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**The scholarship program offered by the Romanian state, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to foreign citizens, based on G.D. 288/1993, for the academic year 2020 - 2021**

**METHODOLOGY**

**1. General conditions for awarding scholarships**

**Number of scholarships:** 85 scholarships for under- and post-graduate studies in Romania, by means of selection of application files, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and the Ministry of Education and Research (hereafter, MER), in keeping with Romanian current legislation.

**Qualification criteria:**

- 1) Foreign citizens coming from all the states of the world, except for EU member states. Foreign citizens of Romanian origin and those belonging to the neighbouring historic Romanian communities benefit from other scholarship programs.
- 2) The applicant for the scholarship must not hold Romanian citizenship, did not request or did not obtain a form of protection in Romania, is not a stateless person whose residence on Romanian territory is officially recognized according to the law, is not a member of the diplomatic corps accredited to Bucharest or member of family of the diplomatic corps accredited in Romania, has not benefited from a scholarship from the Romanian state on the same course of study.
- 3) The applicant for the scholarship must present study papers issued by accredited / recognized educational institutions, have *good results in education, respectively an average of the study years of at least 7 (seven) corresponding to the scoring system in Romania or the "Good" score, as the case.*
- 4) The applicant for the scholarship *is not, until 31 December of the year in which he / she was nominated, more than 35 years of age - for bachelor and master studies and 45 years respectively - for doctoral studies or for postgraduate studies.*

The scholarships are awarded for **3 study cycles**:

- a) for the first cycle (undergraduate): This scheme is dedicated to graduates of high schools or of equivalent pre-university studies, as well as to candidates who require the continuation of their studies in Romania. The complete cycle of university studies lasts for 3 to 6 years, according to the specific requirements of the chosen faculty, and ends with a final examination (*licență*).
- b) for the 2nd cycle (master): This scheme is dedicated to graduates of university/post-graduate studies; it lasts for 1,5 to 2 years and ends with the defence of a dissertation.
- c) for the 3rd cycle (doctorate) this scheme is dedicated to the graduates of university/postgraduate studies (i.e. master); it lasts for 3-4 years, in keeping with the specific requirements of the chosen faculty, and ends with a doctor's thesis. Admission to a PhD course is conditioned by an entrance examination.

**More information is available in APPENDIX 3.**

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**The fields of study are the following (indicative list): architecture, visual arts, Romanian culture and civilization, journalism, political and administrative sciences, education sciences, social and human sciences, technical studies, oil and gas, agricultural sciences, veterinary medicine. Scholarships are NOT awarded in the fields of medicine, dental medicine and pharmacy.**

**For more information, please see APPENDIX 4.**

**Language of study:** In order to promote the Romanian language and culture among foreign citizens, the beneficiaries of scholarships granted by the Romanian state should study only in the **Romanian language**. The candidates who do not know Romanian are offered one supplementary preparatory year to study the language.

The following categories of persons are exempted from the obligation to submit the Certificate of graduation of the preparatory year, when enrolling in Romanian language teaching programs:

- a) persons presenting Romanian studies (diplomas and certificates) or educational papers, school situations attesting at least four consecutive years of study followed in the Romanian language, in an educational facility / institution in the Romanian national system;
- b) those who, in order to enrol in university education, promote the Romanian language test organized according to the regulations in force.
- c) those who, for the purpose of enrolling in the university education, have attestations of linguistic competence for the Romanian language, the minimum level B1, issued according to the regulations in force.

## **2. Steps to submit the application files**

**Application files must be submitted through diplomatic missions. Application files submitted by post or directly to the MFA or to the MER, as well as application files received after the announced deadline will NOT be taken into consideration.**

## **3. Calendar**

**The registration period begins on 16 December 2019. The candidate should enquire at the diplomatic mission where he intends to submit the application file about the enrolment calendar. The deadline for submitting the application files is established by each diplomatic mission, but not later than 16 March 2020.**

Foreign diplomatic missions accredited in Bucharest will submit their application files to the MFA - Public Diplomacy, Cultural and Scientific Directorate (DDPCS), accompanied by a verbal note, by **16 March 2020**.

**Incomplete or non-compliant dossiers with the fields of study and methodology are considered disqualified and will not be evaluated by the MFA committee. The files of the rejected candidates following the evaluation of the MFA and MER committees are not returned.**

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#### **4. Documents required for the application**

The application file must contain the following documents:

- 4.1. Official letter issued by the diplomatic mission** of the country of origin accredited to Bucharest or the diplomatic mission of Romania in the country of origin or residence;
- 4.2. The MFA application form (APPENDIX 1)** for a scholarship in Romania, filled in correctly;
- 4.3. The MER application form (APPENDIX 2)** for the issue of the Letter of acceptance to study in Romania;
- 4.4. Legalized copies of the obtained study diplomas** (baccalaureate diploma or its equivalent + bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees, if any) and their legalized translation into one of the following languages: English, French or Romanian, if required;
- 4.5. Legalized copies of matriculation sheets / diploma supplements** related to graduate studies and their legalized translation, if applicable;
- 4.6. Legalized copy of the birth certificate** and certified translation in one of the following languages: English, French or Romanian;
- 4.7. Copy of the first 3 pages of the passport;**
- 4.8. The medical certificate** attesting to the fact that the person enrolling in the study does not have contagious diseases or other conditions incompatible with the required studies;
- 4.9. Curriculum Vitae** of the applicant;
- 4.10. Recent photos** - 2 pieces, passport format.

**The application file will also contain the following documents (only for candidates falling within the specific category mentioned for each document):**

Proof of name change (if applicable) - copy and legalized translation;

The certificate attesting the passing of the baccalaureate, bachelor's, master's or doctoral exam, as the case may be, for current year's graduates - copy and certified translation;

Certificate of graduation of the Romanian preparatory year or Language Proficiency Certificate, if applicable;

Declaration on parental consent in case of juvenile candidates (in one of the following languages: English, French or Romanian).

#### **5. Announcement of results**

**The selection results will be announced by 15 June 2020, to each diplomatic mission that has submitted application files to the MFA. See APPENDIX 3.**

#### **6. The procedure for visa application**

Candidates who have obtained the Letter of Acceptance for studies can get up-to-date information regarding the visa application procedure (D/SD) accessing the link: [https://studyinromania.gov.ro/Visa\\_rules\\_and\\_procedures](https://studyinromania.gov.ro/Visa_rules_and_procedures)

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## **7. Rights and obligations**

7.1. The beneficiaries of the scholarships are provided with the following **facilities**:

- a) exemption from the payment of registration fees, processing of the file, for testing the Romanian language skills, for supporting the contest for admission to the doctorate and for the specific aptitude tests;
- b) financing the tuition expenses for the preparatory year of the Romanian language;
- c) financing the tuition costs for the actual studies, but not more than the duration of a university cycle, corresponding to the study program followed;
- d) granting a monthly scholarship, for the students enrolled in the preparatory year of the Romanian language;
- e) granting a monthly scholarship, for students enrolled in undergraduate, master, doctoral studies, respectively in post-university education, including in the health field, but no longer than the duration of a school / university cycle;
- f) financing the accommodation expenses in the student dormitories, through the MER budget, within the limit of the allocated grant;
- g) medical assistance in case of medical-surgical emergencies and diseases with potential endemo-epidemic, in accordance with the national legislation in force;
- h) local, surface, naval and underground transport, as well as internal car, rail and naval transport, under the same conditions as Romanian students, according to the legal provisions.

These facilities are granted throughout the study period, as follows:

- a) for the students enrolled in the preparatory year of the Romanian language, during its course;
- b) for students enrolled in undergraduate and master's studies, during the academic year and during legal vacations, but is not granted during the summer vacation. If the students are detained at the faculty during the summer vacation for curricular activities or if there are specific legal provisions, the rights are maintained during the summer vacation;
- c) for doctoral students enrolled in the form of frequent education, throughout the calendar year;
- d) 30 more days after the completion of university studies or post-university education with a duration of at least 1 year.

7.2 Foreign citizens have the following **obligations**:

- a) to respect the Constitution of Romania and the laws of the Romanian state;
- b) comply with the internal regulations of the educational institution;
- c) comply with the provisions of the present methodology;
- d) to maintain contact with the diplomatic mission / consular office to which they submitted the application file.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### **1. Calendar of financial support:**

*The university year starts on October 1<sup>st</sup>.*

The grant is awarded monthly to students in the 1<sup>st</sup> (undergraduate) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (master) cycle throughout the whole academic year, the winter and spring vacation included, but not during the summer vacation.

For full-time students of the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle (doctorate), the monthly grant is awarded throughout the whole calendar year.

**Important for all scholarship holders (under- and post-graduate):** *The students from the preparatory year program, as well as those from undergraduate and master' degree programs, who did not obtain, at the end of the academic year, a number of 60 transferable credits, no longer benefit from the rights deriving from the scholarship. These rights can be resumed in the following academic year, provided that the number of scholarship years does not exceed the duration of the academic cycle.*

### **2. The scholarship consists of:**

- **Free-of-charge tuition,**
- **Free-of-charge accommodation** (depending on availability, accommodation will be offered free-of-charge in students halls of residence, in keeping with the higher education regulations and within the limits of the sums available for this purpose),
- **Financial support** - a monthly amount representing :
  - the equivalent in Romanian currency of 65 EURO per month, for under-graduate students (1<sup>st</sup> cycle),
  - the equivalent in Romanian currency of 75 EURO per month, for post-graduate students (master degrees and specialization) 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle,
  - the equivalent in Romanian currency of 85 EURO per month, for post graduate students (doctorate degree) 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle.

*These scholarships do not cover food, international and local transport. The candidates must be prepared to personally support any other additional expenses.*

To get all the necessary information about the scholarships (conditions, necessary documents, enrolment calendar) and to submit their application files, the candidates should apply directly to:

- **the Romanian diplomatic missions accredited to the candidate's country of origin, or of residence, or to**
- **the diplomatic mission of the candidate's state of origin accredited to Bucharest**

Applications files should contain documents in the English or French languages.

If the application files contain documents in foreign languages other than English or French, they must be accompanied by authorized translations in one of the following languages: Romanian, English or French. Generally, Romanian universities may require that all enrolment documents should be accompanied by authorized copies and authorized translations in Romanian.

### **It is of utmost importance to fill in correctly all forms.**

*A.1. In case the candidate is still studying in the last year of pre-university study, the file should contain a document (and its authorized translation) confirming the year of study and the fact that the candidate will graduate at the end of the 2019 – 2020 school year, specifying the date when the graduation diploma is issued.*

A.2. *In case the candidate's application file is accepted, the candidate – graduate of high school or of equivalent studies – is obliged to send to the diplomatic mission, **by 14 August 2020**, an authorized copy of the graduation diploma and its authorized translation or, if the case may be, a copy of the document attesting that the candidate has graduated, specifying also the date when the graduation diploma is issued. The candidates for post-graduates studies must submit all previous diplomas of studies with authorized copies of the diploma and its authorized translation.*

The authorization of documents is made by public notaries in the countries of residence or by the sending diplomatic missions, as the case may be.

### **3. Compulsory Steps after Acceptance**

MER will issue a ***Letter of Acceptance to Study in Romania*** for the successful candidates. This letter will also mention the supplementary preparatory year, compulsory for learning the Romanian language (if applicable) and the academic institution/ institutions where the courses will take place.

In case the candidate does not specify two options in the application form and the chosen university cannot offer a place, the MER may make another offer of university (same faculty), according to the availabilities of the Romanian higher education institutions. If the letter of acceptance to study in Romania contains another equivalent offer, the candidate is free to reject it.

The candidate will receive the original *Letter of Acceptance* to study in Romania as soon as possible from the diplomatic mission that submitted the file to the MFA.

After receiving the Letter of Acceptance, the candidate will contact the Romanian embassy in his/her country of origin or of residence to officially accept the scholarship and apply for a long stay student visa. The applications must be submitted until **26 June 2020**.

The candidate has to complete by **14 August 2020** the dossier with all the necessary documents: the **copy of the diploma and the authorized translation of the diploma or of the certificate** attesting that the applicant has graduated high school, university or an equivalent institution, issued after the submission of the application file, mentioning the date when the diploma is issued.

**Between 1-15 October 2020, the successful candidates must come personally to register** at the International Relations Department/the Rectorate of the University where they were accepted.

- They will have to present a **file** containing:
- **all original documents** contained in the initial application file,
- **the Letter of Acceptance** to study,
- **Passport** containing a valid study long stay SD visa.