

1 Scholarships of the Government of the Czech Republic – General Information

Granting scholarships to citizens from developing countries (referred to as “scholarship holders”) for studies at Czech public higher education institutions (referred to as “universities”) is an important part of the foreign development cooperation of the Czech Republic and has a long tradition. From the late 1950s to the present day over 20 thousand foreign nationals have completed their studies at Czech universities with a scholarship of the Government of the Czech Republic.

Government scholarships for studies at universities in the Czech Republic are governed by a Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic No. 77 as of 28th January 2019 as part of a joint foreign development cooperation program pursued by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (<https://msmt.gov.cz/>) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<https://mzv.gov.cz/>), implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Health (<https://mzd.gov.cz/>).

The terms and conditions, as well as the procedures for granting scholarships of the Government of the Czech Republic, are governed by the Guidelines for Granting Scholarships of the Government of the Czech Republic, and by the pertinent Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports scholarship programme promoting the studies of foreign nationals in the Czech Republic that is announced by the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports.

Specific tasks related to providing for the studies of scholarship holders at universities in accordance with the Guidelines for Granting Scholarships of the Government of the Czech Republic and the Ministry’s scholarship programme are carried out by the Czech National Agency for International Education and Research (<https://www.dzs.cz/>).

Within the scope of foreign development cooperation, the Czech Republic provides scholarships for the following studies:

- **pursued in the Czech language:**
 - Follow-up Master’s study programmes (two to three-year-long) in selected areas of study,
 - Language and preparatory study (one-year long) – provided by the Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies of Charles University (<https://ujop.cuni.cz/>),
- **pursued in the English language:**
 - Selected follow-up Master’s study programmes (two-year-long programmes),
 - Selected Doctoral study programmes (three- to four-year-long programmes).

A scholarship of the Government of the Czech Republic for studies in the English language may only be granted if the applicant has an advanced knowledge of English. An applicant for a scholarship of the Government of the Czech Republic is obliged to sit an online entrance English language test in the course of his/her application submission.

Scholarships for studies in the Czech language are granted with a view to a list of recommended areas of study, updated according to the needs of specific countries, and also with regard to ongoing development cooperation projects. The list is enclosed with the annual offer of scholarships of the Government of the Czech Republic for the individual countries. Students select a university only in the course of their language and preparatory studies and subsequently they submit an application to study at a selected university in the given deadline.

Overview of universities in the Czech Republic:

- in the Czech language:
<https://msmt.gov.cz/vzdelavani/vysoke-skolstvi/prehled-vysokych-skol-v-cr-3>,
- In the English language:
<https://msmt.gov.cz/areas-of-work/tertiary-education/public-higher-education-institutions-websites>.