
Scholarships

For applicants

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For students

Scholarships and financial support for full-degree students at Charles University are generally **organised by individual faculties**. Most of them offer **merit-based scholarships for outstanding students (after the first year of studies)** or some other forms of **tuition fee reductions**. The exact amounts are always set by the internal regulations of the respective faculty. Therefore, we advise you to [contact the faculty's Admission Office](#) directly with any further inquiries.

Case studies

The following cases illustrate typical monthly expenses of our students during the 10 months they spend studying at Charles University each year. The total balance indicates student monthly investment into their future.

Medical student in Prague

Item	Value	Sum
Housing	200 EUR	-2590
Groceries	200 EUR	
Public transportation	6 EUR	
Culture	100 EUR	
Regional traveling	70 EUR	
Food and drinks	150 EUR	
Health insurance	100 EUR	
Miscellaneous	50 EUR	
Tuition	1714 EUR	
Scholarship	+100 EUR	+800
Pocket money	+300 EUR	
Part-time job	+400 EUR	
Total balance		-1790

[Scholarship and bursary rules](#)

[Tuition fee waiver and reduction rules](#)

A general overview of the scholarships is available on the [Study in Czechia](#) or [Study in Prague](#) websites. Students and applicants are encouraged to obtain further scholarships via different means, such as educational organisations, private beneficiaries, foundations etc.

Václav Havel Scholarship

This scholarship is intended **for international students whose repression in totalitarian, authoritarian, and restricted regimes anywhere in the world makes it difficult or even impossible to study**. The purpose is to provide study opportunities to those who have been illegally denied the right to study and/or are oppressed by the state and local authorities. The VH scholarship **does not cover the tuition fees** but rather to **helps with the living costs**.

More information about VHS

The allocated amount depends on the number of applicants, the allocated budget for the calendar year, and additional circumstances. Therefore, it is not possible to specify the amount granted to each student more precisely.

VHS can only be awarded to a student who has been admitted and enrolled to study at one of the faculties of Charles University.

A student who intends to apply for a scholarship will receive an application form from the faculty. The application must be accompanied by all the annexes as specified in the Rector's Directive in force (Article 3, points 6 and 7).

The complete hard copy of the application, including all its attachments, is **submitted through the designated Dean or Vice-Dean** on two dates, **31 March and 31 October**, to the Rector's Office for delivery to the President of the Council.

Václav Havel Scholarship Council:

Eva Voldřichová Beránková (Vice-Rector for International Affairs)

Lenka Rovná (Member of the Rector's Board for 4EU+)

Sylvie Boumová (Head of the International Relations Office)

The required annexes on persecution may be documented in English. In the case of other less common languages, a certified translation of the document into Czech must be provided.

As part of the preparation for studying in Czech, it is possible to apply for a living allowance.

The scholarship was first established by [Rector's Directive No. 47/2020](#). The new directive regulating the scholarship is [Rector's Directive No. 24/2022](#) where you can find more detailed information.

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Governmental scholarship

For an overview of all **governmental scholarships**, please visit the website of the [Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport \(MEYS\)](#). Regarding the required pre-acceptance or acceptance letter, you need to get in touch with the [faculty's Admission Office](#) directly.

International Visegrad Fund Scholarships

The [International Visegrad Fund \(IVF\)](#) is a **joint initiative of the governments of the four Visegrad Group countries** (Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary). It offers scholarships for study abroad, both to students from within the Visegrad group, and to neighbouring countries like Belarus and Ukraine.

The International Visegrad Fund Scholarships comprise of a **fixed-rate contribution of EUR 3000 towards the tuition fees** (paid direct to the university), plus **two lump-sum payments (one for each semester) to help with the living costs**. If the tuition fees are higher than the contribution from IVF, students will be expected to cover the balance via other means.

Application deadlines vary, depending on the chosen scholarship. Applications is made directly to the IVF, Charles university does not administer the process.

Scholarships are usually awarded for one year. Students are expected to fund their second year of study via other means.

PhD students

As a **full-time doctoral student**, you will receive a [monthly scholarship](#) during the standard length of your studies (3-4 years). The amount of this scholarship depends on the faculty and ranges from CZK 12.500 to CZK 25.000 per month. It is usually supplemented by other sources of income, e.g., by [awards for participation in research projects](#) or remuneration for teaching undergraduates.

Emergency financial support

In case our students find themselves in an **emergency** or otherwise **difficult position in terms of finances**, the [Carolina Centre](#) is here to support them. Available bursaries and other means of help, including loans of technical aids or free counselling services, are always listed on their website.