



Study in Europe



Erasmus+
(and more)



The European Union



Member States of the European Union (2020)



Invitation to Europe

Country	Population	Capital	Links
Austria	8.8 million	Vienna	www.austria.org.au
Belgium	11.4 million	Brussels	www.belgium.fgov.be
Bulgaria	7 million	Sofia	www.government.bg
Croatia	4.1 million	Zagreb	www.vlada.hr/en
Cyprus	0.8 million	Nicosia	www.mfa.gov.cy
Czech Republic	10.5 million	Prague	www.czech.cz
Denmark	5.8 million	Copenhagen	www.denmark.dk/en/
Estonia	1.3 million	Tallinn	www.eesti.ee/eng
Finland	5.5 million	Helsinki	www.finland.fi
France	66 million	Paris	www.france.diplomatie..fr
Germany	83 million	Berlin	www.deutschland.de/en
Greece	11.3 million	Athens	www.mfa.gr
Hungary	9.8 million	Budapest	www.kormany.hu/en
Ireland	4.9 million	Dublin	www.gov.ie
Italy	60 million	Rome	www.esteri.it
Latvia	1.9 million	Riga	www.mk.gov.lv
Lithuania	2.7 million	Vilnius	www.urm.lt
Luxembourg	0.6 million	Luxembourg	www.maee.gouvernement.lu/en.html
Malta	0.4 million	Valletta	www.gov.mt
The Netherlands	17.3 million	Amsterdam	www.government.nl
Poland	38.4 million	Warsaw	www.poland.pl
Portugal	10.6 million	Lisbon	www.portugal.gov.pt
Romania	21.5 million	Bucharest	www.guv.ro
Slovakia	5.4 million	Bratislava	www.studyin.sk
Slovenia	2.1 million	Ljubljana	www.gov.si
Spain	47.3 million	Madrid	www.la-moncloa.es
Sweden	10.2 million	Stockholm	www.sweden.se



Dr Michael Pulch
EU Ambassador to Australia

Erasmus+ is the EU's flagship education exchange programme that enables and helps thousands of young people across the world to attend university courses in Europe and vice versa. Many Australians have benefitted from it.

Why not consider joining the increasing Erasmus+ family and study a wide range of subjects such as space aeronautics in France; ethics in The Netherlands; nanophotonics in Bulgaria; wine in Hungary; tropical forestry in Italy; history in Spain or sport in Finland? The sky is truly the limit!

In addition to Erasmus+, our Member States offer their own programmes that are open to Australians. Specific country pages will help you navigate the many possibilities that are or offer.

Last but not least, a personal invitation – many universities across Europe offer courses in English, so you can feel very much at home. But why not take this opportunity to rediscover your European heritage or study another language? Swedish, Greek, Polish, Danish, Italian ... our linguistic diversity is almost as wide as our landscape.

“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page,” the famous theologian St Augustine once said. Well he was right! And we want more Australian students to get beyond the first page, and all the way to the European Union. Europe is incredibly rich and diverse, not just for its monuments and great food but also for the great education opportunities it offers.

This booklet will help you explore these opportunities.

Bon voyage!
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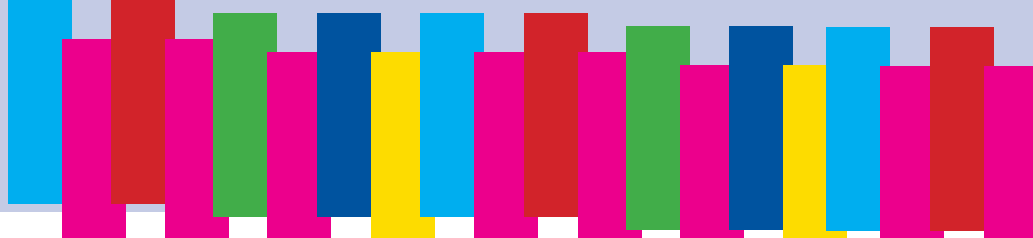


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What is Erasmus+ ?

Erasmus+ for higher education in Australia

Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from "Programme Countries" and "Partner Countries" throughout the world. The Programme Countries comprise the 27 EU Member States plus seven other European countries. Erasmus+ supports activities that are closely matched with the EU's priorities for cooperation policy with partner countries and regions.

Check out the Links:

Erasmus+ website: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

Erasmus+ projects & results: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>

Erasmus+ funding opportunities: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en

Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en

Learning opportunities and qualifications in Europe: <https://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/en>



Eight reasons to study in Europe



With 1000s of world-class universities, research centres and higher education institutions, Europe is the place to be. Here are eight good reasons to choose Europe for education.

1. Careers: Shape your future

Want to get ahead in your career? Employers worldwide value international study experience. With strong international business, creative and research sectors, Europe is a great place to build your career.

2. World-class education: Reach your full potential

World-leading universities, top facilities and inspirational teaching – in Europe, you're at the centre of an international community with a passion for learning. European universities emphasise creativity, innovation and support - helping you reach your true potential.

3. Languages: Learn in English or another leading global business language

There are 24 official EU languages, but did you know most countries across Europe offer study programmes in English? You'll also find programmes in leading global business languages such as Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic and more!

4. Support and friendship: Feel at home

Europe is a welcoming, friendly place for students from all around the world. Europe's universities and colleges offer support and social activities to help you feel at home and happy.

5. Cultural experience: Have a unique adventure

Studying in Europe is not just about lectures and libraries, it's a once-in-a-lifetime chance to discover new countries and yourself too! From the snowy north to the sun-soaked south, across Europe you will find breath-takingly beautiful landscapes, buzzing cities and vibrant cultures.

6. Scholarships and costs: Get value for money

European countries invest in their higher education systems to help make education affordable. Across Europe, tuition fees and living costs compare very well to other study destinations. There are lots of scholarships and financial support options available.

7. Diversity: Study the way you want

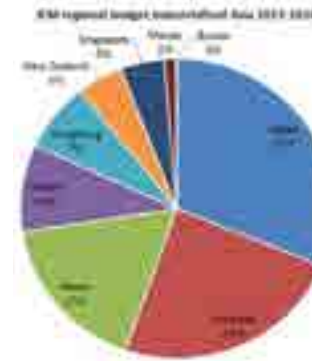
The beauty of Europe is that it offers so much choice. With world-class universities, higher education institutions and research institutes, offering 1,000s of Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree and PhD/Doctoral programmes, and short-term programmes, you can choose the experience that suits you.

8. Pioneering research: Be the best

Are you an ambitious researcher looking to boost your career? Europe offers you great research jobs, funding and opportunities.

International Credit Mobility

For over 30 years, students and staff have moved between European universities in the Erasmus programme. Since 2015, Erasmus+ has also allowed short-term mobility to Europe from other parts of the world for students, researchers, and staff. This two-way mobility allows students to study in a foreign university for three-12 months and obtain credits which are then recognised at the sending institution as part of their degree. Traineeships are also possible. There are also grants for staff mobility of five-60 days.



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Proposals received involving Australia	572	149	137	118	168
Projects selected involving Australia	222	55	73	43	51
Students and staff moving to Europe	746	159	225	167	195
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Percentage of regional budget (see chart)	24.2	22.29	26.28	19.63	28.5



International Credit Mobility



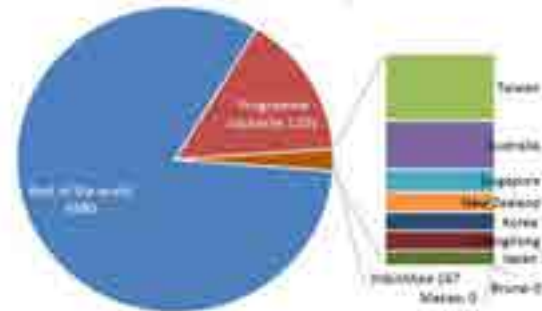
AUSTRALIAN OPPORTUNITIES

The EU will provide up to Euro 900 a month (around AUD 1400) for living allowances and up to Euro 1500 (around AUD 2300) for travel expenses for Australians to study in Europe under this program.

- WHAT:** The EU's formal name for this exchange program is, "Mobility project for higher education students" but it is more commonly known as "International Credit Mobility", because students earn academic credits for the courses taken abroad and this ensures recognition back home.
- WHO:** These opportunities are open to Australian students at undergraduate, Masters and PhD level. Staff working in Australian universities can also benefit from a period abroad teaching, training or combining both activities.
- WHY:**
- Students experience and understand Europe while getting a better degree, improving career prospects and picking up another language.
 - Staff develop new skills
 - Universities build or reinforce their international ties and receive funding to organise exchanges both for European and Australian students and staff
- WHERE:** Pick a university in Europe. This is possible in any of the Erasmus+ Programme Countries (i.e. EU's Member States, the Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey).
- WHEN:** Australian universities and their European partners need to apply for a project early in the year.
- HOW:** For universities: Find a European partner and apply together. The European university will send the application to an Erasmus+ National Agency in their country. For more information, check the "Handbook for Participating Organisations in Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility" https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus2/files/icmhandbook_21122018_1.pdf
For students / staff: Students will need to apply through their university's international office. If you want to keep updated on study opportunities visit our website or sign up for our newsletter by sending an email to delegation-australia@eeas.europa.eu

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

Erasmus Mundus Master Scholarships 2014-2018



Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees award EU-funded scholarships to Master students from around the world that cover tuition, travel and a living allowance. The programmes last from one to two years during which students study in at least two European countries, and obtain a joint, double or multiple degree. Institutions from partner countries can also be part of the consortia that deliver these programmes (though this is not obligatory) as Full Partners, which means they officially award degrees, or as Associated Partners, where they participate in the programme in some capacity, but do not award the joint degree.

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- WHAT:** The EU's formal name for this exchange program is "Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees".
- WHO:** For students: These opportunities are open to any Australian students at Masters level. Students can apply to these programmes and get an EU funded scholarship even if your university is not associated to the joint degree.
For universities: any Australian university recognised by the relevant national authorities can be part of an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree consortium and deliver one of these degrees, other partners such as companies, non-for profit organisations and public bodies are welcome to join and collaborate, for example, facilitating traineeships or ensuring the dissemination and sustainability of the programme.
- WHY:** For students: To experience and better understand Europe while getting an excellent Master's degree recognised in three European countries as well as improving career prospects and picking up another language.
For universities: Work with the best European universities to create an excellent joint master degree in your field of interest and attract talent world-wide!
- WHERE:** Universities: Applications for this Erasmus+ program must be submitted early in the year. Students: Each Master's has its own deadlines. They normally start in September and applications generally take place before the end of the previous year, so check the catalogue of available degrees and be alert to catch their deadline when the next call is published! Detailed information on deadline and requirements can be found on https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/how-to-apply_en. If you want to keep updated on study opportunities visit our website or sign up for our newsletter by sending an email to delegation-australia@eeas.europa.eu
- WHEN:** Australian universities and their European partners need to apply for a project early in the year.
- HOW:** Australian students should consult the online EMJMD Catalogue and contact the consortium offering the Master Course for more information on courses and application procedures.
Link: Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en

THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

HORIZON 2020

Australians are welcome – and strongly encouraged – to participate in Horizon 2020. Horizon 2020 is separate to the Erasmus+ initiative and is the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever with nearly €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020) – in addition to the private investment that this money will attract. It promises more breakthroughs, discoveries and world-firsts by taking great ideas from the lab to the market. Horizon 2020 is the financial instrument implementing the Innovation Union, a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness. Horizon 2020 is open to everyone, with a simple structure that reduces red tape and time so participants can focus on what is really important. This approach makes sure new projects get off the ground quickly and achieve results faster.

Head to this website for more information:
<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/what-horizon-2020>

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions



Research Fellowship Programme
The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) support researchers at all stages of their careers, regardless of age and nationality. Researchers working across all disciplines are eligible for funding. The MSCA also support cooperation between industry and academia and innovative training to enhance employability and career development. Since 2014, 165 Australian researchers have been funded by the MSCA; 332 researchers went to Australian organisations on MSCA fellowships or staff exchanges; 39 Australian organisations (the large majority from academic sector) participated 144 times in MSCA projects.



The Bologna Process

The Bologna Process is Europe's answer to widely differing education and training systems that have traditionally made it hard for Europeans to use qualifications from one country to apply for a job or a course in another.



The Bologna Process is an intergovernmental cooperation of 48 European countries in the field of higher education. As part of the European Higher Education Area, all participating countries agreed to ensure the mutual recognition of qualifications and learning periods abroad completed at other universities.

It guides the collective effort of public authorities, universities, teachers, and students, together with stakeholder associations, employers, quality assurance agencies, international organisations, and institutions, including the European Commission, on how to improve the internationalisation of higher education.

Link:

To learn more: https://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/higher-education/bologna-process-and-european-higher-education-area_en

A special place ...

The European University Institute

The European University Institute, situated in the hills above Florence, Italy, is a unique place to study our world of shifting economic, political and social power relations. Since its founding in 1972 by the six original members of the then European Communities, the EUI has earned a reputation as a leading international academic institution in the social sciences. Taking an international perspective, top experts share their knowledge with upcoming researchers in state-of-the-art facilities that inspire study and exchange.

The Institute offers exciting research and learning opportunities at Ph.D., post-doctoral, master and executive training level. Over the years, thousands of EUI alumni have gone on to achieve great things in academia, policy and business.

The four departments – Economics, History and Civilization, Law, and Political and Social Sciences – host scholars from more than 70 countries, studying for the Institution's doctorate or the one-year master in law, or visiting under one of our fellowship programmes.

Furthermore, the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) focuses on inter-disciplinary, comparative and policy research on the major issues affecting European societies, while the Max Weber Programme for Post-doctoral Studies prepares fellows for a career in academia. The School of Transnational Governance, established in 2017, aims to deliver teaching and high level training on the concepts, methods and techniques of transnational governance. Applications are open for the new Master of Arts in Transnational Governance, which starts in autumn 2020. Talented students from around the world will be prepared to be ready to tackle the complex challenges of the future.

To learn more about the European University Institute please go to www.eui.eu or contact via address: Badia Fiesolana, Via de Roccettini 9, I-50014 San Domenico di Fiesole (FI), Italy.





Austria

Austria is a wonderfully uncomplicated place to study. It is in the heart of Europe, most people speak English, its capital Vienna ranks as one of the most attractive cities worldwide and there is a spectacular combination of cultural and natural attractions.

Currency: Euro



Higher education system

You can choose from 70 accredited higher education institutions offering 2000 degree programmes.

The 16 public universities offer academically oriented studies covering a broad spectrum of disciplines: general classical universities, universities of medicine and technology, one university each for economics and business, veterinary medicine, and natural resources and life sciences. At the six universities of the arts you can study artistic subjects. Whether it is music, dramatic arts, fine arts or applied arts, the Austrian universities of the arts enjoy great international renown and are known for their high quality.

The 14 private universities offer a broad spectrum of academic options in more than 150 degree programmes, especially in social and economic sciences, law, medicine, theology, philosophy as well as arts and music.

Universities of applied sciences

The 21 universities of applied sciences provide practice-oriented education. In the areas of economics, tourism, technology, information technology, healthcare, security, media and design the universities of applied sciences qualify their students for specific occupations which are oriented on the requirements of business and industry.

University colleges of teacher education

The 14 university colleges of teacher education offer a three-year (six-semester) Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree in combination with a teaching qualification for primary, secondary or special needs schools. Have we aroused your curiosity?

Grants and scholarships

International students and researchers can apply for scholarships at various institutions. There are different financial support options depending on your country of origin and your academic level.

Are you looking for a scholarship or a research grant for Austria? Have a look at <https://grants.at/en/>, Austria's most comprehensive database for scholarships and research funding.

Where can I find more information?

Study in Austria – <https://studyinaustria.at/>

OeAD – Austrian Agency for International Mobility and Cooperation in Education, Science and Research: <https://oead.at/en/to-austria/>

Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research: <https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/english/home/>

The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) – Austria's central funding organization for basic research: <https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/>

Austrian Academy of Sciences: <https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/>

Austria – the Official Travel Guide: <https://b2b.austria.info/au/>

Visa information

If you are an Australian passport holder and your stay is no longer than 90 days within a 180 days period, you will not require a visa.

If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/austrian-embassy-canberra/travelling-to-austria/visa/>

If you are not an Australian passport holder, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and intended stay. For more information: <https://oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence/>

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Belgium

Due to its high European education standards, Belgium is an excellent destination for studying abroad. You can choose to study in one of our national languages (mainly Dutch or French), or in English. Indeed more and more universities offer lessons in English. Some colleges even offer entire degrees with English as the teaching language, such as the “Brussels Business School” in Brussels, or the “College of Europe” in Bruges.

There are different options you can choose to complete your degree in Belgium. All our universities including short/long term non-university education providers, operate within a uniform European framework of studies offering Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. Currency: Euro

Studying in English in Belgium

Looking for a snapshot of various possibilities to study in English in Belgium universities? You may find this website useful:
<https://www.study.eu/country/belgium>

Studying in Wallonia-Brussels

Do you want to study/research/create and exchange your ideas in prominent universities in the heart of Europe? Then discover the possibilities of scholarships and the very attractive financial incentives opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing studies and research in Wallonia and Brussels. Wallonia-Brussels offers scholarship programmes designed to enable qualified international students to pursue advanced degrees and <http://www.studyinbelgium.be/en/content/wanna-study-english-belgium>

Studying in Flanders

Flanders has many cities hosting universities such as Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, and Leuven, all historic centers of learning. The Belgian capital, Brussels, also has many Dutch speaking universities and colleges: www.studyinlanders.be

Study in Ostbelgien, the German-speaking community

The WIB (“Weiterbildung, Information, Beratung”) is a government agency for further education, information and consultation. More information can be found on the website www.ostbelgieninfo.be and at www.ostbelgienlive.be/PortalData/2/Resources/downloads/arbeits_beruf/DG_Image_Broschure_EN.pdf.

At the Ministerium der Deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft Belgiens, please contact Ms. Christina Schimanski on Tel: +32 (0) 87 789 650 or christina.schimnaski@dgov.be or go to www.ostbelgienbildung.be

Visa information

If you are an Australian passport holder and your stay is no longer than 90 days within a 180 days period, you will not require a visa. If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa.

If you are not an Australian passport holder, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and intended stay. For more information: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/612/travel-and-study-eu_en.

In most cases, in order to stay at a university in Belgium, a Long Stay- / Student-Visa will be required. Find more information on the visa procedure on: <https://australia.diplomatie.belgium.be/en/travel-to-belgium/visa/student-visa>



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Bulgaria

The Republic of Bulgaria is situated in the north-eastern part of the Balkan Peninsula. It is Europe's oldest country and has had the same name since 681 AD. Bulgaria is blessed by beautiful mountains, golden beaches, fascinating culture and traditions and delicious cuisine. Bulgaria's high quality education provides excellent opportunities for an increasing number of foreign students every year. Seven million people live in Bulgaria and Sofia is the capital. Currency: Bulgarian lev

Higher education system

The country's higher education system has the following multiple-level structure of academic qualifications:

- Three-year education at institutes and colleges, after its completion graduates receive a higher-education certificate and a "specialist" degree;
- Four-year education at university, after its completion graduates receive a Bachelor's degree;
- Five- or six-year course at a university, after its completion graduates receive a Master's degree; and
- Three year post-university training leading to a doctorate.

Under the Higher Education Law universities, specialised institutes and colleges are classified as higher educational institutions in Bulgaria. They offer educational programmes of various types, as well as degrees, thus allowing students to receive a higher education in different ways.

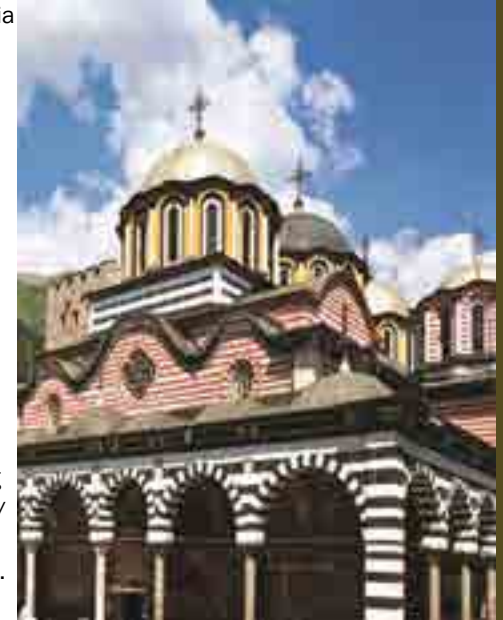
Scholarships

Bulgarian universities have very competitive tuition fees and provide high quality education. Non-European Union students can apply to study in Bulgaria as self-paid students.

However some universities provide opportunities for scholarships, which partially compensate the tuition fees for newly enrolled students based on their academic achievements. EU funded programmes, such as Erasmus grants, are also available.

Where can I find more information?

Ministry of Education of the Republic of Bulgaria www.mon.bg/en/
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria <https://www.mfa.bg/en/155>
 Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski": www.uni-sofia.bg
 New Bulgarian University: www.nbu.bg
 Paisi Hilendarski University, Plovdiv: www.uniplovdiv.bg
 Saints Cyril and Methodius University, Veliko Tarnovo: www.uni-vt.bg
 Neophyte Rilski Southwestern University, Blagoevgrad: www.swu.bg
 Angel Kanchev University, Ruse: www.ru.acad.bg
 Thrace University, Stara Zagora: www.uni-sz.bg
 Pleven Medical University <http://mu-pleven.bg/index.php/en/>
 Varna Medical University <http://www.mu-varna.bg/EN>



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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: <https://www.mfa.bg/embassies/australia>

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Croatia

Croatia is an ideal place for students wishing to study in a country renowned for its beautiful coast, its mix of Mediterranean and South-Eastern European charm and its rich historical and cultural heritage. The country has 4.1 million inhabitants and the official language is Croatian. The capital of the country is Zagreb.

Currency: Croatian kuna

Higher education system

In total, Croatia has 128 higher education institutions (public and private universities, polytechnics and colleges) located in all parts of the country - including a total of 36 on Croatia's spectacular Adriatic coast. Croatia's largest university is the University of Zagreb with over 75,000 enrolled students - making it the largest university in the region of South-Eastern Europe. The University of Zagreb is also the oldest university in the region (founded in 1669).

Today, Croatia's higher education institutions are part of the European Higher Education Area, having adapted their study programmes to the Bologna Process, thereby making it easier for international students to study in Croatia and for Croatian students to study abroad.

Croatia also participates in a wide range of international exchange programmes (including Erasmus+ and many bilateral programmes) allowing international students to study in Croatia and Croatian students to study abroad.

Opportunities for Croatian and non-Croatian speakers

For prospective students who speak Croatian (or are studying the language), a wide variety of degree programmes or exchange programmes are available for studying at higher education institutions throughout Croatia.

Study opportunities are also available to prospective students who do not speak Croatian (or are not studying the language). Some higher education institutions offer Croatian language courses as semester classes, one-month courses or summer schools. On the other hand, some higher education institutions offer specific courses in foreign languages (lasting one or two semesters) and there are some degree-programmes taught in English and other foreign languages.

Public universities

University of Zagreb: www.unizg.hr/homepage/about-university/

University of Split: www.unist.hr/Default.aspx?alias=www.unist.hr/eng

University of Rijeka: www.uniri.hr/index.php?lang=en Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek: www.unios.hr/?g=12&i=151

University of Zadar: www.unizd.hr/hr-hr/english/aboutus.aspx

Juraj Dobrila University of Pula: www.unipu.hr/index.php?id=633&L=1

University of Dubrovnik: www.unidu.hr/index_eng.php

Private universities

Dubrovnik International University (DIU LIBERTAS): www.diu.hr/en/

University North: www.unin.hr/

Universitas Studiorum Catholica Croatica: www.unicath.hr/

Opportunity for travel and discovery

Croatia's geographical position in South-Eastern Europe, combined with its natural, historical and cultural diversity that attracts an ever growing number of tourists each year, makes it an ideal location for national and regional explorations. Aside from making the most of your educational experience, you can use your time in Croatia to explore the Croatian coast (1,777 km of base coastline and thousands of islands), mountains, national and natural parks, numerous renaissance, gothic and baroque towns. If you have time, you can even visit nearby countries such as Italy, Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, which are all easy reachable by car, bus, ferry or train.

Open and multi-lingual environment

Despite being a country of relatively small size (56,594 km²) with a close-knit community, the Croatian people are not only welcoming but are also multi-lingual. According to a survey ordered by the European Commission in 2005, 49% of people in Croatia speak English, 34% German, 14% Italian, 4% French and Russian and 2% Spanish.

Useful links

www.studyincroatia.hr | www.mobilnost.hr/en/ | <https://mzo.hr/en>

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Cyprus

Cyprus is a beautiful island in the north-eastern basin of the Mediterranean Sea, at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa. Throughout the centuries, Cyprus has been a meeting place of civilizations and cultures. Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean with a population of approximately 800,000. The island has superb mountain scenery, forests, fascinating coastlines and beaches, and a rich historical and archaeological heritage bearing witness to its long and diverse history. Cyprus is an internationally renowned tourism centre, as well as a highly reputable international business and financial centre. The capital of Cyprus is Nicosia (Lefkosia). The official languages of the Republic of Cyprus are Greek and Turkish. English is widely spoken.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

The higher education system in Cyprus is shaped by the European Higher Education Area as outlined by the Bologna Process.

Higher Education in Cyprus consists of the public and private institutions of Higher Education at University and non-University level. At present, 3 public and 4 private universities operate in Cyprus.

Public universities

The University of Cyprus – Nicosia: www.ucy.ac.cy

The Open University of Cyprus – Nicosia: www.ouc.ac.cy

The Cyprus University of Technology – Limassol: www.cut.ac.cy

Private universities

European University – Nicosia: www.euc.ac.cy; Frederick University – Nicosia: www.frederick.ac.cy; University of Nicosia – Nicosia: www.unic.ac.cy; Neapolis University – Paphos: www.nup.ac.cy; UClan Cyprus - Larnaca, Pyla: <https://www.uclancyprus.ac.cy/>

Higher education in Cyprus is also provided by a number of Public Higher Education institutions (www.highereducation.ac.cy/en/public-institution-tertiary-education.html) and an even greater number of Private Institutions of Higher Education (non-university level) (www.highereducation.ac.cy/en/private-institutions-tertiary-education.html)

The international dimension of education is important in Cyprus. International students receive a quality education in a safe and friendly environment and at an affordable cost.

English is mainly the language of instruction.

Studying in Cyprus is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

More information for international students can be found at: www.highereducation.ac.cy/en/international-students.html

Where can I find more information?

Ministry of Education and Culture: www.moec.gov.cy

Department of Higher and Tertiary Education: www.highereducation.ac.cy



Visa information

If you are an Australian passport holder and your stay is no longer than 90 days within a 180 days period, you will not require a visa.

If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa.

For more information: www.mfa.gov.cy

If you are not an Australian passport holder, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and intended stay.

For more information: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/612/travel-and-study-eu_en.

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Czech Republic

The Czech Republic is situated in Central Europe and boasts a unique natural and cultural wealth. The country is surrounded by extensive mountain ranges and is teeming with picturesque towns, castles and natural beauty. Twelve of its important historical sites feature on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List. The country has 10.5 million inhabitants and the official language is Czech. The capital of the country is Prague, a metropolitan hub with a medieval core. The Czech Republic's location in the heart of Europe is ideal for exploring nearby countries, such as Germany, Austria, Poland and Slovakia.

Currency: Czech Koruna

Higher education system

The foundations of Czech higher education date back to 1348, when Emperor Charles IV founded what is now known as Charles University in Prague, now the oldest academic institution in Central Europe. There are currently 73 higher educational institutions in the Czech Republic, including the renowned Charles University, Palacký University in Olomouc and Masaryk University in Brno. Programs are offered across three levels: bachelor, master and doctorate. There are 26 public institutions, two state higher educational institutions (one military school and one police academy) and 45 private higher educational institutions. About 38% of students now study in Prague and 21% in Brno, while other students go to regional centres such as České Budějovice, Cheb, Ostrava, Pardubice and Plzeň. The combination of quality education institutions and low cost of living is ideal for student lifestyle.

Study in Czech and English in the Czech Republic

The main tuition language is Czech, however the range of courses delivered in foreign languages is increasing to cater for international students. Depending on their language abilities, foreign students are able to study in Czech at public universities for free, just like Czech citizens, and are able to participate in language preparation courses ranging from Summer Schools to yearly programs. Foreign students are also able to study in English at various Czech universities in an increasing range of fields, usually as self-payers. Over 44,000 foreign students are studying at Czech higher education institutions.

For more information about studying in either Czech or English, see: <https://www.studyin.cz/>.

Scholarships

There are many scholarship opportunities for international students offered by both the Czech government and by certain universities themselves. For a comprehensive overview of scholarship opportunities for international students, head over to: <https://www.studyin.cz/plan-your-studies/scholarships/>

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic annually offers scholarships to foreign nationals from certain countries for studies pursued both in Czech and English, most frequently for research visits. Applicants do not necessarily need to be proficient in the Czech language and can also receive funding for a language preparatory course. More information: <http://www.msmt.cz/eu-and-international-affairs/scholarships>

Czech and Australian universities cooperate

The following Australian Universities enjoy close cooperation with various Czech universities, in most cases framed by memoranda of understanding: Griffith University, Brisbane; Queensland University of Technology (Faculty of Business, Economics and Law), Brisbane; Bond University, Gold Coast; University of Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs; RMIT, Melbourne; Deakin University, Melbourne; University of Melbourne; Victoria University, Melbourne; Macquarie University, Sydney; The University of Technology, Sydney; University of Sydney (School of Physics, Faculty of Science); University of Adelaide; Carnegie Mellon University, Adelaide; ANU (Canberra School of Art and Social Sciences), Canberra; University of Wollongong; and Curtin University of Technology, Perth.

Where can I find more information?

Study in the Czech Republic: www.studyin.cz

Study in Prague: <https://studyinprague.cz/>

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport: www.msmt.cz

Centre for International Cooperation in Education: www.dzs.cz

Centre for Higher Education Studies: www.csvs.cz

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa.

For more information: https://www.mzv.cz/sydney/en/visa_consular_information/visa_information/long_term_residence_permits/long_term_residence_students.html

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Denmark

Denmark is home to Vikings, royalty, great design and fairytales. Denmark is a Scandinavian nation and the southernmost of the Nordic countries. It covers only 43,098 square kilometres (two thirds the size of Tasmania) and has a population of 5.5 million people, which is approximately the population of Victoria. Copenhagen is the capital of Denmark and is considered to be a pleasant middle-sized city with a large network of pedestrian streets, bicycle paths and parks. Being a relatively small nation with an international outlook, most Danes understand and speak English. Denmark has much to offer. Quality of life is a characteristic feature of the Danish society combining social security, a clean environment and an attractive business climate with high standards in education and research - also in an international perspective.

Currency: krone

Higher education system

Higher education institutions in Denmark can be grouped in three main types:

- 1) Universities offering research-based undergraduate and post graduate programmes (Bachelor, Master and PhD)
- 2) University colleges and specialised colleges offering undergraduate programmes (professional bachelor and diploma programmes)
- 3) Academies of Professional Higher Education (erhvervsakademier) offering 2-2½ year academy professional programmes.

Danish universities and other higher education institutions offer a wide selection of degree programmes and individual courses taught fully in English. It makes it easy for international students to find attractive study opportunities - be it as an exchange student or a full degree student. Each institution is responsible for admission, and you can get further information about entrance qualifications, supplementary tests and the possibilities of transfer of credits from the admission offices at the institutions.

High quality in education

The quality of higher education is assured in many ways. It is regulated and financed by the state, and all public educational institutions are approved and evaluated on an ongoing basis. The institutions have a high degree of autonomy, but must at the same time follow the national regulations on teacher qualifications, award structures and external evaluation of their study programmes. This system is a way of setting national standards for higher education, thus ensuring high quality at all institutions. All institutions use the European credit transfer system facilitating international credit transfer. Students receive certificates, diplomas or other types of documentation for all completed courses. All students finishing a full degree or a diploma programme receive a Diploma Supplement in English.

Scholarships

Denmark has launched a new scholarship programme for students from non-EU/EEA countries. Scholarships and tuition fee waivers are available for high performing students

enrolling in certain study programmes, while some universities and educational institutions have their own scholarships. Contact the institution when you apply for admission.

Exchange/guest students

Your possibilities as an exchange/guest student depend on your home institution and the chosen exchange agreement. If you are studying in countries outside the EU you should seek information about grants and scholarships at your educational institution in your own country. Students from the EU as well as outside the EU can find links to several scholarship programmes at the EU-database Ploteus: www.ec.europa.eu/ploteus/ Finally, PhD students and researchers are advised to look at the Researcher's Mobility Portal for information on scholar programmes: www.ec.europa.eu/euraxess

Where can I find more information?

Study in Denmark: www.studyindenmark.dk

New to Denmark: www.nyidanmark.dk/en-us/coming_to_dk/studies/studies.htm

Ministry of Higher Education and Science (Uddannelses- og Forskningsministeriet): www.ufm.dk
National Union of Students in Denmark: www.dsfnat.dk/English

Visa information

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: <https://australien.um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/how-to-apply-for-a-residence-permit/>

If you are not an Australian passport holder, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and intended stay. For more information: https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/612/travel-and-study-eu_en.

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Estonia

Estonia is the smallest of the three Baltic Countries. Situated on the north eastern coast of the Baltic Sea, Estonia borders on Latvia in the south and on the Russian Federation in the east and has strong cultural and linguistic ties with Finland. The capital of the country is Tallinn and is only about 85 km south of Helsinki, the capital of Finland. Sweden is Estonia's nearest western neighbour across the Baltic Sea. The country has a population of about 1.3 million people.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

In Estonia, the higher education system is binary, consisting of two branches - an academic branch and a professional higher education and two types of institutions operate, universities and professional higher education institutions. Recent trends in higher education implemented in accordance with the objective to create a European higher education area, have led to the adoption of a higher education system based on two main cycles - undergraduate and graduate.

The academic branch of Estonian higher education follows the Bachelors-Masters model. The length is usually three years. Professional higher education institutions offer non-academic first cycle higher education aimed at providing skills and knowledge required to work in a certain profession or continue studies at a Master's level. The length is three to four years (180-240 ECTS). The Master's level qualification normally lasts two years (120 ECTS) and is a prerequisite for the commencement of doctoral studies. The length of doctoral studies is three to four years. Further information and a list of higher education institutions are available at <http://www.studyinestonia.ee/en>

Scholarships

The Estonian Government and universities have initiated various scholarship schemes in order to support international students who are interested in studying in Estonia.

Find the best scholarship for you at:

<http://www.studyinestonia.ee/en/scholarships>

Where can I find more information?

Archimedes Foundation is a national body that is responsible for implementing international cooperation and exchanges in higher education, also EU programmes and projects: www.archimedes.ee

The Estonian Institute: www.einst.ee

Estonian Science Foundation: www.etf.ee

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Finland

Finland is situated in northern Europe. It borders Russia in the east, the Gulf of Finland in the south, the Gulf of Bothnia and Sweden in the west and Norway in the north. The capital is Helsinki. The population of the country is 5.4 million. The official languages are Finnish and Swedish with 94% of the population speaking Finnish and 6% Swedish.

Finland is a welfare state with the aim of securing for its inhabitants equal opportunities for a good life and for the most efficient use of its resources as possible. The geopolitical location between West and East has always been reflected in the country's history. With this combination of western and eastern influences, Finnish culture has developed into something strong and highly individual.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

Finland's world-leading higher education system offers English-taught bachelor's and master's degree programmes in 13 universities and 23 universities of applied sciences.

Finnish higher education institutions offer over 400 different study programmes and have more than 20,000 international students studying in several locations around Finland. Doctoral study and research options are available, too.

In Finland, there are two types of higher education institutions:

- Universities focus on scientific research and the education they provide is based on it. Doctoral programmes are offered by the universities.
- Universities of Applied Sciences offer professionally oriented higher education and have strong ties with working life and regional development.

Scholarships

Australian nationals are required to pay tuition fees for programmes taught in English. Some exceptions may apply. Remember that if you are required to pay tuition fees, you are also eligible to apply for the institution's scholarships. Students are normally required to cover everyday living costs and pay an annual administration fee.

Universities offer a range of options for scholarships both for bachelor's and master's level international students. Scholarships are often based on student's academic performance and may be offered in the form of either full or partial fee waivers. Some scholarship options may also include a cost of living allowance. Students apply for a scholarship from an institution, usually at the same time as they apply for admission. For more information: www.studyinfinland.fi

Where can I find more information?

General Information: www.finlandabroad.fi/web/aus/study-in-finland

Finnish National Agency for Education: www.oph.fi

Ministry of Education and Culture: www.minedu.fi

Apply to study in Finland: www.studyinfo.fi

National Union of University Students in Finland: www.syl.fi/en/for-students/study-in-finland/



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France

Noted as much for its rich culture as for its scientific achievements, France is one of the top education destinations for studying overseas.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

French degrees are granted by a comprehensive network of higher education institutions that comprises universities, "Grandes Ecoles" (highly selective, uniquely French institutions that mainly cover engineering and business), schools of Arts, as well as many specialised schools for specific sectors such as social work, paramedical disciplines, tourism or sports.

In order to gain better visibility at the international level, the French Higher Education system has been the subject of major reforms and reorganisation in recent years. Several institutions have merged or created "clusters" in order to create world-class research-intensive universities such as the University of Strasbourg, the University of Bordeaux, Sorbonne University, Paris Saclay University or Paris Sciences et Lettres to name just a few.

A wide range of opportunities are available for students from Australia who want to experience France: - French degrees are based on the European system of Bachelor, Master, and PhD. Tuition fees are extremely low as public universities are highly subsidised by the government. An increasing number of programmes – nearly 1300 in 2018 - are now entirely taught in English.

- Short programmes are offered by French universities as summer or winter schools to give a flavor of French higher education. They often focus on French language, as well as very specialised areas of learning.
- Internships can be undertaken in research labs or private companies to complement training with hands-on experience.
- Most Australian universities have exchange agreements with partner universities in France which can welcome international students for a semester or a full academic year.
- The teaching assistants program gives Australian students the opportunity to assist an English teacher in a French primary or secondary school.

Scholarships

The Nicolas Baudin travel grant is the Embassy of France's main initiative encouraging Australian students to learn in France. Two streams are proposed:

- The general program is open to Australian students travelling to France for a degree program, an exchange or a short program
- The Internships in France Initiative offers students from participating Australian



universities the opportunity to undertake a research internship at a French host university in collaboration with an industry partner. A specific mobility grant for PhD candidates enrolled in a joint "cotutelle" doctoral program is also offered by the French Embassy. A comprehensive scholarship search engine is available on Campus France Australia website: www.australia.campusfrance.org.

Where can I find more information?

Campus France Australia is the department of the Embassy of France dedicated to information and promotion on French higher education:

www.australia.campusfrance.org



Amy Bergman, a student from the University of Queensland and laureate of the Nicolas Baudin travel grant.

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Germany

Germany, situated in the heart of Europe, is the largest Member State of the European Union, with over 83 million inhabitants. Cities like Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, Cologne, Stuttgart and many others are renowned for their cultural diversity, vibrant lifestyle and historic heritage. Museums, concert halls, theatres, opera houses, galleries, cinemas – the wide range of cultural activities offers something for everybody. And a trip across Germany is a journey through just about every cultural epoch. Germany ranks first in Europe for the highest number of newly registered patents, and it ranks third in the world, after the USA and Japan. Germany is the largest economy in the European Union and the fourth largest in the world. The most widely spoken mother tongue in Europe is German. Germany is home to some of the world's leading companies in many areas, such as the automotive industry, health care, biotechnology and information technology, making it one of the world's leading export nations. Germany is also Australia's most important European trading partner after the UK. At present, more than 300 German companies are located in Australia.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

Germany has a long tradition of academic excellence in education, science and research. Today, about 375,000 foreigners are studying in Germany, making it a popular non-English speaking country for international students. There is hardly another country in the world that boasts such a density of higher education institutions: Nearly 400 universities, universities of applied sciences as well as colleges of art and music cover over 400 disciplines in 18,500 study courses and, thus, offer the possibility of pursuing almost any specialisation or research project you may have in mind (www.study-in.de). Many German universities offer courses that are taught in English and lead to international degrees, such as Bachelor, Master or PhD (www.daad.de/idp). German universities combine theoretical learning with practical application, often in an interdisciplinary environment. In addition, many universities cooperate closely with multinational companies as well as with other research institutes in Germany and abroad. With over 1000 publicly-funded research institutes, Germany offers students, scientists, doctoral and post-doctoral candidates, one of the finest academic environments available in the world today (www.research-in-germany.de). Germany has free university education. There are no tuition fees at public universities; only a small administrative fee of around €200 - €250 per semester is levied.

Scholarships

Scholarships are primarily managed by the German Academic Exchange Service / Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) and other public foundations. DAAD offers various programmes for Australian students and researchers, including:

- Deutschlandkundlicher Hochschulwinterkurs (6 weeks language & culture courses in January/February)
- Study Scholarships for Graduates of All Disciplines
- Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates, Young Academics and Scientists

- Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists

A comprehensive list of funding options is available at the scholarship database. This database contains details on the programmes offered by DAAD as well as by other scholarship awarding organisations: www.funding-guide.de

Where can I find more information?

For an overview of all aspects of study, scholarships, jobs, visas and student life in Germany please visit: www.study-in.de/en/

For further information on tertiary education in Germany, Australian-German academic and research cooperation as well as academic exchange programs please visit: www.daad-australia.de/en/

Other scholarship-awarding organisations

German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft): www.dfg.de

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung): www.avh.de

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: <https://australien.diplo.de/au-en/service/01-visa/student-visa/2073728>

If you are not an Australian passport holder, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and intended stay. For more information: <https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/612/>

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Greece

Greece is situated on the southern tip of the Balkan Peninsula in South East Europe; its territory also includes several hundred islands in the Ionian and Aegean Seas. Around 20% of the total land area is comprised of islands while mountains and hills dominate the landscape accounting for nearly 80% of the total land area. Greece has a population of 11.3 million and the capital is Athens. Greek is the official language. English is the primary foreign language spoken in Greece (by more than half the population) followed by German, French and Italian. Currency: Euro

Higher education system

There are 24 universities in Greece. The duration of the undergraduate degree programs for most disciplines is four years but there are programs in engineering, dentistry, pharmacology, agronomics, forestry, and fine arts, with a duration of five years and medicine with a duration of six years. These credits are accumulative and transferable under the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). Programs in engineering, dentistry, pharmacology, agronomics, forestry, along with some programs in fine arts, have a duration of five years. Medicine is the only discipline with a duration of studies of six years.

The current Constitution of Greece prohibits private institutions for post-secondary education, known as Colleges, from operating as independent universities in Greece. However, it does not prohibit colleges from collaborating with foreign universities to offer undergraduate and postgraduate programmes of study in Greece.

Postgraduate studies lead to the award of a Postgraduate Diploma of Specialization (Master's degree). The postgraduate courses are open to Greek or foreign graduates of Greek Universities, or accredited equivalent institutes from abroad. Though, the educational programs are mainly offered in the Greek language, an increasing number of postgraduate programs are offered in the English language. The knowledge of one or more foreign languages (apart from Greek) is an essential prerequisite for participation in the post-graduate programs. Courses last at least one calendar year, with two years being the most common duration.

Doctoral Studies lead to the award of a Doctorate (PhD). In the case of Universities that offer postgraduate courses it is essential to have a Postgraduate Diploma in order to obtain a Doctorate. Permission to prepare a doctoral dissertation at Universities which do not offer regular post-graduate courses is granted to applicants who meet certain prerequisites. The Departments themselves lay down the admission requirements.

Scholarships

Every year several Greek Governmental Institutions offer various scholarships to Australians as well as nationals of those countries of parallel accreditation (Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands) for different kinds of studies, namely undergraduate and postgraduate, doctoral studies and research, studies of Greek language and civilisation.

Scholarships of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs: A limited number of scholarships are

offered mainly to nationals of the developing countries with parallel accreditation who want to pursue their studies at a Greek University in almost every department except theological (Bachelor and Master Programs, Doctorate Studies): www.mfa.gr.

Scholarships of the State Scholarships Foundation (Idryma Kratikon Ypotoftion, IKY):

- a) eight-month scholarships for attending Greek language and civilisation seminars
- b) one-year-long scholarships for postgraduate and doctoral and postdoctoral studies: www.iky.gr

For the above scholarships the Embassy of Greece in Canberra is responsible for gathering the applications, choosing the potential scholars and forwarding their files to the Greek Ministries or IKY foundation. Interested candidates are requested to keep a constant eye on the web pages of the above institutions.

Non-Government institutions also offer various scholarships, for example The Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation offers several scholarships a year for a six or twelve month internship stay in Greece for students pursuing their doctoral studies: www.onassis.gr.

Various Greek Universities also offer several scholarships. A list of Greece's Higher Education Institutes can be downloaded from this page: <https://www.studyinggreece.edu.gr/Studying/Find/HigherEducationInstitutes.aspx>.

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: <https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/greece-visa/>

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Hungary

Situated in Central Europe, Hungary has always been a meeting point of European cultures. The country has a population of around 10 million. Its capital, Budapest, is a metropolis with two million inhabitants and is seen by many as one of the most beautiful European cities. With a continental climate, the country is protected from excessive climatic changes and natural catastrophes. Hungarian is the country's official language although English, German and several other languages are taught in schools and spoken by an increasing proportion of the population. Hungarian culture offers a unique and distinctive combination of Western European influences and Eastern European traits. The country is proud of its rich cultural heritage and diversity that attracts people from all over the world. Hungary presents geological sites and prehistoric remains, ancient Roman ruins, relics of Turkish culture and well-preserved historic buildings providing an overview of the different styles of European architecture. Eight of these sites have been designated by UNESCO to be part of the World Heritage. While based on its rich cultural and folklore traditions, Hungary is a centre of classical and contemporary European art, music and literature; it is also home to avant-garde and experimental cultural movements.

Currency: Hungarian Forint

Higher education system

The higher education system in Hungary has three levels. Bachelor's (undergraduate - 3 years), Master's (graduate - two years), long-cycle undivided Master's (five years) and PhD (doctoral - three years) degrees awarded by Hungarian higher education institutions are recognised in all of the European Union member countries. At present, Hungary's higher education system comprises 19 state-financed universities, seven private universities, 10 state-financed colleges and 34 non state-financed colleges. More details of Hungary's higher education system and major universities are available at the Ministry of Human Capacities' website at: <http://studyinhungary.hu/study-in-hungary/menu/universities.html>

Scholarships

Hungarian Scholarship Board (HSB)

The HSB scholarships and grants are based on a pool system and bilateral educational, scientific and cultural exchange programmes. These international agreements enable undergraduates, postgraduates, professors, researchers and artists to widen their professional experience in Hungary.

Scholarship types offered by HSB

- A. Semester/partial studies (3-10 months)
- B. Postgraduate studies, research (three-21 days or one-10 months)
 - C.1. Full PhD programme (36 months)
 - C.2. Partial PhD studies (one-12 months)
- D. Postdoctoral studies, research (one-10 months)



- E. Research stay (three-21 days or one-10 months)
- F. Or associate or higher ranking professors
- G. Summer courses (one-four weeks)

Study Programmes offered by Balassi Institute (BI)

BI offers Hungarian language courses of 60-300 lessons at all levels and with various schedules (up to five hours a week).

Students of BI Summer University, organised in co-operation with Kodolányi János University, attend 20 language lessons per week. BI Preparatory Courses for University Studies are designed for young people from abroad who plan to continue their studies at a Hungarian higher education institution. BI university level curriculum in Hungarian Studies, prepared in co-operation with the University of Pécs, offers a 10-month university exchange programme for people studying Hungarian at foreign universities. BI one-year Translator Course is open to people with a good command of Hungarian who plan to start a literary translator's career. BI courses are open both on a scholarship basis and for self-financed students. You can find information regarding scholarship programs on the below mentioned links:

<https://tka.hu/international-programmes/4133/information-for-applicants>

<http://studyinhungary.hu/study-in-hungary/menu/scholarships>

Where can I find more information?

Hungarian Government website: www.kormany.hu/en

Balassi Institute - Hungarian Scholarship Board: <http://studyinhungary.hu>

Balassi Institute - Study Transfer Programme Office: www.balassiintezet.hu/en

Tempus Public Foundation: www.english.tpf.hu/

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary: www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade

Hungary on the Internet: www.hellohungary.com/en

Hungarian Education Accreditation Board: <https://www.mab.hu/en/home-page/>

Hungary Handbook: http://issuu.com/tka_konyvtar/docs/ug2014_kicsi#

Visa information

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: www.kormany.hu/en

If you are not an Australian passport holder, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and intended stay. For more information: <https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/612/>

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Ireland

Ireland is situated in the northwest of Europe, between the Atlantic Ocean and the Irish Sea. The island of Ireland, which has a large central lowland with a relief of hills and several coastal mountains, consists of 32 counties, the six north-eastern of which make up Northern Ireland. Ireland is a beautiful island, combining contemporary modern cities with an unspoilt countryside, cityscapes steeped in history and a rich natural habitat. The capital of Ireland is Dublin. The city pulsates with energy thanks to its excellent restaurants, legendary pubs, beautiful art galleries, verdant urban parks, elegant architecture plus its unique scenic location perched at the edge of the Irish Sea. Ireland has a population of approximately 4.5 million. There are two official languages, Irish and English. The language of instruction in schools is English. Ireland's worldwide reputation for high quality education is built on the solid foundation of commitment to excellence. Renowned for friendliness, our safe, English speaking country offers the warmest of welcomes to students from all over the world. The friendliness and hospitality for which Irish people are renowned, contribute to the ease with which overseas students adapt to the way of life and in particular, student life.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

The higher education system (third level) in Ireland is broad in scope and encompasses the university sector, the technological sector, education colleges and private, independent colleges. The institutions which fall within the first three groupings are autonomous and self-governing, but substantially state-funded. Admission requirements for overseas students are determined individually by each institution and are generally based on national examination performance and English language aptitude. The following academic awards can be acquired at Irish third level institutions:

Higher Certificate: two year full-time course.

Ordinary Bachelors degree: three year full-time course.

Honours Bachelors degree: normally a three or four year course.

Graduate Diploma: designed for graduates seeking vocational reorientation - usually a one year course.

Master's degree: either by research or through a taught programme. Normally one - two year(s) in duration.

Doctorate (PhD): usually takes a minimum of three years of original research. The academic year typically runs from September to June and is divided into either two or three semesters

Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships available for international students from a wide variety of sources such as the Government of Ireland, the Irish higher education institutions and other organisations. These are awarded solely at the discretion of the individual organisations that set down their own criteria for eligibility. Students are advised to contact the institution or organisation of their choice directly, to obtain more detailed information.

Where can I find more information?

Education in Ireland: www.educationinireland.com

The Advisory Council for English Language Schools (ACELS): www.acels.ie

Irish Council for International Students: www.icosirl.ie

Higher Education Authority: www.hea.ie

Science Foundation Ireland (SFI): www.sfi.ie

Tourism Ireland: <https://www.ireland.com>



Visa information

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: <https://www.educationinireland.com/en/>

If you are not an Australian passport holder, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and intended stay. For more information: <https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/612/>

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Italy

Italy has a very long tradition in higher education. It is the country where the first, and among the most important, European universities were founded during the Middle Ages. Moreover, it has played an important role in European higher education reform as it was engaged to create the “European Area of Higher Education”, which is being implemented across Europe. At present, the university sector is made up of 96 university institutions classified as public, private, distance learning and specialised universities. In addition, there are four other types of educational institutions, namely higher schools of design, fine arts, drama art and music, higher schools of “mediazione linguistica” (language and intercultural studies), higher technical education & training (FIS) and a few specific fields (e.g. archiving, diplomacy, restoration, military studies, etc.). University and Research Undergraduate studies consist of Corsi di Laurea (CL=first degree courses) aimed at guaranteeing students adequate command of general scientific methods and contents, as well as specific professional skills. First degree courses last three years.

Graduate studies include Corsi di Laurea Specialistica (CLS=specialised degree courses), Corsi di Specializzazione di 1° livello (CS1=first level specialised degree courses) and Corsi di Master Universitario di 1° livello (CMU1=first level university masters’ degree courses). The duration of the courses varies from two to three years. Postgraduate studies include Corsi di Dottorato di Ricerca (CDR=research doctorate programmes), Corsi di Specializzazione di 2° livello (CS2=second level specialisation courses) and Corsi di Master Universitario di 2° livello (CMU2= second level university masters’ degree courses).

Classes are mainly held in Italian, although there is an increasing number in English. For the courses held in Italian, students are asked to be competent in Italian with a certified B2 Level, or they are tested prior to admission. For Italian language study, students can attend language courses either at the state universities, such as the University for Foreigners of Perugia (www.unistrapg.it) or of Siena (www.unistrasi.it); the University of Roma Tre or Dante Alighieri Society, which are authorized to issue international language certification; or at other universities or private institutions authorised to issue the required certification.

To be eligible for admission students are required to hold a school qualification conferred on completion of a minimum of 12 years previous schooling. Candidates may contact their local diplomatic mission for further information. Pre-enrolment documents must be officially submitted at least six months before departure. Please note that the academic year starts in October.

Currency: Euro

Scholarships

Tuition fees are usually very low as most universities obtain public financial support. All international students are entitled to the same student assistance services as Italian students including scholarships, dining hall services and housing. However, the total number of foreign

students is restricted. Every university has a tutor office that may be contacted for inquiries on scholarships and student assistance services.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs also offers scholarships for foreign nationals wishing to pursue their studies in Italy. They are intended for universities, academies of fine arts, art restoration institutes, music conservatories, the National School of Cinematography, research centres and other legally recognised public institutions.

Interested candidates may contact their local Italian diplomatic mission for application deadlines and procedures or visit the following web pages:

www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/Opportunita

www.ambcanberra.esteri.it

www.iicsydney.esteri.it; www.iicmelbourne.esteri.it



Where can I find more information?

Italian Cultural Institute, Melbourne: www.iicmelbourne.esteri.it/IIC_Melbourne

and Italian Cultural Institute, Sydney: www.iicsydney.esteri.it

Italian Higher Education: www.study-in-italy.it

Ministry for Education, University and Research (Ministero dell’Istruzione, dell’Università e della Ricerca): www.miur.gov.it

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ministero degli Affari Esteri): www.esteri.it

Visa information

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: <http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

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Latvia

Latvia is a comparatively small country in North Eastern Europe, on the east coast of the Baltic Sea and is bound by Belarus, Estonia, Lithuania and Russia. It is situated on a trade crossroads and has long since served as a bridge between Western Europe and Russia. Nearly one third of the 2.2 million people live in the capital of the country. Riga is the oldest medieval city still in existence. The landscape of the country is marked by lowland plains and rolling hills and there are thousands of rivers and lakes in Latvia. The official language is Latvian. The most widely used foreign languages in the country are English, Russian and German.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

The system of higher education is binary. Most universities and other institutions of higher education offer both academic and professional programmes. There are three types of programmes: academic programmes leading to academic degrees; professional programmes which are based on the standards of the academic degree and thus make graduates eligible for further academic studies. Academic higher education programmes are based on fundamental and/or applied science; they lead to a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree. The duration of the Bachelor's programme is three to four years. The Bachelor's degree is considered a complete academic qualification. The Master's degree is awarded after the second stage of academic education, and requires a total of at least five years of university studies. Doctoral programmes have length of three to four years depending on the institution. All the universities and 23 other institutions (including 18 colleges) are state-run. In addition, there are 23 private institutions (including eight colleges), all of which are state-recognised. All the recognised institutions enjoy autonomy.

Scholarships

The Latvian higher education system is open to international students. On the website of the Higher Education Quality Evaluation Centre (www.aiknc.lv/lv/list.php) you will find a list of higher educational institutions and colleges (information is available in English). More information about the education system of the Republic of Latvia, about education-related regulatory acts, higher educational institutions, and recognition of foreign diplomas in Latvia can be found on the webpage of the Latvian Academic Information Centre at www.aic.lv

Where can I find more information?

Ministry of Education and Science (Izglitības un Zinatnes Ministrija): www.izm.gov.lv

Latvian Academic Information Centre: www.aic.lv - on this website you will find the home pages of the Higher Education Council (Augstākās Izglītības Padome), the Latvian Rectors Councils (Latvijas Rektoru Padome) and Latvian National Observatory (Latvijas Nacionālā Observatorija).

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: www.izm.gov.lv

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Lithuania

Lithuania is the largest of the three Baltic States. It is bound by the Baltic Sea, Latvia, Poland and the Kaliningrad Oblast of Russia and Belarus. The capital of the country is Vilnius. Lithuania has a population of 2.7 million people. The official language is Lithuanian. From cities and towns full of historic monuments to wonderful retreats in a pristine natural environment, Lithuania has places to go and see for everyone. Officially recognised as the geographical centre of Europe and connected by numerous routes to major European cities, Lithuania can be easily reached by land, water or air.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

In Lithuania, higher educational institutions provide study programmes of varying duration and levels. The institutions are of two types: universities and colleges - non-university higher educational institutions. Universities offer Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral programmes, high-level professional creative artistic activities, postgraduate art studies and research opportunities. A college is a higher educational institution where non-university studies prevail and the majority of students study in accordance with non-university study programmes, applied research and (or) development or professional arts. There are 50 higher education institutions in Lithuania, as well as 15 state and seven private universities, and 15 state and 12 private colleges. University level first stage: Basic studies (Pagrindines studijos): Basic studies leading up to a Bachelor's degree (Bakalauras) or a professional qualification generally last four years. University level second stage: Specialised or Master's studies (Magistras), Integrated Studies. To be admitted to the second cycle university programmes individuals should hold either Bachelor's or corresponding degree or should have completed non-university studies and bridge courses. Master's Degrees last 18 months to two years. Specialised professional study programmes, lasting one to two years, lead to professional qualifications. There are also integrated studies (i.e. combined first and second stages): the duration of studies is no more than six academic years and no less than five academic years. University level third stage: Rezidentura (Residency), Meno aspirantura (Postgraduate art studies), Doktorantura (Doctoral studies). Doctoral studies last four years and can be pursued after completing the second stage, integrated studies, or acquiring equivalent qualifications. Upon completion of the doctoral course, a doctoral thesis must be prepared and publicly defended by the candidate in order to qualify for a Doctorate. Doctoral studies must be jointly organised by higher educational and research institutions.

Scholarships

The Ministry of Education and Science of Lithuania offers scholarships for Lithuanian and (or) Baltic studies at the higher education institutions of Lithuania. The scholarship can be granted for a semester or two (up to 10 months) of Lithuanian (Baltic) studies. The Ministry also offers scholarships for Lithuanian language and culture summer courses (three to four weeks) in the higher education institutions of Lithuania. For more information, see: www.smm.lt/en/am/index.htm#1

Where can I find more information?

Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania: www.smm.lt/en/index.htm



Visa information

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Luxembourg

Luxembourg is a landlocked country bordering Germany, Belgium and France. The country is divided into two distinct geographical regions. The woody uplands of the Ardennes in the north and the fertile lowlands of the south called Bon Pays. The capital is Luxembourg. The population amounts to half a million people. Luxembourg has three official languages (French, German and Luxembourgish). However, the usual language of the Government and bureaucracy is French.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

The university sector

Founded in 2003, the University of Luxembourg (www.uni.lu) is the only public university of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Multilingual, international and research-oriented, it is also a modern institution with a personal atmosphere.

The University of Luxembourg is organised into three faculties: Sciences, Technology and Communication; Law, Economics and Finance; Languages and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education, as well as three interdisciplinary research centres, the Interdisciplinary Centre for Security, Reliability and Trust (SnT), the Luxembourg Centre for Systems Biomedicine (LCSB) and the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C²DH).

The University of Luxembourg offers 14 bachelor, 42 master degrees as well as doctoral education. Bachelor's degrees are offered in the fields of law, economics and management, humanities, educational sciences, psychology, social sciences, life sciences, engineering, informatics, physics and mathematics. Master's degrees are awarded in a broad range of fields. The University teaches in French, German and English. While the Bachelor degrees are usually bi-or trilingual, many Master programmes are entirely taught in English.

The non-university sector

Several high schools in Luxembourg offer so-called Brevet de Technicien Supérieur (higher technician's diploma), which are two-year short cycle higher education degrees.

They are offered in the fields of commerce, applied arts, health, services, industry as well as arts and crafts.



Where can I find more information?

Further information can be found under:

https://cedies.public.lu/fr/publications/brevet-technicien-superieur/brevet_technicien_superieur.html;

Moreover, the following private institutions are accredited to offer higher education degrees in Luxembourg :

LUNEX - International University of Health, Exercise and Sports Differdange (www.lunex-university.net)

ISEC - AdW (Institut supérieur de l'Economie -Akademie der Wirtschaft) Luxembourg (www.isec.lu)

LSB - Luxembourg School of Business (<https://luxsb.lu>)

The list of accredited higher education institutions and programmes is available here:

http://www.mesr.public.lu/enssup/registre_des_titres/formations-superieures-accreditees_final.pdf

The Ministry of Higher Education and Research (Centre de Documentation et d'Information sur l'Enseignement Supérieur - CEDIES) provides prospective students with information about higher education courses and practical information about student life in Luxembourg and abroad. Details of courses can always be obtained by approaching institutions directly.

For further information, please consult the CEDIES website: <https://cedies.public.lu>



Visa information

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: www.mae.lu

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Malta

The Maltese archipelago basically consists of three islands: Comino, Gozo and Malta. Located in the Mediterranean Sea, just 93 km south of Sicily, the archipelago covers a total surface area of 316 sq. km with a population of 0.4 million. The largest island of the group is Malta, from which the archipelago takes its name. Valletta, the capital, is the cultural, administrative and commercial centre of the archipelago. The official languages are Maltese and English, but Maltese is described in the Constitution of Malta as the national language.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

Higher education is mainly provided by the University of Malta.

University level first stage:

Certificates, Diplomas and Bachelor's degrees are awarded in fields such as: nursing, diplomatic studies, management, administration, law, librarian science, religious studies, arts and political and social sciences after a course lasting from one to three years. A Bachelor's (General) degree is received in three years. A Bachelor's (Honours) degree is received in four or five years, depending on the field of study.

University level second stage

The second stage leads to a Master's degree after a period of one to two years. Candidates must hold an appropriate first degree with at least second-class Honours. In special circumstances, candidates without an Honours degree may be admitted after taking a one-year preparatory course and successfully passing a qualifying examination. Master's degree courses require candidates to submit a dissertation in addition to successfully completing the required courses.

Doctorate Degrees

Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Doctor of Law (LLD) degrees are awarded by the faculties of Medicine and Law, respectively, at the end of a five- or six-year course. A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree is awarded after at least three years of study following the award of a Master's degree. PhD candidates are required to submit a thesis after a period of research on an approved topic.

Scholarships

The higher education system of Malta is open to international students. Currently there are over 600 full-time foreign students from some 75 countries. In addition, around 300 foreign students participate in semester exchanges. The International Office of the University of Malta (www.um.edu.mt/intoff) provides information and services regarding course requirements, accommodation, immigration, financial matters, health issues, university procedures, regulations and qualifications.

At present no scholarships are available, but it is possible to enrol in higher educational institutions in Malta.

Where can I find more information?

Department of Information of Malta: www.doi.gov.mt/en/ministries_and_departments/default.asp

Ministry of Foreign Affairs: www.foreign.gov.mt

University of Malta, International Office: www.um.edu.mt/intoff

Ministry of Education: www.education.gov.mt/default.asp

Malta Tourist Office: www.visitmalta.com



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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: www.foreign.gov.mt

If you are not an Australian passport holder, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and intended stay. For more information: <https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/612/>

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The Netherlands

The Netherlands is located in Northwestern Europe. It is bound by the North Sea to the north and west, Germany to the east and Belgium to the south. The inland area is below sea level in some places, protected by coastal dunes and dykes. The capital of the country is Amsterdam, but The Hague is the seat of the King, Government and Parliament. The country has a population of 16.8 million. The official language is Dutch, while English is also widely understood and spoken.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

The Netherlands higher educational system is a dual system composed of two main types of regular higher education: Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (WO - university education) and Hoger Beroepsonderwijs (HBO - higher professional education). The WO universities focus on the independent practice of research-oriented work in an academic or professional setting. The HBO universities are more practically oriented, preparing students directly for specific careers. A smaller branch of education is provided by Institutes for International Education - Internationaal Onderwijs (IO), which offer programmes designed especially for foreign students. International Education is generally conducted in English. WO and HBO universities award both Bachelor's and Master's degrees, but with a difference in orientation: most degree programmes at the WO level focus on science, and those at HBO level on applied science. Increasingly, courses are offered in English, with some Bachelor's and Master's degrees now conducted entirely in English. Ten institutes offer Masters' programmes, but no Bachelor's programmes. A Bachelor's programme at a WO university requires three years of full-time study (180 ECTS credits) to complete, while a Bachelor's programme offered by a HBO university requires four years of full-time study (240 credits). Depending on the discipline, Master's programmes at WO and HBO universities and IO institutes last one to two years (60-120 ECTS credits). Doctorate (PhD) programmes are only offered at WO universities and last at least four years.

Scholarships

The Dutch government attempts to make Dutch higher education as accessible as possible to students and mid-career professionals from other countries.

Subsidised education

In the Netherlands, higher education is subsidised, which means that tuition fees can be kept relatively low, especially compared with the United Kingdom and the United States.

Exchange programmes

The easiest and cheapest way to study in the Netherlands is through an exchange programme. Many Dutch higher education institutions have exchange agreements with partner institutions in countries throughout the world. Exchange programmes and agreements are often limited to specific fields or disciplines. Ask at your own university or college about the possibilities.

Scholarships

Some specific scholarships are listed below. You can find more scholarships on Grantfinder (www.grantfinder.nl), the online search engine which brings together a range of Dutch scholarships for international students who wish to come to the Netherlands.

The Orange Knowledge Programme aims to contribute to a society's sustainable and inclusive development. Its scholarships are open to mid-career professionals.

To find out more visit www.studyinholland.nl



Where can I find more information?

Nuffic is the Netherlands organisation for international cooperation in higher education and a good starting point for Australian students interested in studying in the Netherlands: www.nuffic.nl

Study in Holland: comprehensive information on various aspects of study in the Netherlands: www.studyinholland.nl

Online database of English-taught study programmes in the Netherlands (more than 2100 programmes): www.studyfinder.nl

Full listing of all WO and HBO universities in the Netherlands: www.internationalstudy.nl/en/institutions.

Visa information

If you are an Australian passport holder and your stay is no longer than 90 days within a 180 days period, you will not require a visa.

If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: www.vfsglobal.com/Netherlands/Australia/visa-services/return.html

If you are not an Australian passport holder, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and intended stay. For more information: <https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/612/>

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Poland

Poland is situated in Central Europe. It is bound by the Baltic Sea, Belarus, the Czech Republic, Germany, Lithuania, Russia, Slovakia and Ukraine. The country is mostly part of the Great European Plain, while to the south, the plain rises to the Carpathian and Sudeten Mountains. There are 38.4 million inhabitants in the country. The official language is Polish. The capital of the country is Warsaw.

Currency: Polish Zloty

Higher education system

At present there are over 400 state and non-state higher educational institutions in Poland, which offer a very wide range of different courses and programmes (private schools of higher education must receive permission to operate from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education; they acquire a legal status when registered by the Minister of Science and Education). Among the higher schools, there are both university-type and non-university type (professional education) institutions. State and non-state higher professional (vocational) schools train students in professional specialisations and prepare them for specific professions by including 15-week internships and school practice in the mandatory curriculum. Graduates of higher professional courses are awarded the title of Bachelor of Arts/Science or Engineer (Bachelor of Engineering) after three to four years of study. Graduates of university-type higher educational institutions are awarded the title of magister (Master of Arts/Science) or its equivalent after taking standard five-year MA/MSc level courses or 1.5 to two-year complementary MA/MSc level courses (intended for holders of the professional title of Bachelor of Arts/Science or Engineer received either at university-type institutions or institutions of higher professional education). The academic degree of doktor (PhD) is awarded to a person who has passed his/her doctoral examinations and submitted and defended a doctoral dissertation (holding the title of magister or its equivalent is a necessary condition for successively obtaining the doktor's degree).

Scholarships

People interested in studying in Poland are welcome to contact respective Polish higher educational institutions in order to obtain detailed information on the conditions of admission and the courses and programmes which they offer to foreign students.

Where can I find more information?

Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Ministerstwo Nauki i Szkolnictwa Wyższego): <https://www.gov.pl/web/science>

Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA): www.nawa.gov.pl

Go Poland – portal of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and NAWA directed at students from abroad: www.go-poland.pl

Perspektywy Education Foundation, in close cooperation with the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (KRASP), promote Polish higher education in the world under the joint programme "Study in Poland": <http://studyinpoland.pl/en/>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland (Ministerstwo Spraw Zagranicznych): www.msz.gov.pl



Visa information

If you are an Australian passport holder and your stay is no longer than 90 days within a 180 days period, you will not require a visa.

If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: <https://sydney.msz.gov.pl/en>

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Portugal

Portugal is situated in the south-western extremity of Europe, occupying the western littoral of the Iberian Peninsula. The territory also includes the Azores and Madeira archipelagos. It is bound to the west and south by the Atlantic Ocean and to the east and north by Spain. The capital of the country is Lisbon. The population of the country is 10.6 million. The official language is Portuguese which is spoken by the entire population.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

Higher education in Portugal is divided into two subsystems: university education and non-university higher education (polytechnic education), and it is provided in autonomous public universities, private universities, polytechnic institutions and private higher educational institutions of other types. The two systems of higher education are linked and it is possible to transfer from one to the other. It is also possible to transfer from a public institution to a private one and vice-versa. University institutions may award “Licenciado”, “Mestre” and “Doutor” degrees while Polytechnic institutions award 1st cycle “Licenciado” and 2nd cycle “Mestre” degrees.

Scholarships

The Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia: The FCT started its operations in August 1997. The FCT promotes the advancement of scientific and technological knowledge in Portugal, exploring opportunities that become available in any scientific or technological domain to attain the highest international standards in the creation of knowledge, and to stimulate their diffusion and contribution to improve education, health, environment, and the quality of life and well-being of the general public. This mission is mainly accomplished through the funding, subsequent to the evaluation of the merit, of proposals presented by institutions, research teams or individuals in public open calls, and also through cooperation agreements and other forms of support in partnership with universities and other public or private institutions, in Portugal and abroad. The results of the activities of FCT are, in essence, the additional contributions of individuals, research groups and institutions who have been awarded financing. **Camões Institute:** Acting under the oversight of Portugal’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Camões Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua (CICL) is the Portuguese institution responsible for promoting both the teaching of Portuguese language and culture at foreign higher educational establishments and Portuguese culture abroad in general. In order to pursue these objectives, within the context of a variety of cooperation programmes with foreign higher educational institutions, CICL has a range of Scholarship Programmes for Portuguese and foreign students, e.g. The Portuguese Language and Culture Summer Courses Programme, The Annual Portuguese Language and Culture Courses Programme, The Fernão Mendes Pinto Programme, The Pessoa Programme, The Vieira Programme, Protocol between CICL and the Eça de Queiroz Foundation, Protocol between CICL and the National Cultural Centre (CNC). The rules and deadlines for applications will be published each year on the Camões Institute’s website: www.instituto-camoes.pt.

Where can I find more information?

Foundation for Science and Technology (Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia): www.fct.pt
Ministry of Education (Ministério de Educação), Bureau for European Affairs and International Relations, Ministry of Education (Gabinete de Assuntos Europeus e Relações Internacionais, Ministério da Educação): www.min-edu.pt

Office for International Relations for Science and Higher Education (Gabinete de Relações Internacionais da Ciência e do Ensino Superior): www.fct.mctes.pt/grices/ncp

Directorate-General of Higher Education (Direcção Geral do Ensino Superior): www.dges.mctes.pt

Foundation of Calouste Gulbenkian (Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian): www.gulbenkian.pt

Visa information

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Romania

Romania lies in the South-eastern part of the European continent. With a population of 21.5 million, it is one of the medium-sized countries of Europe. Romania borders Bulgaria, Hungary, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Serbia, and shares part of the Black Sea coast. The capital is Bucharest, which has a population of over two million inhabitants. The official state language is Romanian

Currency: Romanian Leu

Higher education system

In Romania, higher education is provided at educational and research institutions, universities, institutes, academies, conservatories and university colleges. The state higher education system in Romania comprises 56 state higher educational institutions and another 28 private higher educational institutions.

Undergraduate education

Undergraduate education provides two types of programmes:

Short-term university education (two to three year programmes provided by university colleges):

Graduate education

Graduate education offers specialisation or an extension of the education provided in universities.

Graduate study programmes include: Advanced studies (one to two years) for university graduates; graduates are awarded a degree diploma. Master studies (one to two years) for university graduates. Graduate academic studies (two to three years) organised by graduate study schools attached to universities or functioning as autonomous units; the studies are organised on an inter-disciplinary basis aimed at increased professional specialisation.

Doctoral studies (under Bologna regulations) offered by universities and research institutes accredited as such; the doctoral courses are organised as day courses or night courses. The academic title of Doctor granted by the institution is validated by the National Council for the Attestation of Academic Titles, University Diplomas, and Certificates.

There are also continuing education university courses, lasting no more than one year, and addressed to certain categories of employees for those without a university diploma. The studies are organised on an inter-disciplinary basis aimed at increased professional specialisation.

Scholarships

Citizens from abroad may also be accepted to study on the basis of scholarships granted by Romania under bilateral agreements or on the basis of scholarships and grants offered by other states or by international organisations

Where can I find more information?

Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports: www.edu.ro



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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: www.evisa.mae.ro

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Slovakia

The Slovak Republic (increasingly referred to as Slovakia) is a landlocked country in the heart of Europe, bound by Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Ukraine.

Discover the majestic peaks of the High Tatras, nine national parks, deep valleys, mysterious gorges, large forests, crystal clear lakes and more than 6200 caves. Unbelievable diversity in such a small area. The official language is Slovak and the capital is Bratislava.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

Slovakia has public, state and private higher educational institutions. In all, 20 public institutions of higher learning, including 11 traditional universities, three technological universities, three institutes of art and music, one institute of economics, one university of veterinary medicine, and one agricultural university, are in operation at present. The state institutions include one military academy, one police academy, and one university of medicine. Most universities offer programs in English and the numbers of international students in Slovakia is growing every year. The education season is from August through to May each year, with the opportunity for summer classes.

Scholarships

The Government of the Slovak Republic has established a national scholarship programme for the support of mobility of students, PhD students, university teachers, and researchers.

The following types of scholarships are available:

- Scholarships for foreign university students to take part in Master's (graduate) study over a period of one to two semesters (from 5 to 10 months) at Slovak universities
- Scholarships for foreign PhD students to undertake a portion of their PhD studies over a period of one to 12 months at Slovak universities or research institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences
- Scholarships for foreign university teachers and researchers over a period of one to 12 months to carry out teaching or research at Slovak universities, research institutes, or nongovernmental organisations on the basis of an invitation

Where can I find more information?

Institute for Linguistic and Academic Training of Foreign Students of Comenius University: www.uniba.sk/sucasti_uk/UJOP/e_index.htm

Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic (Ministerstvorolstva SR): www.minedu.sk

Slovak Academic Information Centre for the Third Sector (Slovenská akademická informacná agentúra): www.saia.sk

Slovak Academic Association for International Cooperation (Slovenská akademická asociácia pre medzinárodnú spoluprácu): www.saaic.sk

National scholarship programme of the Slovak Republic: www.scholarships.sk

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: <https://www.minedu.sk/study-in-slovakia/>

If you are not an Australian passport holder, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and intended stay. For more information: <https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/612/>



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Slovenia

Slovenia is a country in southern Central Europe bordering Italy to the west, the Adriatic Sea to the southwest, Croatia to the south and east, Hungary to the northeast, and Austria to the north. As Slovenia lies at the crossroads of the Alps, the Mediterranean, the Pannonian Plain and the Dinaric Mountain Range, through the centuries, its regions have developed their own way of life, customs and cultural creativity.

Slovenia has a population of 2.1 million, and the official language is Slovenian. The capital of the country is Ljubljana, it is the largest city as well as the political, administrative, economic, educational and cultural centre of Slovenia.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

Over the last 17 years higher education in Slovenia has undergone several legislative and structural changes, rapid institutional development and a significant increase in student numbers.

The higher education reform in 2004 introduced a three-cycle structure according to the Bologna process guidelines. The first cycle has a binary system of academic and professional study programmes leading to the first cycle degree (180-240 ECTS, 3-4 years). The second-cycle offers Master's courses (60-120 ECTS, 1-2 years). The third-cycle comprises doctoral studies (180 ECTS, 3 years).

Higher education institutions are universities, faculties, academies and professional colleges. There are 15 higher education institutions which cover all fields of study: three public universities and 12 private higher education institutions. One of the private universities is EMUNI (Euro-Mediterranean University), which gathers expert knowledge and experience of the Euro-Mediterranean countries see www.emuni.si. Under certain conditions, private higher education institutions can also offer state recognised and co-financed courses. The academic year begins in October and lasts until the end of September in the following year. It is divided into two semesters: the winter semester usually runs from October to January and the summer semester from February to the middle of July.

Scholarships

In Slovenia, the Centre of the Republic of Slovenia for Mobility and European Programmes (CMEPIUS) - found at <https://eng.cmepius.si/> - is the organisation managing scholarships awarded by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia. Another source is Ad futura - Scientific and Educational Foundation of the Republic of Slovenia (<http://www.sklad-kadri.si/en/scholarships/stipendije-za-izobrazevanje-v-tujini/stipendije-ad-futura-za-izobrazevanje-tujih-drzavljanov-v-sloveniji/>). It is a public foundation which provides various types of financial support. It was established by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia with the aim of providing opportunities for the international mobility of students and researchers. Ad futura manages scholarships, study loans for tuition, living expenses or other costs. The specific rules are given in each call for applications.

Courses of Slovene as a Second/Foreign Language: The Centre for Slovene as a Second/Foreign Language promotes the understanding of the Slovene language, literature and

culture on an international scale. The scholarships are mostly for lectureship in the Slovenian languages. For more information, see <https://centerslo.si/en/>

Where can I find more information?

All information on study, enrolment, scholarships, programmes:

<https://www.studyinslovenia.si>

Ministry of Education, Science and Sport: <https://www.gov.si/en/state-authorities/ministries/ministry-of-education-science-and-sport/>

University of Ljubljana: www.uni-lj.si

University of Maribor: www.uni-mb.si

University of Primorska: www.upr.si

University of Nova Gorica: www.p-ng.si

Slovenian Government: <https://www.gov.si/en/>

List of higher education Institutions in Slovenia: <http://studyinslovenia.si/study/universities-and-institutions/>

Free Slovene language learning online: <https://www.slonline.si/>



Visa information

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: <http://www.canberra.veleposlanistvo.si/index.php?id=1581&L=1>.

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Spain

Spain is situated on the Iberian Peninsula in South-West Europe. Spanish territory also includes the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean, the Canary Islands in the Atlantic Ocean off the African coast, and two cities, Ceuta and Melilla, in Northern Africa. Spain is the second largest country in Western Europe and is also the third most important tourist destination worldwide with 82 million tourists in 2017. It has a population of more than 46 million people.

The landscape is extraordinarily varied, ranging from desert-like areas to lush, green pastures, where mountains, valleys, rivers and beaches produce a wide variety of microclimates, which also contributes to its extraordinary beauty. Spain experiences all four seasons and has a generally temperate climate. Its location makes it one of the warmest countries in Europe and generally, in winter, temperatures are mild. Spain's unique culture is the product of a heritage enriched by the many external influences to which it has been subjected over the course of its long history. The geographic location of the Iberian Peninsula makes it a natural bridge between the cultures of the north and south of Europe, America, Africa and the East. The vicissitudes of history have made it a meeting point for many different cultures, creating a rich and diverse cultural legacy in which an intense past is evident. Spanish is the mother tongue of over 572 million people around the world and is a language spoken in 23 countries and the official language in most of them. Sharing a common language has, without doubt, made Spain a particularly attractive destination for Latin American and Spanish-speaking students from all over the world. Spain is also one of the most popular destinations for learning Spanish as a foreign language, particularly in the case of English speakers from the United States and Asia who want to learn Spanish, and students from other European Union countries.

Currency: Euro

Higher education system

Spain's education system offers a wide range of college and university studies at all levels, as well as internationally renowned business, architecture, engineering and arts studies at prestigious schools, and the best opportunities for the study of Spanish as a foreign language, with a great variety of courses to choose from.

Higher education is mainly provided by both public and private universities. Spain is part of the Bologna Process, a Europe-wide co-operation to harmonise all higher education in Europe. The new degree structure creates three levels of higher education. Spain First level: Undergraduate studies (Graduado) - four years, 240 ECTS Second level: Master's studies - one to two years, 60 to 120 ECTS Third level: PhD programmes or Doctorate - three to four years. The academic calendar in Spanish universities begins in September and ends in June. Examinations are held at the end of the first semester, in December/January, and at the end of the second semester, in June. However, there are some variations between universities. For further information you can visit this website: <http://www.mecd.gob.es/educacion-mecd/en/in/portales-educacion.html>

Scholarships

Spain offers a great variety of scholarship programmes to foreign students and specialists. Among the most important ones are the scholarship programmes of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation (Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores, Unión Europea y Cooperación) through the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional) - Programas de Becas MAEC-AECID, which are mainly addressed to students from developing countries. Other ministries and administrative and territorial entities (Autonomous Communities, local organisms, etc.) or private companies also offer programmes. In the case of Australia, and especially in the case of Spanish language students and teachers of both Spanish and English, we also recommend visiting the website of the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities: <http://idi.mineco.gob.es/porta/site/MICINN/Scholarships> of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation (MAEUEC) - Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID): www.aecid.gob.es Financial Assistance Opportunities, Scholarships and Donations of the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, : <http://www.mecd.gob.es/portada-mecd/en/>

Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism: <http://www.mincotur.gob.es/en-US/Paginas/index.aspx> Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities: http://www.ciencia.gob.es/porta/site/MICINN/?lang_choosen=en

Further information on scholarships

<http://administracion.gob.es/pagFront/empleoBecas/becasAyudasPremios/buscadorBecas.htm?idioma=en#W6nOkvmFPct>

Spain Official Gazette: <http://boe.es>

Spain Education Office in Canberra: Tel: +61 (0) 2 6273 4291- Website: http://www.mecd.gob.es/australia/en_AU/portada

Instituto Cervantes in Sydney: <https://sidney.cervantes.es/en/default.shtm>

Study in Spain webpage: <http://studyinspain.info/en/>

Visa information

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: http://www.mecd.gob.es/australia/en_AU/portada

If you are not an Australian passport holder, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and intended stay. For more information: <https://eas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/612/>

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Sweden

Sweden is a European country located on the east side of the Scandinavian Peninsula in North Europe. The population is 10.2 million inhabitants, of which almost two million live in and around the capital, Stockholm. For a sparsely populated country in the far north of Europe, Sweden has done remarkably well in establishing and maintaining an outstanding reputation abroad, based on many and varied commercial, technological, cultural and political achievements. Despite its natural riches, Sweden is a country built on people. Today, knowledge is Sweden's prime asset, with education kept in the public domain and developed to a standard that ranks consistently among the highest in OECD statistics.

Currency: Swedish Krona

Higher education system

Sweden is taking part in the Bologna Process, a Europe-wide co-operation to harmonise all higher education in Europe. Each year, many international students choose Sweden as their destination for university studies. There are 35 universities and university colleges in Sweden, offering courses and programmes at the Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral/PhD levels.

Scholarships

Application and tuition fees apply to students who are not citizens of the EU, EEA or Switzerland. The fees apply only to Bachelor's and Master's programmes and courses, while PhD programmes are tuition-free. For more information, see www.studyinsweden.se Scholarships are also available for studies in Sweden. The Swedish Institute, SI, is a government agency and administers several of these. Additionally, Swedish universities themselves also offer scholarships directly to non-EU/EEA students. Please note: The above fees only apply to citizens of countries outside the EU, EEA and Switzerland, and if these students are not part of a bilateral agreement or exchange between universities. You can read more regarding which fees are applicable at www.Universityadmissions.se. Other organisations, both Swedish and foreign, also offer scholarships to foreign students in Sweden. For more information see: www.studyinsweden.se/scholarships.

Where can I find more information?

For essential information about studying in Sweden and applying for higher education programmes, visit the Study in Sweden website; www.studyinsweden.se. Applying for Higher Education in Sweden: Applications for Bachelor's and Master's programmes are made through a central application service, www.universityadmissions.se which also contains information about eligibility requirements and guidelines.

Swedish Council for Higher Education: www.uhr.se/en

Association of Swedish Higher Education: <https://suhf.se/in-english/>

Swedish Institute; <https://si.se/en/>

Ministry of Education and Research: <https://www.government.se/education>

The official site of Sweden: www.sweden.se

Visa information

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If your study period is longer than 90 days, you will need a visa. For more information: <https://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Studying-in-Sweden.html>

If you are not an Australian passport holder, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and intended stay. For more information: <https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/612/>



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