

Your Excellency,

We would like to inform you that a new call for applications within the National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic is open for study, research, teaching and artistic stays during the summer semester of the academic year 2023/2024.

Scholarship **application deadline is 31 October 2023 by 16:00 CET** (4:00 pm Central European Time). Scholarship stays can be planned during the summer semester of the academic year 2023/2024. Applications are submitted online at www.scholarships.sk (international applicants).

The National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic supports mobility of international students, PhD students, university teachers, researchers and artists to stay at Slovak universities and Slovak research organisations. Students and PhD students can apply also for a travel allowance.

Bellow you can find a link to our online storage, where you can download flyer with basic information about the Programme (in English). The applicants can find detailed Information about the Programme at www.scholarships.sk in Slovak, English, Russian, French and Spanish language.

In case of questions regarding the National Scholarship Program, applicants can contact the administrators of this programme directly - Silvia Lipovská (nsp-foreign2@saia.sk) responsible for students and PhD students; Ondrej Aradský (nsp-foreign@saia.sk) responsible for university teachers, research and/or artistic workers.

Scholarships of the National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic supports also mobility of university students, PhD students and postdocs of Slovak universities or research organisations to cover their living costs during their study or research stay at a university or research organisation outside Slovakia.

Establishment of the National Scholarship Programme for the Support of Mobility of Students, PhD Students, University Teachers and Researchers was approved by the Government of the Slovak Republic in 2005. The National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic is funded by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic from the state budget of the Slovak Republic.

Next deadline for the submission of applications will be on 30 April 2024 for scholarship stays during the academic year 2024/2025.

At the same time, we draw your attention to the fact that on the occasion of the opening of the call, a webinar will be organized with focus on the preparation of a scholarship application within the framework of the National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic. The webinar will be intended for foreign applicants, and will be held on **Friday, October 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (CET)**. The webinar will be in English. Further information about the webinar, as well as the link to connect to the webinar, will be published at the programme's website and at our social sites.

On the following link, you can find the above-mentioned flyer with basic information about the scholarship programme:

https://saia.slovakia-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/ondrej_aradsky_saia_sk/EsxAzmLH_XpIuiZ2n2yfAwwB9wH7Bw68MtuwgSZua_CzVg?e=XRLlgZ

We would like to ask you to help us to spread this information and forward it to potential applicants within your country. Thank you for your co-operation and we hope that also contacts made by scholarship holders within National Scholarship Programme will strengthen the future co-operation of our countries.

Yours sincerely,

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