

On the basis of Article 7 of the Act on the Founding of "Ad futura, Science and Education Foundation of the Republic of Slovenia, Public Fund" (*Uradni list RS*, Nos.: 63/01, 78/01, 59/03), Ad futura hereby issues a call for applications for

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES OF FOREIGN CITIZENS IN SLOVENIA IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2005/2006

1. The subject of the call for applications

The subject of this call for applications is scholarships offered to foreign citizens pursuing doctoral studies at Slovene educational institutions in the academic year 2005/2006, enabling them to pay tuition fees and partially covering their living expenses.

Priority is given to applicants pursuing doctoral studies in natural sciences and technology.

2. Conditions

Applicants must fulfil the following conditions:

- they are not citizens of the Republic of Slovenia,
- they have not completed their graduate studies in the Republic of Slovenia,
- they have been accepted or have enrolled for regular, publicly valid (accredited) doctoral studies in the academic year 2005/2006 at a publicly valid (accredited) Slovene educational institution,
- they will obtain a publicly valid certificate upon completion of their studies,
- they will spend the entire duration of their studies in Slovenia.

3. Selection criteria

The maximum number of points available is 100. Points are awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

a) Achievements and references in the applicant's scientific or professional field – up to 50 points as follows:

	Author	Co-author	Maximum points
Publication of a scientific or professional achievement in a domestic or foreign scientific or professional periodical or one-off publication	Each publication – 15 points	Each publication – 10 points	30

		Maximum points
Research or development work at an educational or research institution	Each research or development project brings 5 points	20

b) Other criteria – 50 points

- enrolling for studies in natural sciences or technology – 25 points
- grades during studies – 25 points
 - average grade 6.0 – 7.9 1 point
 - average grade 8.0 – 8.9 12 points
 - average grade higher than 9.0 25 points

4. Deciding criterion

If a number of applicants have the same number of points, they will be additionally ranked with regard to their average grade during their studies.

5. Authorisation

In order to ease communication and the handing in of official mail, applicants who during the procedure related to this call for applications live abroad must appoint an authorised person with a permanent address in the Republic of Slovenia to represent them. The authorisation form can be obtained from the Ad futura Web site.

6. Documentation required

- a citizenship certificate which is no older than 12 months or a valid passport;
- an authorisation form for a person with a permanent address in the Republic of Slovenia, who will represent the applicant in relation to the procedure of obtaining a scholarship,
- a residence permit for the Republic of Slovenia for the current academic year,
- a photocopy of the proof of having been accepted at a Slovene educational institution, citing the study programme or a proof from an educational institution that the applicant has submitted an application to have a doctoral thesis approved,
- a photocopy of the certificate from the last completed education level (degree or masters degree),
- a proof of all the grades received in relation to the last completed educational level and an annotated official scale of grades,
- a proof of the amount charged as annual tuition fees and the duration of studies, bearing the name of the applicant and issued by a Slovene educational institution,
- a proof issued by an educational or research institution that the studies and research work will be carried out fully in Slovenia,
- proofs of achievements and references in the scientific or professional field:
 - for publication: a list of bibliographical units from a joint database (if one exists in the applicant's country) or a photocopy of the first pages of the articles from which the authors are clear, translated into Slovene or English,
 - for research and development work: proofs from research or educational institutions.

7. How the scholarships will operate and their duration

The Director of the Ad futura Foundation will issue all the applicants with decisions relating to the outcome of the call for applications. The selected candidates must submit a residence permit for the Republic of Slovenia and a photocopy of the proof of having enrolled for doctoral studies in the academic year 2005/2006. After the required documentation has been submitted, Ad futura will conclude a contract with the selected candidates. On the basis of this contract, the recipients will receive scholarships for pursuing their studies over the next few years, provided they fulfil all the conditions specified in the contract.

After the contracts have been signed, Ad futura will transfer the scholarship money in the following manner:

- for tuition fees, on the basis of a correctly issued invoice, to the business account of the institution in question. If a scholarship recipient has, for objective reasons, already paid the fees himself or herself, Ad futura will, on the basis of a proof of payment, reimburse him or her;
- for living expenses, in a single amount to the recipient's personal account at a bank in the Republic of Slovenia.

8. Scholarship level

The maximum amount of an approved annual scholarship for each academic year related to this call for applications is SIT 600,000.00 for tuition fees and SIT 50,000.00 a month for living expenses for 12 months.

9. Accessibility of documentation and information

The call for applications, the application, the list of "Study programmes", the "Priority study programmes" and the authorisation form can be obtained from the Ad futura Web site or at the Ad futura office during office hours, Monday to Friday between 12.00 and 15.00 hours.

10. Deadline and submission of applications

Applicants should submit a completed and signed application form together with the documentation proving the fulfilment of the conditions and selection criteria by the **28th October 2005**, either in person, via their authorised person or by post, addressed to: Ad futura, Kotnikova 34, 1000 Ljubljana (**adding: za 15. javni razpis**).

The period of collecting applications starts on the day the call for applications is published and continues until the expiry of the deadline.

The documentation will be deemed to have been submitted in time if it is delivered to the Ad futura office in one of the following ways:

- it is sent by ordinary post so that it is delivered at the latest on the day of the deadline,
- it is sent by registered mail at the latest on the day of the deadline (according to the postmark),
- it is handed, during office hours (from 12.00 to 15.00 hours), to an official person at the Ad futura office on the day of the deadline at the latest,
- it is sent by e-mail to the joint information system for receiving applications, delivering mail and issuing notification.

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