

AD FUTURA

Science and Education Foundation of the Republic of Slovenia, the Public Fund is calling according to the Article 7 of the Establishing Act of the public institution "Ad futura, Science and Education Foundation of the Republic of Slovenia, the Public Fund" (issued in Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 63/01, 78/01 and 59/03) for the applications for

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DOCTORATE STUDIES OF FOREIGN CITIZENS IN SLOVENIA IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2004/2005

1. Subject

The subject of this Call for Applications is financing and co-financing of foreign citizens to cover their tuition and accommodation costs for the doctorate studies at the Slovenian educational institutions in the academic year 2004/2005.

Priority will be given to candidates who are accepted to doctorate studies that fall into one of the following areas: information and communication technologies, gene science and technology, nanoscience, nanotechnologies and precision technologies, new advanced materials, complexity and complex systems, knowledge sciences and technologies, medical sciences and technologies, technologies for a sustainable economy.

2. Conditions

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

- He/she is not a citizen of Republic of Slovenia,
- He/she did not complete his/her last level of education in the Republic of Slovenia,
- He/she is beginning his/her studies at an accredited postgraduate program at an accredited Slovenian post secondary educational institution in the year 2004,
- He/she will be awarded a publicly valid diploma (Master's degree, Doctor),
- He/she will live in the Republic of Slovenia for the whole period of his/her studies.

3. Selection Criteria

The maximum number of points awarded to an applicant is 100. The points are awarded according to the following criteria:

a. Achievements and references in scientific or professional area – 50 points namely:

| | Author | Co-author | Maximum no. of points |
|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| <i>Publication of scientific achievement in local or international scientific periodic publication</i> | Each publication – 15 points; candidate can have max. 25 points | Each publication – 10 points; candidate can have max. 25 points | 25 |

| | Team Leader | Coworker | Maximum no. of points |
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| <i>Research or development work in educational or research organisation or in a company</i> | Each research or development work is worth 5 points; candidate can have max. 15 points | Each research or development work is worth 3 points; candidate can have max. 15 points | 15 |

| | Number | Maximum no. of points |
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| <i>Papers and seminars</i> | Each is worth 3 points; candidate can have max. 10 points | 10 |

b. Other Criteria – 50 points

- Priority of study program – 25 points
- Grade point average – 15 points
 - grade point average 6,0 – 7,9 1 point
 - grade point average 8,0 – 8,9 8 points
 - grade point average above 9,0 15 points
- Applicant's financial participation through other financial sources (not less 30 %) – 10 points

4. Ranking Criteria

In the case of the same number of points candidates are ranked by the grade point average.

5. Supporting Documentation

- Nationality certificate,
- A photocopy of an acceptance letter to a Slovenian educational institution with indication of the study program or a written confirmation of the educational institution confirming the candidate has submitted an application for approval of the theme of doctoral degree,
- A photocopy of the last received diploma of higher education (the graduate or master diploma),
- A transcript of the records of all the grades achieved during the last completed level of education at the higher education level and the official grade scale,
- A written confirmation of the annual tuition including the name of the candidate, issued by the Slovenian educational institution,
- Photocopies of the proof of other financial sources from legal entities, other than Ad futura,
- A written confirmation of the educational or research institution confirming the studies and research work will take place in Slovenia for the whole period,
- Documents of achievements and references in research and professional area:
 - o for publications and papers: extract of bibliographic items from the shared bibliographic database (if such database exists in country of the applicant) or photocopies of the first pages of publications and papers from which the authors are clearly legible,
 - o for research and development work: written confirmations from educational or research organisation or employer with the indication that the candidate was a team leader or a coworker.

6. Carrying out and Duration of Scholarship

Foundation Ad futura signs the scholarship contracts with the selected candidates after submission of a photocopy of residence permit issued by the Republic of Slovenia and a photocopy of acceptance to doctorate studies. The contract is in effect for one academic year. Its validity is extended to the next academic year, if the scholarship recipient fulfills

regulatory criteria for advancement to the next year of the academic program. After signing the contract the foundation Ad futura pays the granted funds to the business account of the institution. If the applicant has paid the tuition himself/herself due to special reasons, the foundation Ad futura will reimburse the amount of scholarship on the basis of the proof of payment.

7. Scholarship Funds

The maximum amount of scholarship an applicant may be awarded for a specific academic year according to this call for proposals is 600.000,00 SIT (Slovenian Tolar) and maximum 50.000,00 SIT (Slovenian Tolar) monthly for living expenses.

8. Availability of Documentation and Information

Call for applications, the application form, lists Study Programs', 'Priority Study Areas' and 'Authorization Form' are available ad Ad futura web page and at the headquarters during the official hours Monday through Friday between noon and 3 pm.

9. Deadline and Submission of Application

The candidates must submit filled-in and signed application form with the supporting documentation **no later than 30. 10. 2004**. The applications must be mailed to Fundacija Ad futura, Kotnikova 34, 1000 Ljubljana (with a note on envelope: **za 8. javni razpis**).

Applications will be accepted from the day following the publication of this call for applications in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia to the deadline.

The application is considered on time if it is:

- Sent by regular mail and delivered to Ad futura by the deadline,
- Sent with the registered mail by the deadline whereby the date on the postmark is considered,
- Delivered in person to an Ad futura representative by the deadline during the official hours (from noon to 3 pm).

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