

Scholarships offered to foreign citizens by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in keeping with Government Decision No 288/1993 for the 2010- 2011 academic year

General information:

The Romanian state grants 85 scholarships through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Department of Cultural, Educational and Scientific Relations (DRCES) to foreign students, irrespective of their level of study, by means of selection of files organized by MAE and MECTS in keeping with current regulation.

These scholarships apply only to citizens of non-EU states (even they live in EU member-states).

Scholarships are granted for three categories of students:

- a) *for the first cycle (licenta)*: This scheme is dedicated to graduates of high schools or of equivalent pre-university systems, as well as to candidates who require the equivalation of partial studies and 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 diploma (*licenta*);
- 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 a dissertation and a diploma.
- 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 end with a doctor's thesis.

Priority will be given to the candidates applying for: political and administrative sciences, education studies, Romanian culture and civilization, journalism, technical studies, oil and gas, agricultural studies, human and veterinary medicine, architecture, art. Requests for other fields will also be taken into account.

In order to promote Romanian language and culture, MECTS has decided that the beneficiaries of the offered scholarships 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 selection criteria of the application files, both at MAE and MECTS, take into consideration the candidate's former scholar performances, mentioned in his/her study papers, and in the priority study fields mentioned above.

■ Conditions offered by the scholarship:

The scholarship obtained through the selection of the process:

- free of charge access to education;
- a monthly amount which represents:
- the equivalent in Romanian currency of 65 EURO per month, for the under-graduate students

- the equivalent in Romanian currency of 75 EURO per month, for post-graduate students (master degrees and specialization)
- the equivalent in Romanian currency of 85 EURO per month, for post graduate students (doctor's degree)

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

The scholarships will be suspended if the student in any education cycle repeats a year due to poor results. It may be resumed in the following academic year, after the student has successfully graduated the repeated year. The students who repeat an academic year must pay the full study fees. The number of scholarship years will not be bigger than the respective education cycle.

Depending on availability, the accommodation of foreign scholarship owners will be mainly ensured in the university hostels, according to the policies of the respective higher education institutions. The accommodation costs are provided for from the state budget, through the budget of MECTS.

Enrollment:

The candidates will submit **two copies of complete files only to the diplomatic missions of Romania abroad or to the diplomatic missions of their countries of origin accredited to Bucharest**. The first file will contain the authorized copies and translations of the requested documents and the second the simple copies thereof.

Any files submitted directly by the candidates to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or to the Division of Cultural, Educational, Scientific Relations of the MAE or to the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports are not taken into account.

If the relevant documents are in other foreign languages than English or French, they must be accompanied by authorized translations in one of the following languages: Romanian, English or French.

The file with the original documents presented personally by the successful candidate for the actual enrolment to Romanian higher education institutions must contain all documents accompanied by authorized copies and authorized translations into Romanian language.

It is of utmost importance to fill in correctly all forms, stating full name and contact details of each candidate.

Application files for the 2010-2011 academic year must be registered at DRCES/MAE no later than the 15 April 2010, irrespective of the diplomatic missions of origin. In this respect, for the files sent by the Romanian embassies abroad, it is necessary to consult in advance the schedule of the diplomatic courier.

The diplomatic missions receiving the application files must:

- check that the MAE and MECI application forms are filled in correctly;
- ensure that the applicant keeps a copy of the signed application forms;
- send the complete files, containing all documents stipulated in the methodology;
- send the graduation diploma or a certificate that the applicant has graduated high school, if applicable, until 1 September 2010;
- send in due time to DRCES the confirmation that the successful candidate will use the scholarship granted by the Romanian state for which he/she applied.

Once the files are registered with MAE-DRCES, they cannot be completed with other documents, except for the copy of the graduation diploma/certificate in case the candidates attend a terminal year of studies.

Incomplete files are not taken into consideration and will not be submitted to the MAE selection board.

Rejected application files are not returned.

DRCES does not receive any application files for the MAE scholarships after the announced deadline. All candidates interested to study in Romania can apply directly to study on their own expenses, by submitting a *new file* according to the instruction at item I. above.

List of documents necessary for the application file:

1. *Cover letter issued by the diplomatic mission* of the country of origin accredited to Bucharest or of the Romanian Embassy in the respective country, containing the following:

- Specification of the scholarship scheme for which the candidate applies, i.e. "scholarships offered by the Romanian state through MAE",
- The candidate's full name,
- Comments on the candidate or his/her activity if the case may be,
- A list of all documents contained in the file.

2. *The document attesting the last cycle of education graduated* (graduation diploma) in authorized copy and authorized translation. In case the candidate is still enrolled in the last year of pre-university studies, the file must contain a certificate and its authorized translation, stating that the respective candidate will have the graduation exam at the end of the 2009 - 2010 academic year, specifying the date when the diploma is issued. In case the file is selected, the candidate must present to the diplomatic mission, until 1 September 2010, the following:

- the confirmation that he/she will use the scholarship,
- the authorized copy of the graduation diploma and its authorized translation, or, as the case may be, the copy of the certificate attesting that he/she has graduated, mentioning the date the diploma will be issued.

The original diploma or the original certificate will have to be produced together with all original documents when the candidate enrolls personally in the Romanian system of education. The candidates who choose the post-university study schemes must submit all the diplomas and study certificates obtained previously.

3. *Diploma supplement transcript* (authorized copy and authorized translation):

- The graduates of the pre-university system applying to study in the Romanian university system will produce the authorized copy of the diploma supplement transcript of the last school cycle, i.e. high school or the equivalent thereof. The candidate in the last year of study will produce the transcript of the previous years and for the first part of the 2009-2010 academic year.

- The candidates requiring equivalation of partial studies (intermediate year) and the continuation of studies in Romania, the diploma supplement transcript must be accompanied by the authorized copy of the curriculum and its authorized translation for the partial studies performed so far.

- The graduate candidates requiring post graduate studies must produce authorized copies of all study documents at all university levels, diploma supplement transcripts included.

4. *Birth certificate* - authorized copy and authorized translation.

5. *Passport* – authorized copy.

6. *Medical certificate* attesting that applicant is not affected by any transmissible disease or by illnesses incompatible with the future profession.

7. **A dully filled in MAE application form** for a scholarship to study in Romania.

8. **MECTS application form** for the *Letter of Acceptance to study in Romania*. In case the applicant's file is selected by the MAE and the MECTS selection boards, MECTS issues and sends to the applicant the *Letter of Acceptance* to study in the Romanian system of education, based on this application form dully filled in. The *Letter of Acceptance* is sent to the candidate through MAE-DRCES and must be produced upon registration at the university and when applying for the long stay visa.

9. *The candidate's CV*.

10. *4 recent photos*.

■ **Evaluation and Letters of Acceptance:**

Application files will be thoroughly checked by DRCES and will be submitted to MAE and MECTS selection boards. They will approve the list of accepted candidates, in accordance to the number of available scholarships, as well as a waiting list, in case some of the successful candidates give up the scholarship.

MAE selection board will meet between 1 and 15 May 2010. The files accepted by MAE selection board will be sent to MECTS board. After its own analysis and selection, this

board will issue a *Letter of Acceptance* to study in Romania, mentioning also the supplementary preparatory year compulsory for learning the Romanian language.

In case the candidate does not specify two options and the chosen university cannot offer a place, MECTS may make another offer of university (same faculty), according to the availabilities of the Romanian higher education institutions. If letter of acceptance to study in Romania contains another equivalent offer, the candidates are free to reject it, in which case they can apply to study in Romania on their own expenses, in keeping with item I above.

The candidate will receive the original *Letter of Acceptance* to study in Romania from the diplomatic mission that submitted the file to MAE-DRCES, approximately between 1 and 15 of July 2010.

Until 1 September 2010, the diplomatic missions that submitted the candidates' application files have to send to DRCES (by fax or e-mail):

- the confirmation of each candidate's decision to use the scholarship granted by the Romanian state through MAE for which he/she has applied;
- where applicable, the copy of the diploma or of the authorized copy of the graduation diploma or of the certificate attesting that the applicant has graduated the respective education cycle, mentioning the date when the proper graduation diploma is issued.

If the diplomatic mission does not send out the applicant's confirmation or if the file remains incomplete, the selection boards considers that the scholarship has been refused and it is automatically passed on to the next candidate on the waiting list.

The accepted candidates must come personally to register at the Romanian Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports - Department of International Students (General Berthelot Street No. 28), until 1 October 2010.

They will have to present a file with:

- **all original documents** from the application file
- **Letter of Acceptance** to study (original and copy).
- **Passport** (original and copy) containing a valid study long stay SD visa.

The scholarship holders will receive a Minister's Matriculation Order to be presented upon registration at the university, together with the above-mentioned documents.