

LITHUANIAN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013

With reference to the decision of the Committee for International Studies, No NV–273, decree of October 2011, Education Exchanges Support Foundation takes pleasure in offering the quota for Lithuanian state scholarships for students, lecturers and researchers of foreign higher education and research institutions. Two types of scholarships are offered:

1. Scholarships for short-term Lithuanian (Baltic) studies (duration of studies – one (up to 5 months) or two (up to 10 months) semesters per person). The quota of **15 months** overall is offered.
2. Scholarships for the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses. **5 scholarships** overall are offered.

The scholarships are not intended for a full course of study. Normally, an academic degree or diploma cannot be obtained during the period covered by the scholarship.

PART 1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The candidate has to be a student (not in the final year), lecturer or researcher of a foreign higher education and research institution.
2. The candidates for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies scholarship must have an official letter of acceptance from the host higher education and research institution in Lithuania.
3. Lithuanian state scholarships cannot be coupled with other grants or scholarships.

PART 2. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

1. Stipend for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies:

- ✓ Undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students approved for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies will receive a monthly stipend of 1.950 Lt (approx. 565 EUR);
- ✓ Researchers and lecturers approved for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies will receive a monthly stipend of 3.250 Lt (approx. 941 EUR).

2. Stipend for Lithuanian language and culture summer courses:

- ✓ Undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students approved for the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses will receive a monthly stipend of 1.950 Lt (approx. 565 EUR);

- ✓ Researchers and lecturers approved for the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses will receive a monthly stipend of 3.250 Lt (approx. 941 EUR).

3. Tuition fee for the studies or for Lithuanian language and culture summer courses, accommodation costs and other expenses have to be covered by the scholarship holder from the scholarship received.

4. Any other fees such as student union fee, library membership fee, etc. shall be paid by scholarship holder.

PART 3. LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SUMMER COURSES

In 2012 the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses will be organized at:

No	Institution	Dates	Website
1.	Klaipeda University	27 th of July – 24 th of August	http://www.ku.lt/hmf/struktura/centrai/kalbu-centras/lithuanian-language-and-culture-summer-school
2.	Vytautas Magnus University	24 th of July – 17 th of August	http://hmf.vdu.lt/en/lithuanian-language-course
3.	Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences	1 st – 25 th of August	http://www.lituanistai.vpu.lt/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=197&Itemid=101

Applicants are free to choose the university and are required to specify the level of the Lithuanian language (if any) in the application form. Applicants will be registered to the course immediately after the scholarship award is approved by the Committee of International Studies. Further and more detailed information about the courses is available at the universities' websites indicated in the table above.

PART 4. LITHUANIAN (BALTIC) STUDIES

4.1. Description

The Lithuanian language belongs to the Indo-European family of languages. It is one of the remaining two live Baltic languages boasting of numerous archaisms, the best-retained ancient system of sounds and a number of morphological peculiarities. The Lithuanian language courses organized by higher education and research institutions of Lithuania are intended for all applicants interested in Lithuanian or Baltic philology, Indo-European linguistics, Lithuanian literature, Lithuanian history, culture, ethnography and folklore.

4.2. Programme requirements for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies

Applicants for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies scholarship are required to design their study programme which must include subjects from two groups of study fields below:

1. **First group – philology.** Eligible study fields from this group are as follows: Baltic philology, Lithuanian philology, linguistics, literature.

2. **Second group – history, philosophy, theology and culture.** Eligible study fields from this group are as follows: Lithuanian history, ethnology and folklore, culturology.

Applicants for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies are required to aggregate the grand total of **30 ECTS (or 20 Lithuanian national credits) per one semester**. The total credit value from study fields of both first and second groups should be not less than 22,5 ECTS (or 15 Lithuanian national credits) in one semester. Remaining 7,5 ECTS credits (or 5 Lithuanian national credits) of the programme shall be chosen from other study fields at the discretion of the applicant.

4.3. List of higher education institutions where Lithuanian (Baltic) studies can be arranged

No	Institutions	Home page
1.	Klaipeda University	http://www.ku.lt/eng/study/
2.	Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences	http://www.vpu.lt/en/Page.aspx?pageID=2940
3.	Siauliai University	http://www.su.lt/en/studies/courses-for-the-incomings-erasmus
4.	Vilnius University	http://www.lsk.flf.vu.lt/EN/p19
5.	Vytautas Magnus University	http://www.trt.vdu.lt/EN/VDU/studies/studies-at-vmu.htm

PART 5. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

5.1. List of documents to be submitted (in the order given). Please do not put each individual document into plastic sheets or binders:

1. Printed and signed online application form (form can be found on the website <http://paraiskos.smpf.lt/registration/#topas>).
2. Official letter from the candidate's higher education and research institution approving the status of a student, lecturer or researcher.
NB1. For students the letter must contain information on applicants current cycle of studies (undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate), year of studies and expected date of graduation.
3. Transcript of academic records from the candidate's present higher education and research institution.
4. Certified copy of recent higher education diploma and transcript of academic records (if applicable).
5. Two recommendation letters from home higher education and research institution (written within past six months).
6. Official letter of acceptance from the host higher education and research institution in Lithuania (**except** for the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses applicants).
NB2. Applicants for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies scholarship – this letter must contain information on the chosen subjects and the number of credits for each subject.
7. Detailed programme of intended studies (**except** for the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses applicants).
8. Copy of certificate of proficiency in English or Lithuanian (or another language acceptable for the host institution).

NB3. TOEFL, IELTS, CPE or other widely recognized exams of English proficiency are acceptable. If the candidate does not hold any of those certificates, then a signed letter confirming the proficiency in the language from the home university's professor of English is also acceptable.

9. Copy of the valid identity document.

5.2. Documents must be:

1. Completed in English or Lithuanian (or with certified translations into one of these languages).
2. Submitted in two (2) identical sets (one original set and one copy of the original set). Every set must be put into plastic sheet or envelope.
3. Typed and printed (handwritten documents will not be accepted).

All copies must be clearly authorized as true copies of original documents by the issuing institution or a Notary Public (NP).

Printed and signed online application form with additional documents mentioned in part 5.1. has to be sent by post.

Documents submitted only online, sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted. Incomplete applications or postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.

PART 6. IMPORTANT DATES

2nd of April, 2012 – deadline for online application submission.

Application form can be found at <http://paraiskos.smpf.lt/registration/#topas>. Online Application System will be closed at 12.00 Central European time (GMT+1).

Printed and signed online application form together with all supporting documents must be sent by ordinary or registered post by **2nd of April 2012**, date as per postmark.

Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.

Applications must be sent to:

Higher Education Programmes Unit
Education Exchanges Support Foundation
Geležinio Vilko str. 12
01112 Vilnius, Lithuania

The final decision on the award, based on recommendations of the Committee for International Studies, rests with the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania. Awarded candidates will be informed personally by e-mail until:

- **1st of June, 2012** – notification of the results for the Lithuanian language and culture summer courses;
- **2nd of July, 2012** – notification of the results for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies scholarships.

PART 7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Lithuanian (Baltic) studies must take place from September 2012 to June/July 2013. The autumn semester in higher education and research institutions of Lithuania normally lasts from September until January and spring semester – from February until June.
- In order to arrange Lithuanian (Baltic) studies and receive an official letter of acceptance, a candidate is advised to contact directly the International Office of the chosen Lithuanian Higher Education Institution.

