

Selection process for granting a number of 40 scholarships to foreign citizens for 2023-2024

Deadline: 30 June 2023

The Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Tourism and the Ministry of Education grant each year a number of 40 scholarships to the foreign citizens by an application evaluation-based competition organized according to Romanian regulations, for undergraduate and postgraduate studies in accredited higher education institutions in Romania.

Qualifying criteria: all foreign citizens with the exception of the EU and EFTA member states. Priority is given to citizens of non-EU and non-EFTA states that don't have an agreement with Romania for cultural and educational cooperation.

Persons not eligible for this scholarship:

- Romanian citizens or that belong to historical Romanian communities located in the vicinity of Romania (they benefit from other programs);
- Citizens that have applied for or are under a form of protection in Romania.
- Stateless persons who are permitted to stay on the Romanian territory and recognized according to the Romanian law;
- Member / family members of diplomatic and consular corps accredited in Romania, member / family members of the administrative and technical personnel of the diplomatic missions and consular offices accredited in Romania and member / family members of the international organizations represented in Romania;
- Citizens that have benefited from the Romanian state's scholarship for the same cycle of studies.

Level of studies covered by this scholarship:

- a) **Bachelor's degree.**
- b) **Master.**
- c) **PhD.** For doctoral scholarship the agreement in principle of the scientific coordinator is required. Admission of candidates opting for doctoral studies is conditional on passing the entrance exam.

Priority areas: applications of candidates wishing to study economics and business administration, agricultural sciences, technical sciences, oil and gas will be promoted as a priority. Applications covering other areas will be taken into account, to the extent of the places available.

The study language: the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Tourism has decided that the language for all courses taken by the students selected to receive the scholarship will be the **Romanian language**. Thus, the Romanian language and culture will be promoted among the foreign citizens.

The selected candidates that don't know the Romanian language are entitled to a preparatory year, previous to the requested academic level.

Students that declare knowledge of the Romanian language must pass the Romanian language test, according to the Romanian law or they must submit one of the following:

- a. Romanian study documents that prove at least four years of studies in a Romanian education unit, member of the Romanian national education system.
- b. Romanian language certificate, issued according to the Romanian law, certifying a minimum level of B1.