

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR APPLICANTS FROM GEORGIA FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

1. Scholarships for short- and mid-term undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students' studies in all fields (duration of studies – **2 to 9 months** per person). Total duration cannot exceed **24 months**.
2. Research scholarships for university lecturers and researchers (duration of research visit – **up to 1 month** per person). Total duration of research visits cannot exceed **2 months**.
3. Scholarships for the Summer School of Slavonic Studies (**2 vacancies** available).

PART 1. DESCRIPTION

Scholarship programme under bilateral agreement is designed for **advanced students enrolled or lecturers and researchers employed at public higher education institutions of Georgia for short- or mid-term study stays or research/lecturer visits at public higher education institutions of the Czech Republic**. This scholarship programme is open to applicants from all fields of studies and research, however admission to certain fields may be somewhat limited. About admission to a scholarship stay decide autonomously respective universities/faculties.

The **scholarships are not intended for a full course of study (i.e. do not lead to the award of a degree)**, hence the applicants are not required to sit entrance examination. However, credits awarded during the scholarship may count towards the study undertaken in the home country (applicants should check with their home institutions).

The terms and conditions of admission and requirements concerning the language^{*)} of tuition are stipulated by the host university that takes an autonomous decision whether or not the applicant can be accepted within the framework of the Ministry's scholarship programme. Prospective applicants are **advised to contact the selected university directly and request a confirmation of acceptance** for a study stay from the foreign department of the faculty/ **a letter of invitation** from the appropriate department. Although such a document is not listed among obligatory attachments to the application form, its submission is recommended, since it may simplify and expedite the admission procedure. **Applicants are requested to point out to the selected university that they are applying for the MEYS's^{**)} scholarship award under an international agreement.**

The scholarship stay must take place from September 2026 to June/July 2027, with the exception of participation in a summer language course that precedes the relevant academic year. The autumn semester in higher education institutions of the Czech Republic normally lasts from September until January and spring semester from February until June.

The summer language courses (the Summer School of Slavonic Studies) take place during the summer months of July or August, depending on the organizer.

^{*)} *Tuition-free study programs are predominantly held in Czech. The applicant can be accepted for a study program taught in a foreign language (usually in English) only if the host university waives tuition and indicates its decision in the confirmation of acceptance.*

^{**) MEYS = Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic}

PART 2. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- ***Undergraduate and graduate students*** accepted for their study visits will receive a scholarship of **CZK 12,000 per month** for Bachelor's and Master's studies and **CZK 13,000 per month** for Doctoral studies. The scholarship award is notified by a **Decision issued by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic**. *The scholarship is meant to cover the living expenses, including accommodation.*
- ***Researchers and lecturers*** of all fields approved for their research visits will receive **851 CZK a day¹** for meals and personal allowance. *Student residency/hotel type accommodation will be arranged and covered by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic.*
- ***Czech language summer courses participants*** will be provided with **free board and lodging, coverage of course fees (tuition and registration fee) and free access to cultural events** which are meant as an integral part of the course programme.

The scholarship is meant to cover the living expenses of only one person; any additional financial support for eventual accompanying members of the family is not available (accompanying family member must be approved by the receiving party, i.e. by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic). There is no legal claim to the scholarship award. The scholarship is not transferable to another person.

The scholarship has to be collected in person at the appropriate department (usually Study department) of the respective Czech university (unless agreed otherwise). Any other fees such as student union fee, library membership fee, etc. shall be paid by scholarship holder.

Accommodation (applicable for undergraduate and graduate students): upon request, the host institution provides the scholarship holder with a place in a dormitory or a university guesthouse. Requests for lodging at a student dormitory must be indicated in the submitted application form. Assistance with this is available from International Relations Office staff of the relevant higher education and research institutions. Alternatively, foreign students may consider renting an apartment privately. Accommodation costs shall be covered by the scholarship holder, except for summer language course participants and research scholarship holders (lecturers and researchers).

Travel expenses to the Czech Republic (and upon the territory of the Czech Republic) and back has to be covered by a sending country or a scholarship-holder.

PART 3. CZECH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SUMMER COURSES

In 2026 the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic has reserved for applicants from Georgia **one vacancy** at the ***Summer School of Slavonic Studies*** organized by ***the Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies*** - in Poděbrady ([Summer Courses - Charles University - ÚJOP UK - Institute for Language and Preparatory Studies](#)); and **one vacancy** at the ***Summer School of Slavonic (Czech) Studies*** organized by ***the Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University*** in Brno (<https://kabcest.phil.muni.cz/en/courses/summer-school>).

Each scholarship consists of **free board and lodging, coverage of course fees (tuition and registration fee) and free access to cultural events** which are scheduled as an integral part of the course programme.

As in previous years, the selection process and nomination of candidates for scholarships for summer schools **will be arranged by the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Tbilisi** (www.mzv.cz/tbilisi, <https://www.facebook.com/czechembassytbilisi>). Scholarship applicants are required to **indicate their interest in participating in the summer course** to the Embassy

¹ The amount is 1,036 CZK per day if breakfast is not included in the accommodation.

of the Czech Republic **in the prescribed manner and within the specified deadline**. Selected candidates will submit their applications via online application system. For more information, it is necessary to visit the website of the Embassy.

Successful candidates will be contacted directly by the Summer School organizers.

A scholarship holder is obliged, once s/he obtains information on acceptance, to confirm his/her attendance at the Summer School. If an admitted scholarship-holder cannot attend the Summer School concerned, s/he is obliged to inform immediately the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports or the relevant contact person at the Summer School, so that the vacant place can be used by a reserve candidate.

The MEYS reserves the right to change the place and term of the Summer School course covered by the scholarship. Scholarship holders are not guaranteed to be placed at the Summer School requested in her/his application.

PART 4. STUDY & RESEARCH VISITS – SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION & REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

4.1. Submission of application

- **Application must be submitted via online application system.**
 - **Only candidates who have participated in the selection procedure organized by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia or International Education Center respectively and have received an instruction from one of the listed institutions to submit an application through the online application system (<https://studujnavs.gov.cz/cr>) can apply for the scholarship.**
 - **The conditions for participation in the selection procedure, including dates, are set by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia or the International Education Center respectively.**
- **Application must be completed in Czech or English.**
- **Application must be accompanied by documents listed below** (completed in English or Czech or translated into one of these languages). All documents must be uploaded to the online application system in pdf format.

4.2. Required documents:

4.2.1. Undergraduate and graduate student studies:

1. Curriculum Vitae;
2. Motivation Letter;
3. Certified photocopies of HEI-Diploma, including transcript, or transcript of records, if studies are not finished yet;
4. One recommendation letter from home HEI institution (written within past six months).
5. Copy of certificate of proficiency in Czech (or another language acceptable for the host institution, preferably English);

***NB1.** Minimal knowledge of Czech on B2 level of CEFR is a prerequisite for admission to most fields of studies, unless otherwise specified. Knowledge of Czech on C1 (C2) level of CEFR may be required for some art academies' programs; for more details please contact a selected university/academy.*

***NB2.** TOEFL, IELTS, CPE or other widely recognized exams of English proficiency are acceptable. If the candidate does not hold any of those certificates, then a signed letter confirming the proficiency in the language from the home university's professor of English is also acceptable.*

6. Copy of the passport.
7. Official confirmation of acceptance/ invitation letter from the host HEI institution in the Czech Republic (not obligatory, however, recommended).

4.2.2. Postgraduate (doctoral) student studies or research work:

1. Curriculum Vitae and list of scientific publications;
2. Motivation Letter and Research plan for research work in the Czech Republic (max. 3 pages);
3. Certified photocopies of Master Diploma (including transcript) or of PhD Diploma (if applicable);
4. One recommendation letter from home HEI institution (written within past six months);
5. Official confirmation of acceptance/ invitation letter from the host HEI institution in the Czech Republic;
NB3. Applicants for research scholarships – this letter must contain information on the chosen field of research.
6. Copy of the passport.

PART 5. IMPORTANT DATES

- Applications for study and research stays will be possible only after the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic receives a list of proposed candidates compiled by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia or the International Education Center based on a selection procedure.
- The start and end dates for submitting applications will be specified in agreement with the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia or the International Education Center and communicated to the proposed candidates through them.
- Awarded candidates will be informed via online application system and notification will be sent to the LEPL International Education Center by:
 - 31st of July, 2026 – notification of the results for study scholarships;
 - no later than 30 days before the scheduled beginning of the research visit.

PART 6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Information about studies and research possibilities for foreigners is available either at Czech institutions of higher education and research or via interactive programme finder available at <https://portal.studyin.cz/en/>. The list of public higher education and research institutions of the Czech Republic can be found on the website <http://www.msmt.cz/areas-of-work/tertiary-education/public-higher-education-institutions-websites> or <https://portal.studyin.cz/en/find-your-institution/>.
- In order to arrange a study or research visit in the Czech Republic and receive an official letter of acceptance/ invitation letter, a candidate is advised to contact directly the international office of the chosen Czech public higher education institution.

Information for the *LEPL International Education Center*:

The list of recommended candidates must be submitted to the address below **by March 15th, 2026** as latest:

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic
Department of International Relations and EU
Karmelitská 529/5
118 12 Prague 1
Czech Republic

Contact person for study and research visits:

- Marie Taltynová, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic, Department of International Relations and the European Union,
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Contact person for Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies:

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