

# Brief information about scholarship programmes

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## Academic Information Agency

The Academic Information Agency (AIA) administers scholarships from the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS), which are intended to support foreign exchange stays of Czech university students and teachers. Another part of the scholarship programme supports primary and secondary school teachers in Czechia as part of their continued professional development

### **1 Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports (MEYS) Scholarship Programme**

The MEYS scholarships, which can be found in the offer of the AIA, are awarded within the higher education sector based on commitments arising from bilateral international agreements. They are funded either by the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports of the Czech Republic or from the budgets of countries that have concluded cooperation agreements with Czechia in education and science.



### **Programme Goals**

By awarding scholarships, partner countries support the mutual exchange of university students, teachers, and researchers, thus contributing to the global sharing of experiences, skills, ideas, and creative impulses.



### **Who can apply for the scholarships?**

The scholarships are intended for students (exceptionally graduates), teachers, and academic staff currently working at public universities in Czechia.

Scholarship positions for individual target countries are offered either to applicants from all public universities in Czechia based on a selection procedure or are available only to applicants from selected public universities that have a certain number of places allocated for the given academic year (quota allocation).



### **Which countries can the scholarship be obtained for?**

Scholarships are awarded to countries with which Czechia has a valid bilateral agreement on cooperation in education. Currently, there are about 25 target countries on offer.



### **For what types of stays can the scholarship be used?**

The scholarships are intended for study and research stays for students, usually lasting one to two semesters, exceptionally for the entire study period, research and lecture stays for academic staff lasting several weeks to months, and for participation in several-week specialised and language summer courses intended for students, and sometimes also for academics.

The scholarship stay can usually be carried out at all public universities in the target country, and in some cases also at state research institutions. The choice of host school is left to the applicant.



### **How many scholarships are awarded annually?**

Individual scholarship offers have a capacity allocated for applicants from Czechia. The capacity is determined in the form of scholarship positions for a specific number of people or as the total number of months that can be distributed among applicants.



### **When are scholarship applications submitted?**

The deadlines for submitting scholarship applications vary for individual target countries.

Applications for scholarships for study, research, and lecture stays must be submitted in the previous academic year, which often means up to a year before the planned start of the stay. Applications for scholarships for summer courses are submitted during the current academic year. Applicants for scholarships awarded based on quotas must inquire about the application deadlines at the rectorate of the university they are studying at.

## **2**

### **Educational Stays for Teachers in Germany**

The Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports of the Czech Republic, in cooperation with several states of the Federal Republic of Germany, offers educational stays for German language teachers from Czechia as part of their further education.



### **Programme Goals**

The programme of educational stays in the Federal Republic of Germany aims to contribute to the improvement of the quality of German language teaching in Czechia. It provides teachers with opportunities for further education and professional growth, strengthening their contact with the German language in an authentic environment, enhancing didactic skills, enriching their knowledge of German culture, establishing connections, and sharing experiences with German colleagues, and generally broadening their horizons.



### **Who can participate in the educational stays?**

The programme is intended for German language teachers, and potentially teachers of other subjects, working at primary, secondary, and higher vocational schools in Czechia.



### **What educational stays are offered?**

Teachers can participate in 1 to 2-week pedagogical seminars regularly organised by German organisations focused on the further education of teachers. Participants receive coverage for transportation, accommodation, and meals.

Another option includes two-week internships at schools in the state of Bavaria. Interns receive a contribution to partially cover the costs of their stay.



## AKTION Austria – Czech Republic

The AKTION Austria – Czech Republic programme, focusing on cooperation in science and education, supports scholarship stays and cooperation projects in the higher education sector. Both individuals and public universities can participate.



### **Programme Goals**

The programme aims to enhance mutual understanding and professional enrichment between students, academic, and scientific staff from Austria and Czechia through individual scholarship stays and cooperation projects.



### **What types of support does the programme offer?**

The programme offers scholarships for stays in Czechia aimed at preparing master's and doctoral theses for students, research stays for doctoral candidates and academic staff, scholarships for postdoctoral habilitation preparation, and scholarships for participation in summer language schools.

Additionally, the programme financially supports bilateral or regional Austrian-Czech cooperation projects with an emphasis on long-term collaboration.

## **1**

### **Scholarships**

Students in master's and doctoral programmes and academic staff working at eligible universities in Austria can obtain a scholarship for a stay at public universities in Czechia. With the scholarship, it is possible to undertake a stay focused on preparing a final thesis lasting 1 to 5 months or a research stay lasting 1 to 3 months.

## **2**

### **Project Cooperation Grants**

Academic staff working at eligible universities in Austria can receive financial support for project cooperation with partners from public universities in Czechia. Eligible universities include Austrian public universities, universities of applied sciences, teacher training colleges, and accredited private universities. Supported activities include joint professional seminars, workshops, symposia, and excursions; preparation of programmes for obtaining dual diplomas; exchange of experiences and networking on short-term stays; publication of outcomes from completed projects; summer and winter schools, and language colleges.



## Study of Foreigners in Czechia Based on Intergovernmental Agreements

The Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports of the Czech Republic annually offers scholarships for study and research stays at public universities in Czechia based on bilateral intergovernmental or departmental agreements with a number of countries.



### Who can apply for the scholarships?

The scholarships are intended for students and graduates of higher education institutions, doctoral students, and exceptionally also for research or teaching staff of higher education institutions studying and working in one of the countries involved in the programme: Albania, Bulgaria, China, Egypt, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, North Macedonia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Ukraine.



### For what types of stays can the scholarship be used?

The scholarship can be used for a study or research stay at one of the public universities in Czechia. The scholarships are not intended for participation in summer language courses. The length of the scholarship stay usually ranges from 2 to 10 months.

The scholarships are paid by the individual receiving universities, with the exception of participants from Albania, Bulgaria, China, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, and Romania, whose scholarships are provided by the relevant authorities or agencies in their home country.

Scholars are exempt from tuition fees.



### How to apply for the scholarship?

Candidates for the scholarship are nominated exclusively by the competent authorities of the respective country. Scholarship applications are submitted through the Study at VŠ portal.



### When to apply for the scholarship?

Applications are usually submitted in the spring for stays in the next academic year. Exact dates vary for each country.



## Barrande Fellowship Programme

The joint French-Czech fellowship programme was established to support exchange stays for French and Czech doctoral students. The Barrande Fellowship Programme allows students to undertake short-term research stays and dual-supervised doctoral studies, known as cotutelle, in all scientific fields.



### Programme Goals

The goal of the programme is to create conditions for establishing and developing cooperation between French and Czech universities and research institutions, enabling teams and students to share good practices and support mutual collaboration.



### Who can apply for the fellowships?

The fellowships are available to doctoral students enrolled at a higher education institution / doctoral school in France. A completed master's degree is required.

The programme is open to all English speakers, provided that the Czech supervisor or lecturer agrees to conduct the study or research stay in English.

### For what types of stays can the fellowship be used?

**1**

#### Double degree Ph.D. programme under joint supervision (cotutelle)

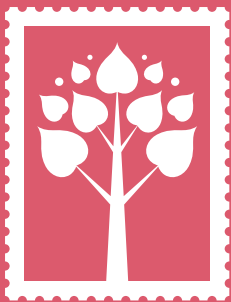
Studies take place simultaneously at a French and a Czech university, and upon completion, the student receives a diploma from both institutions. The research is conducted under the joint supervision of one French and one Czech supervisor.

The fellowship is provided for a maximum of 3 years, each year for 5 months during which the fellow spends time in Czechia.

**2**

#### Short-term Research Stays

Short-term research stays lasting 1 to 3 months can be undertaken at universities, research centres, and university hospitals. The research stay provides an opportunity to familiarise oneself with specific research equipment or techniques in Czechia, participate in experiments, or gain new information sources that are not available in France.



## Programme for the Support of Czech Cultural Heritage Abroad

The programme is implemented on the basis of a Czech government resolution and it has two parts **The Compatriot Education Programme** sends Czech language teachers to Czech communities abroad. It also organises an annual four-week Czech language course for Czechs living abroad, two-week course in Czech language teaching methodology for Czech teachers abroad and semester stays at Czech universities. Under the **Czech Language and Literature Lectorates Programme**, Czech language and literature teachers are seconded to foreign educational institutions.

### Programme Goals

The primary objective of the programme is to spread and maintain the Czech language and culture abroad. The programme is implemented based on a resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic. In addition to sending teachers to expatriate communities and lecturers to foreign educational institutions, it also offers studies in Czechia for our compatriots from around the world.

### What activities does the programme offer for compatriots?

#### **1** Czech Language Course for Compatriots

This course is intended for Czech expatriates living abroad who want to learn the language of their ancestors or improve their proficiency. Compatriots have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with Czech culture and get to know Czechia. The instruction is conducted by experienced teachers in groups according to language proficiency levels. For participants attending the course in person, a rich extracurricular programme is prepared (discussions, excursions, lectures, weekend day trips). Participants must be at least 18 years old; there is no upper age limit. Upon completion of the course, participants receive a certificate of completion.

### What will it cost?

Participants are provided with free language instruction, meals, accommodation, and a financial contribution for travel to and from Czechia. The cost of healthcare is covered as stipulated by Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the residence of foreigners in the Czech Republic and on changes to certain laws, as amended, or in accordance with applicable European regulations for persons falling under the regime of relevant European regulations.

### When, where, and how long is the course?

The course schedule is announced annually in advance, and it is held in Poděbrady, lasting four weeks.

## **2 Methodology Course for Teaching Czech as a Foreign Language**

This course is intended for Czech language teachers among expatriates. Participants undergo intensive instruction in Czech language teaching methodology with the aim of improving and stabilising teaching forms, especially in expatriate communities where a teacher is not sent as part of the programme, and in Czech schools abroad. The course includes visits to specialised workplaces, observations, and trips. Participants must be at least 18 years old; there is no upper age limit. A good knowledge of the Czech language is required (lectures and seminars are conducted in Czech).



### **What will it cost?**

Participants are provided with full coverage of instruction, meals, accommodation, and travel expenses. Participants also receive a financial contribution for personal expenses. The cost of healthcare is covered as stipulated by Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the residence of foreigners in the Czech Republic and on changes to certain laws, as amended, or in accordance with applicable European regulations for persons falling under the regime of relevant European regulations.



### **When, where, and how long is the course?**

The course schedule is announced annually in advance, and it is held in Prague, lasting two weeks.

## **3**

### **Study Stays at Czech Public Universities**

These are intended for Czech expatriates living abroad who have a good command of the Czech language and want to improve it. The focus is on maintaining and expanding knowledge of the Czech language and cultural awareness. Compatriots can primarily study the Czech language and literature, and admission to other fields of study depends on the decision of the respective university. Upon completion of their studies, students receive a certificate or confirmation of completion.



### **Admission Conditions**

A good knowledge of the Czech language (A2 level or higher) and prior completion of secondary education is required. Participants must be at least 18 years old; there is no upper age limit.



### **What will it cost?**

Admitted students receive a scholarship, a financial contribution for travel to and from Czechia, and are entitled to accommodation and meals at the same prices as Czech students. The cost of healthcare is covered as stipulated by Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the residence of foreigners in the Czech Republic and on changes to certain laws, as amended, or in accordance with applicable European regulations for persons falling under the regime of relevant European regulations.



### **When, where, and for how long?**

This involves one-semester or two-semester studies in the Czech language, usually conducted at the Faculty of Arts of a university in Czechia during the given academic year.