research.

The scholarships are not intended for full degree studies. Normally, an academic degree or diploma cannot be obtained during the period covered by the scholarship.

The study or research visit must take place from 1st of September 2016 to June/July 2017. The autumn semester in higher education and research institutions of Lithuania normally lasts from 1st of September until 31st of January and spring semester – from 1st February until 30th of June.

PART 2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The candidate has to be a student (not in the final year), lecturer or researcher at higher education and research institution in **Denmark, Italy, Japan, Mexico, France, Switzerland, Turkey, Hungary or Germany.**
2. The candidate must have an official letter of acceptance issued by the host higher education and research institution in Lithuania.
3. Candidates applying for study scholarships are required to aggregate at least **25 ECTS credits per one semester** in the field chosen (except for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies).
4. Candidates applying for Lithuanian (Baltic) study scholarships are required to aggregate **30 ECTS per one semester** in the respected field, and also must fulfill other requirements for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies.
5. Lithuanian state scholarships cannot be coupled with other grants, scholarships or other academic exchange programs.
6. **Priority** will be given to the applicants who study Lithuanian language as a subject at home institution.

PART 3. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

1. **Financial conditions for short-term studies:**

- ✓ 1st cycle (Bachelor), 2nd cycle (Master) and 3rd cycle (PhD) students of all fields **except** those coming for the Lithuanian (Baltic) studies will receive a monthly stipend of approx. 380 EUR*.
- 2. Financial conditions for the Lithuanian (Baltic) studies:**
- ✓ 1st cycle (Bachelor), 2nd cycle (Master) and 3rd cycle (PhD) students approved for the Lithuanian (Baltic) studies will receive a monthly stipend of approx. 570 EUR*.
 - ✓ Researchers and lecturers approved for the Lithuanian (Baltic) studies will receive a monthly stipend of approx. 950 EUR*.
- 3. Financial conditions for research visits:**
- ✓ Researchers and lecturers approved for a research visit will receive a monthly stipend of approx. 760 EUR*.
 - ✓ 3rd cycle (PhD) students approved for a research visit will receive a monthly stipend of approx. 380 EUR*.

The exact sum of the total amount paid will be calculated according to the number of days that specific month consists of, and due to that slight variations in the monthly stipendium might happen.

NB. The stipend is intended to cover scholarship holder's expenses only. Additional amounts for accompanying partners or family are not provided.

4. Tuition fee for studies will be covered by the Republic of Lithuania. The maximum amount of the tuition fee will be determined by the normative costs that are approved by the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania.

6. Any other fees such as student union fee, library membership fee, *etc.* shall be paid by the scholarship holder.

7. Travel and accommodation costs shall be covered by the scholarship holder.

PART 4. LITHUANIAN (BAL TIC) STUDIES

The Lithuanian language belongs to the Indo-European family of languages. It is one of the remaining two live Baltic languages boasting of numerous archaisms, the best-retained ancient system of sounds and a number of morphological peculiarities. Lithuanian (Baltic) studies are intended for all applicants interested in Lithuanian or Baltic philology, Indo-European linguistics, Lithuanian literature, Lithuanian history, culture, ethnography and folklore.

Specific requirements for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies

Applicants for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies scholarship are required to design their study programme which should include subjects from the two groups of study fields below:

1. **First group – philology.** Eligible study fields from this group are as follows: Baltic philology, Lithuanian philology, linguistics and literature.
2. **Second group – history, philosophy, theology and culture.** Eligible study fields from this group are as follows: Lithuanian history, ethnology, folklore and culture.

Applicants for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies are required to aggregate **30 ECTS per one semester**. The total credit value from study fields of both first and second groups should be not less than 22.5 ECTS in one semester. Remaining 7.5 ECTS credits of the programme shall be chosen from other study fields at the discretion of the applicant.

The list of higher education institutions where Lithuanian (Baltic) studies:

- [Vilnius University](#)
- [Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences](#)
- [Vytautas Magnus University](#)
- [Klaipeda University](#)
- [Siauliai University](#)

PART 5. SHORT-TERM STUDIES AND RESEARCH VISITS

Applicants for short-term studies and research visits scholarships are required to design their study/research visit programme and agree with a host institution in Lithuania.

Candidates applying for study scholarships are required to aggregate at least **25 ECTS credits per one semester** in the field chosen (except for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies). The list of higher education and research institutions can be found here <https://www.aikos.smm.lt/en/StudyProgramm/EducationProviders>.

PART 6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The list of documents to be submitted (in the order given):

Please do not put each individual document into plastic sheets or binders.

1. Printed and signed application form (form can be found on the website www.scholarships.lt).
2. Official original letter from the candidate's higher education and research institution approving the status of a student, lecturer or researcher.
NB1. For students the letter must contain information on the applicant's current cycle of studies (1st, 2nd or 3rd cycle), year of studies and expected date of graduation.
3. For students – original (or certified copy) transcript of academic records of the last two semesters from the candidate's present higher education and research institution.
4. Certified copy of obtained higher education diploma or diplomas.
5. Two original recommendation letters from home higher education and research institution (written within past six months).
6. Official original (or scanned copy) letter of the acceptance issued by the host higher education and research institution in Lithuania.
NB2. Applicants for study scholarships – this letter must contain information on the chosen subjects and the number of credits for each subject.
NB3. Applicants for research scholarship – this letter must contain information on the chosen field of research.
NB4. The duration and dates of the intended studies or research visit should also be indicated in the official letter of acceptance.
7. Detailed programme of intended studies or research visit that is agreed upon with the receiving institution.
8. The list of scientific publications published within the last 2 years (applicable only for research visit).
9. Copy of certificate of proficiency in English or Lithuanian (or another language acceptable for the host institution).
NB5. TOEFL, IELTS, CPE or other widely recognized exams of English proficiency are acceptable. If the candidate does not hold any of those certificates, then a signed letter confirming the proficiency in the language from the home university's professor of English or Lithuanian is also acceptable.
10. Copy of the valid identity document.

Documents must be:

1. Completed in English, Russian or Lithuanian only (or with certified translations into one of these languages).
2. Submitted in one original set. This set must be put into plastic sheet or envelope. Please do not put each individual document into plastic sheets or binders.
3. Typed and printed (handwritten documents will not be accepted).

Printed and signed online application form with additional documents has to be sent by ordinary post.

Documents submitted only online, sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted. Incomplete applications or postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.

PART 7. IMPORTANT DATES

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Applications should be sent by post to the **Education Exchanges and Support Foundation** (<http://www.smpf.lt>) by **1st of April, 2016**, date as per postmark to this address:

**Higher Education Programmes Unit
Education Exchanges Support Foundation
Rožių al. 2
LT-03106 Vilnius, Lithuania**

Contact person - Donata Pečiukėnienė, e-mail donata.peciukeniene@smpf.lt.

Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.

1st of July, 2016 – e-mail notification on the results for study, research scholarships and Lithuanian (Baltic) studies scholarships will be sent to all the applicants personally by the Education Exchanges Support Foundation.