

**Scholarships offered by the Romanian State to foreign citizens
through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the 2015- 2016 academic year**

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

Who can qualify: citizens of non EU countries (irrespective of their country of residence). Priority is given to citizens from non EU states with which Romania does not have cultural and education cooperation agreements. Mention should be made that foreign citizens of Romanian origin and those belonging to the neighbouring historic Romanian communities benefit from other scholarship programmes offered by the Romanian state.

The scholarships are granted for **three levels of study:**

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 equivalent 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 final examination (*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;

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.

Priority fields: 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, veterinary medicine, architecture, music, arts, music.

Language of Study: In order to promote Romanian language and culture, the Ministry of National Education has decided that the beneficiaries of the 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 students who declare that they know already Romanian language have to pass a language test organised by the competent higher education institutions.

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 hostels, 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 the under-graduate students (1st cycle),
- the equivalent in Romanian currency of 75 EURO per month, for post-graduate students (master degrees and specialization) 2nd cycle,
- the equivalent in Romanian currency of 85 EURO per month, for post graduate students (doctor's degree) 3rd cycle.

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

Calendar of financial support:

The monthly amount mentioned above is granted to the students of the 1st (*licenta*) and 2nd (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 3rd cycle (doctorate), the monthly amount is granted throughout the whole calendar year.

Important for all scholarship holders (under- and post-graduate): 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 and accommodation. The number of scholarship years will not be bigger than the respective education cycle.

3. Enrolment

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

- the **Embassy of Romania to Bosnia and Herzegovina** or to
- the **Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Romania**

Application files submitted by post or directly to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) or to the Ministry of National Education (MNE), as well as application files received after the announced deadline **will not be taken into consideration.**

Applications files should contain documents in **English or French language.**

If the application files contain documents 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.** 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.

4. Enrolment Calendar

The deadline for submitting the application files is established by each diplomatic mission. The candidate should enquire at the diplomatic mission about the enrolment calendar, starting 3 December 2014.

Foreign diplomatic missions accredited to Bucharest must send the application files with a Verbal Note to Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Public, Cultural and Scientific Diplomacy Directorate (MFA – PCSDD) **by 15 March 2015**, at the latest.

Incomplete files are not taken into consideration. Rejected application files are not returned.

5. List of documents necessary for the application file

5.1. Cover letter issued by the diplomatic mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina accredited to Bucharest or of the **Romanian Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina.**

5.2. A dully filled in [MFA application form \(Annex 1\)](#) for a scholarship to study in Romania.

5.3. [MNE application form \(Annex 2\)](#) for the *Letter of Acceptance to study in Romania*. In case the applicant's file is selected by the MFA and the MNE selection boards, MNE 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 necessary for the registration at the university and for the application for the long stay visa.

5.4. Authorized copies of **the study documents** (baccalaureate and university diplomas if necessary) and their authorized translation in Romanian, French and English if necessary.

Note: 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 2015 – 2016 school year, specifying the date when the graduation diploma is issued. In case the candidate's application file is accepted, the candidate – graduate of high school or equivalent studies – is obliged to send to the diplomatic mission, by 20 August 2015, 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 authorised copies of the diploma and its authorized translation.

5.5. Authorized copies and authorized translation of the diploma supplement transcript for the studies done so far.

Note: The pre-university candidate who enrolls in the Romanian university system will have to submit the authorised copy of the diploma supplement transcript of the last school cycle, i.e. high school or its equivalent. Candidates who are studying in their last year of study will submit the diploma supplement transcripts for the previous years and for the first part of the current school year (until the submission date).

In case the candidate requires the equivalent of partial university studies (intermediary year) and the continuation of studies in Romania, the diploma supplement transcript should be accompanied by the authorised copy and authorised translation of the curriculum for the partial studies done so far.

In case a graduate of higher education studies applies for post graduate studies, he/she has to submit the authorised copies of all documents attesting the graduation of higher education done so far, diploma supplement transcript included.

5.6. Authorized copy and authorized translation of birth certificate.

5.7. Authorized copy of passport.

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

5.9. The candidate's CV.

5.10. 4 recent passport-type photos.

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

6. Applications Evaluation and Selection

MFA – PCSDD checks the application files and submits the valid candidatures to the MFA Selection Board. The files selected by this Board will be sent to the MNE Selection Board. The selection criteria are: **the candidates' competence (former scholar performances, mentioned in his/her study papers)** and **the chosen priority field of study.**

The Boards will approve the list of 85 accepted candidates and a waiting list, in case any selected candidates give up the scholarship.

7. Announcement of results

The selection results will be announced by 25 June 2015 to each diplomatic mission that submitted application files.

8. Compulsory Steps after Acceptance

MNE will issue a *Letter of Acceptance to Study in Romania* for the successful candidates. This letter will mention also 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, MNE 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 MFA/PCSSD.

After receiving the Letter of Acceptance, the candidate will contact **the Romanian embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina** to apply for a long stay student visa (for Romanian diplomatic missions, see <http://www.mae.ro/en/romanian-missions>; the applications must be submitted until July 10, 2015).

The candidate has to fulfill until September 15th 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.

The diplomatic missions that received the selection results have to send to MAE/PCSSD (by fax or e-mail):

- **by 10 July 2015**, the **confirmation** of each candidate's decision to use this scholarship;
- **by 20 August 2015**, where applicable, 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.

If the diplomatic mission does not send the candidate's confirmation or if the candidate's file is not completed with the above-mentioned documents, the selection Boards consider that the scholarship is refused and it is automatically transferred to a candidate on the waiting list.

- **by 1 October 2015, the successful candidates must come personally to register** at the Romanian Ministry of National Education, MNE, Departf International Relations (General Berthelot Street, nr. 28 -30, sector 1, Bucharest, tel. 0040 (0)21 405 62 12, fax 0040 (0)21 312 66 14).
- They will have to present **a file** with:
 - all original documents
 - the Letter of Acceptance
 - Passport

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