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The Government of Israel is granting students scholarships in institutions of higher education in Israel through the Cultural, Educational and Academic Cooperation Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The purpose of the scholarships is to expose students from around the world to academic and cultural, as well as everyday life in Israel. Students can enroll in the entire curriculum of the academic institutions that award master's degrees or higher recognized by the Council for Higher Education in Israel.

Please read the following information carefully:

1. Who can apply for scholarships:

- Citizens of those countries with signed programs of cooperation in the field of education with Israel within the framework of cultural, educational, and scientific agreements, and citizens of several other countries with whom there are special agreements in this field. Depending on agreements with the country in question, the scholarships are for one academic year only (up to eight months during the summer and winter semesters only) and/or a summer "Ulpan" (Hebrew-Arabic) held at the University of Haifa.
- A person who does not hold Israeli citizenship or dual citizenship (foreign + Israeli citizenship) or is not a resident of Israel.
- Those who will during the scholarship only hold an A2 visa or those whose consular status will not change.
- Those who have not won a scholarship in the past (for an "Ulpan" or academic studies)
- For an academic studies scholarship – those who hold at least a bachelor's degree at the time of the application
- For the "Ulpan" - those who have one year of study left to obtain a bachelor's degree at the time of the application
- Those who have not yet turned 35 of age

2. Academic studies scholarship:

- a) **The scholarship covers 50% of the tuition (for two semesters, summer and winter semester only) up to a maximum of \$ 6000 for only 8 consecutive months.**

The scholarship is intended for one whole academic year (semesters summer and winter only) in programs acknowledged in the international programs offered by the

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schools at the various universities for foreign students, for regular study programs and special master's degree programs lasting 12 months to two years (information about the programs can be found at STUDYISRAEL.ORG.IL) However, since, as stated, the scholarship is for 8 months during summer and winter semesters, the students must be informed in order to be prepared to finance their further studies (calculation of the amount of participation in the tuition is done accordingly).

- b) the scholarship is intended for graduates of an institution of higher education, with at least a bachelor's degree, for studies, research or completion of a degree for a period not exceeding an academic year (semesters summer and winter, for 8 months) in the following options (courses):
- MA students
 - PhD students
 - Postdoctoral students
 - Research students*
 - Master's degree students and higher in schools for students from abroad

* Research students - In case the research students also receive a scholarship from the research institute and/or the researcher they come to, there cannot be any duplication and it must be clear to the student that each case will be examined individually according to the scholarship he/she receives from the research institute

The scholarship is not limited to a specific field of study, but preference will be given to studies in the humanities and social sciences, international relations, political science, Judaism, Jewish history and the Land of Israel, literature and the Hebrew language.

We do not award scholarships for medical studies!

3. Hebrew / Arabic "Ulpan" studies

The 'Ulpan' studies take place in July and August in two cycles of 3.5 weeks each, at the **University of Haifa**. The "Ulpan" studies are fully covered by the Ministry including housing, pocket money, and health insurance for the chosen applicants.

4. It is not possible to apply for both scholarships.

5. Scholarship components:

- a) Tuition: Participation in tuition will be transferred directly to higher education institutions in accordance with agreements with them for 50% of the tuition (of two semesters) up to a maximum of \$ 6000 as stated. This amount does not cover the full tuition fee and the student will be required to take care of its completion.
- b) Subsistence Scholarship: Granted to students, stands at \$ 850 per month and is paid in shekels to the Bank of Israel to the Shekel account, which they must

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- open upon arrival in Israel. The scholarship is given monthly from October to June (semesters summer and winter only).
- c) Medical insurance: The scholarship includes only basic medical insurance provided by the Harel insurance company, and is covering insurance for scholarship purposes only. It does not include special treatments such as dental care, chronic diseases, pregnancy and as such.
 - d) Accommodation: Students must take care of their own housing and funding.
 - e) Visas: Please be sure to coordinate the issue with the consul at the mission.
 - f) It should be clarified that the scholarship is awarded to the recipient of the scholarship only. Those wishing to bring their families will have to take care of all the necessary arrangements: accommodation, insurance, payments and accompanying visas.

6. Requirements for applying

- whoever holds citizenship of the country where the application is submitted and a scholarship exchange program is signed, i.e. Croatia. An applicant with dual citizenship (foreign + Israeli) or resident status (of any kind) in Israel will not be accepted.
- The age of the candidate cannot exceed 35 years on the day of enrollment of studies.
- Holds a BA or other higher degree.
- Has high academic skills.
- Displays a degree certificate.
- Mastery of the English language –a personal interview in English will be conducted with each of the candidates in order to examine the level of the language and mark down impression of them. Every candidate, from a country in which English is not an official language, must present a certificate of English studies from a recognized academic institution or one of the recognized English tests GRE, TOEFEL, GMAT.
- If the research will be conducted in Hebrew, the level of one's level of knowledge of Hebrew must be examined.
- Is ready to learn Hebrew in a manner at his own expense if required by the academic institution.
- Two letters of recommendation from the lecturers who teaches him, transcripts of his academic studies - In the case of a study, he must present a letter confirming guidance for research from the Israeli University.

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- The Embassy of Israel must be notified whether an application for a scholarship (subsistence or tuition fee) has been submitted from other sources.
- Medical confirmation of a normal physical and mental health condition.

The deadline for submitting applications to the Embassy of Israel in Zagreb is 30.12.2021.

Applications should include:

1. Completed application form - [Download application forms](#)
2. Detailed letter describing the field the applicant intends to study in Israel, specifying the University he/she wishes to attend
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Copies of letters exchanged with Israeli universities, or in the case of a research or post doctorate – the relevant Israeli supervisor. (Not required for Ulpan scholarship.)
5. Official original academic records (or notarized copies) of all relevant studies and test scores, diplomas attesting the completion of an academic degree, including a transcript of the student's records
6. At least two (2) letters of recommendation from lecturers/professors who taught the candidate
7. Three (3) photographs
8. Certificate of health

All of the above should be printed in English and submitted in three (3) copies to the Embassy of Israel in the Republic of Croatia, Ulica grada Vukovara 271, 10000 Zagreb.

Those found suitable will be invited for an interview at the Embassy. To make it clear, the interview is only the first step in the process of being considered for the scholarship.

Final decision regarding the granting of a scholarship will be made around summer of next year.

The Embassy will notify the candidate of his/her acceptance to the scholarship program.

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