What is the National Scholarship Programme?

- The Government of the Slovak Republic approved the establishment of the National Scholarship Programme for the support of mobility of students, PhD students, university teachers, researchers and artists in 2005.

- The National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic supports study, teaching, research/artistic stays at universities and research organisations. It supports two-way mobility — international scholarship holders to Slovakia, as well as Slovak scholarship holders abroad. The Programme offers scholarships to cover living costs during the stay and travel allowances (all categories in case of scholarship holders from Slovakia; students and PhD students in case of international scholarship holders).

- The Programme scholarship holders are scholarship holders of the Government of the Slovak Republic. The National Scholarship Programme is funded by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic, and it is administered by SAIA, n. o.

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SAIA, n. o. (Slovak Academic Information Agency) is a non-governmental non-profit organisation that, since its establishment in 1990, has been implementing programmes and providing services aimed at enhancement of civil society, and assisting in internationalisation of education and research in Slovakia. SAIA provides information and advisory services related to study and research mobility, administers several scholarship and grant programmes, and promotes Slovak universities and research organisations abroad.

SAIA Major Programmes:

- Academic Mobility
- Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies (CEEPUS)
- Action Austria – Slovakia, Co-operation in Science and Education
- National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic
- EURAXESS Services Centres for Researchers

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What is offered?

- **Scholarships** covering living costs for
  - **Students** studying at universities outside Slovakia in order to undertake a study stay (1 — 2 semesters or 1 — 3 trimesters) at a university in Slovakia during their higher education (either during master’s studies, or during higher education in general, if the applicant has completed at least 3 years of his/her higher education on the day of the beginning of his/her study stay in Slovakia).
  - **Postdoctoral Researchers** working at universities and research organisations in Slovakia in order to undertake a research stay (3 — 6 months) outside Slovakia.
  - **PhD Students** studying at universities/research organisations outside Slovakia in order to undertake a teaching and/or research/artistic stay (1 — 10 months) at a university or in a research organisation, eligible to carry out a doctoral study programme, in Slovakia during their doctoral studies.

Citizens of any country in the world can apply for a scholarship in the framework of the Program.

What are the deadlines for submitting applications?

- **30 April** till 16:00 CEST — scholarship stays during the academic year
- **31 October** till 16:00 CET — scholarship stays during the summer semester of the current academic year

Mandatory conditions and more information about the Programme are available at www.scholarships.sk

What is the amount of the monthly scholarship?

Students and PhD students may apply for a travel allowance. Its amount depends on the (in a direct line) distance between applicant’s place of residence and the place of his/her stay in Slovakia:

- up to 350 km — 0 €,
- from 350 to 2,000 km — 250 €,
- from 2,000 to 7,000 km — 500 €,
- more than 7,000 km — 1,000 €.

How to apply?

Applications are submitted online at www.scholarships.sk. Online application system is opened at least 6 weeks prior to the application deadline. Applications must be submitted in the online application system till the application deadline. It is also necessary to deliver original of the admission/invitation letter to SAIA, n. o., in Bratislava. Detailed information on submitting applications and required documents is available at the website of the Programme.

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What is the amount of a travel grant?

The amount of the travel grant depends on the (in a direct line) distance between the applicant’s place of residence and the place of his/her stay abroad:

- up to 350 km — 0 €,
- from 350 to 2,000 km — 250 €,
- from 2,000 to 7,000 km — 500 €,
- more than 7,000 km — 1,000 €.