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Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies 2024



This article contains information on scholarships to attend the Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies, which offer intensive courses of Czech language and culture.

Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies (SSSS) are study courses organized by several public universities in the Czech Republic. Courses are held annually during the summer months (July, August, September). Their duration ranges from 3 to 4 weeks. The length of the course is determined by the organizing school.

Within the framework of their educational blocks, the individual organizing schools offer Czech language courses at various levels of proficiency, selective seminars focused on the Czech literature, culture and history, leisure activities including theater, music and dance performances, excursions, sightseeing tours, etc.

The courses are designed for foreign students, specialists (teachers, translators, interpreters) and academics in the field of Czech studies and Slavonic studies who are over 18 years old. However, they are open to all those interested in the Czech language, literature, history, and culture.

Who can apply for an SSSS scholarship in 2024?

In 2024, applicants (who are at least 18 years old) from the following countries and territories can apply for an SSSS scholarship:

Albania, Austria, Belgium – Flemish Community, Belgium – French Community, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada (Alberta), China, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Mongolia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the USA and Vietnam.

The scholarships are only granted to candidates nominated by the appropriate authorities of the partner countries or by other authorized nominating agencies, e.g. the Embassies of the Czech Republic abroad and other partner institutions (see below).

The scholarship includes:



- Accommodation and meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Enrollment and tuition
- Trips and excursions
- **Some** Summer Schools **may** provide public transport tickets

The scholarship does not include:

- International transport costs
- Insurance costs
- Visa processing costs

How to apply?

The application form is available here:

-  [Application form_2024_SSSS.docx](#)
-  [Application form_2024_SSSS.pdf](#)

The application needs to be accompanied by a CV written in Czech or English. The institution receiving the application may also require other documents (e.g. a letter of motivation, language certificate(s) etc.).

The application also includes a statement that the candidate can participate in the entire duration of the SSSS course.

The number of places provided and their distribution among individual Summer Schools are determined by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS). Further information on Summer Schools open to applicants from individual countries should be provided by the institutions receiving scholarship applications.

The application form with the attachments must be submitted to the appropriate institution receiving applications (see the list below). The selection of nominees is usually performed by the Embassies of the Czech Republic, but the authority organizing the selection proceedings can be also an agency/Ministry in the country concerned. More detailed information can be provided by the respective Embassy of the Czech Republic in any given country.

List of institutions receiving applications:

-  [Institutions_Applications_2024.pdf](#)

List of institutions receiving applications in Germany:

-  [Institutions_Applications_Germany_2024.pdf](#)

List of institutions receiving applications in the USA:

-  [Institutions_Applications_USA_2024.pdf](#)

Applications sent directly to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic (MEYS) or directly to the Summer Schools will not be processed!

The closing date for applications is fixed by the institution that gathers the scholarship applications.

Selection of candidates for scholarship awards

The **institutions** receiving scholarship application and performing the selection proceedings recommend: i) regular nominees, and ii) substitutes (up to twice as many as regular nominees), and **deliver their nomination to the MEYS by 31 March 2024 at the latest.**

Successful candidates will be contacted directly by the organizer of the respective Summer School.

Each successful candidate is obliged to confirm his/her participation promptly to the organizer of the Summer School concerned. If any candidate is unable to attend the Summer School, he/she is requested to immediately inform the MEYS (contact email: Magdalena.VillatoroSladkova@msmt.cz) and the contact person at the relevant Summer School.

The MEYS reserves the right to place any candidate at a different Summer School than the one mentioned as the first choice in his/her application.

Resignation/withdrawal of application

If any of the officially nominated and admitted SSSS participants is unable to attend the course due to unforeseen reasons, he/she is obliged to immediately inform the Department of International Relations of the MEYS, using the e-mail address Magdalena.VillatoroSladkova@msmt.cz, as well as the relevant Summer School so that a substitute candidate can be contacted soon enough.

If the scholarship quota (regular nominees and substitutes) provided to any given partner country at one of the organizing schools is not utilized, it is possible to offer such free slots to candidates from another partner country.

Health insurance

Health insurance is NOT included in the scholarship. It is strongly recommended that successful candidates arrange their travel health insurance for their entire stay in the Czech Republic. More information can be provided by the Czech Embassy in the candidate's country of stay or origin.

Medical care for **EU/EEA citizens** who are properly insured in their home countries is provided in compliance with the European Parliament and Council (EC) Regulation No. 883/2004, as last amended, and its implementing Regulation No. 987/2009, as amended by Regulation No. 465/2012 - detailed information is available on the website of the [Health Insurance Bureau](#).

Please note that the expenses for repatriation are not covered by the provisions of the aforementioned European Regulations, and it is therefore advisable to obtain an insurance policy to this end even if you come from an EU/EEA country.

Neither the MEYS nor the universities organizing the SSSS bear any responsibility or liability for any health care costs or repatriation costs that may be incurred by the scholarship-holders during or as a result of their visit to the Czech Republic.

Visas

Detailed information on the regulations governing the entry and residence on the territory of the Czech Republic is **available on the website of the [Ministry of the Interior](#)** and also on the websites of the relevant Embassy of the Czech Republic.

It is recommended that both regular nominees and substitutes from non-EU/EEA countries should apply for their visas well in advance.

Processing of personal data

Basic information on the processing and protection of personal data by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic (MEYS) is published in the Czech language at: <http://www.msmt.cz/ministerstvo/zakladni-informace-o-zpracovani-osobnich-udaju-ministerstvem>, translation in English at: <http://www.msmt.cz/contacts-and-informations/data-protection-officer>.

Participation in SSSS as a self-payer

Anyone ready to cover the relevant expenses can also apply for admission to the Summer School of Slavonic Studies as a self-paying participant. Information for self-payers on how to register for the course of their choice is available on the websites of individual organizing schools.

Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies: Dates and Contact Information

- **Poděbrady: Institute for language and preparatory studies of Charles University**

Dates: 1st – 26th July 2024

Address: Jiřího náměstí 1/8, 290 01 Poděbrady

Tel: +420 733 159 866

E-mail: lsss@ujop.cuni.cz

Web: SSSS Poděbrady

- **Brno: Masaryk University, Faculty of Arts, Department of Czech for Foreigners**

Dates: 20th July – 17th August 2024

Address: A. Nováka 1, 602 00 Brno

Tel: +420 549 495 970

E-mail: eva@phil.muni.cz

Web: SSSS Brno

- **Prague: Charles University, Faculty of Arts**

Dates: 18th July - 15th August 2024

Address: Nám. Jana Palacha 2, 116 38 Prague 1

Tel: +420 221 619 262

E-mail: lsss.praha@ff.cuni.cz

Web: SSSS Prague

- **Olomouc: Faculty of Arts of Palacký University Olomouc**

Dates: 13th July – 11th August 2024

Address: Křížkovského 10, 771 80 Olomouc

Tel: +420 776 267 676

E-mail: lsss@upol.cz

Web: SSSS Olomouc

- **Pilsen: Institute of Applied Language Studies, University of West Bohemia**

Date: 6th – 26th July 2024

Address: Univerzitní 22, 301 00 Plzeň

Tel: +420 377 635 210, +420 735 713 895

E-mail: isls@ujp.zcu.cz

Web: [SSSS Pilsen](https://ssss.pilsen.cz)

- **České Budějovice: Faculty of Arts, University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice**

Date: 11th August – 2nd September 2024

Address: Branišovská 31a, 370 05 České Budějovice

Tel: +420 387 774 801

E-mail: dvorakovah@ff.jcu.cz

Web: [SSSS České Budějovice](https://ssss.ceskebudějovice.cz)

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Information materials:

-  [Praha 2024.pdf](#)
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMBASSIES AND PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Detailed information about the Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies (SSSS) and the application form are available on the website of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) <https://www.msmt.cz/eu-and-international-affairs/summer-schools-of-slavonic-studies-2024>.

The courses are designed for foreign students, specialists (teachers, translators, interpreters) and academics in the field of Czech studies and Slavonic studies, however, they are open to all those interested in the Czech language, literature, history, and culture.

The participants must be over 18 years of age.

- **Publication of the offer:** Information about the SSSS in the Czech Republic should be forwarded not only to the departments of Czech studies, Slavonic studies, and the whole academic community, but also to the general public. We welcome the publication of this information on the website of the embassy of the Czech Republic in the country where you operate.
- **Application form:** A unified application form is available on the above-mentioned website of the MEYS. The application is accompanied by a curriculum vitae in Czech or English (and an ID number for applicants from non-EU/EEA countries). The institutions receiving the application may require other documents (e.g., a letter of motivation, a language level certificate, etc.). Please pass the application form to applicants for scholarships, who fill it out and deliver it to the embassy or other institution in charge of the nomination of the candidates.

Before sending the applications, please check carefully that they are completed and that the applicant is at least 18 years of age. We kindly ask you to check whether the candidates have chosen a place offered to the country (e.g., if the country is offered places at Summer Schools in Olomouc and Brno, it is not possible to select Prague). Incorrect or incomplete candidate applications are automatically rejected and replaced by alternates.

- **Alternates:** In addition to the duly nominated scholarship candidates, we ask you to nominate up to twice as many alternates. In case some of the duly nominated candidates cannot attend the SSSS, the alternate candidates can fill their spot. The chance of placement is high every year. Please mark these applications by the letter "N".
- **List of candidates:** Please send a list of duly nominated candidates and alternates and their assigned summer schools, together with the application forms, providing the email addresses of the candidates for a more flexible communication.
- **Deadline:** Please send the nomination to the MEYS **no later than 31st March 2024** so that all applications can be processed in time and handed over to the organizing Summer Schools. To speed up communication it is possible to **send the applications electronically** to Magdalena.VillatoroSladkova@msmt.cz. They can be also mailed in printed form to the MEYS, Department of International relations and European Union.
- The MEYS **respects** your nomination, so no further selection process takes place after the applications have been received.
- During **May and June**, the organizing Summer Schools will contact the nominated applicants directly. Substitutes will be contacted on an ongoing basis whenever a position becomes available.

Excuse not to attend SSSS courses

If one of the officially nominated and admitted SSSS participants is unable to attend the courses due to unforeseen reasons, he/she must immediately inform the Department of International Relations of the MEYS at e-mail address Magdalena.VillatoroSladkova@msmt.cz, as well as the relevant Summer School so that the alternate can be contacted immediately.

Participation in SSSS as a self-payer

In addition to scholarships, there is the possibility to participate in SSSS courses as a so-called self-payer. Self-payers negotiate all requirements for admission to SSSS personally with the relevant organizing schools, not through the MEYS. Information on enrollment for individual courses is available on the websites of the respective organizing schools as well as on the websites of the MEYS.

In case of doubt, please contact the Department of International Relations of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports at e-mail address Magdalena.VillatoroSladkova@msmt.cz or the relevant organizing school.