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Following Decree No.699 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 4 July 2007 the *Education Exchanges Support Foundation* has been authorized by Order No. 1521 of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania of 20 July 2007 to organize academic exchange with foreign countries within the framework of international agreements and bilateral exchange programmes.

**LITHUANIAN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR APPLICANTS  
FROM THE JAPAN  
for academic year 2009-2010**

The Education Exchanges Support Foundation takes pleasure to offer scholarships for Lithuanian (Baltic) studies (3-10 months) for the overall period of 20 months to students and scientists of Japan at Lithuanian higher education and research institutions.

**Purpose**

The scholarships are designed for advanced students, postgraduates, scientists and teachers of higher education and research institutions to enable them to study or carry out research at a Lithuanian institution of higher education and research.

The scholarships are not intended for a full course of study. Normally, an academic degree or diploma cannot be obtained during the tenure of the scholarship.

**Lithuanian (Baltic) studies**

It is well known that learning a language in its natural spoken environment is always the shortest way to master it. The Lithuanian language belongs to the Indo-European family of languages. It is one of the remaining two live Baltic languages boasting of numerous archaisms, the best-retained ancient system of sounds and a number of morphological peculiarities. In this respect it is often compared with Sanskrit, ancient Greek and Latin. The Lithuanian language as a linguistic subject is studied at many universities abroad. Lithuanian language courses organized by higher education and research institutions of Lithuania attract foreign students who learn Lithuanian in their native countries and major in Lithuanian or Baltic philology, Indo-European linguistics or Lithuanian literature, researchers and lecturers interested in scientific and special literature in Lithuanian, people interested in Lithuanian and Baltic history, culture, ethnography, folklore, political and economic processes in the Baltic region.

### **Conditions**

The students shall be registered in a higher education institution in their home country, whatever his/her field of study, in order to follow higher education studies leading to a recognized degree or other recognized tertiary level qualification, up to an including the level of doctorate.

Those students who come to study in Lithuania under the Erasmus programme can't apply for the state scholarship.

### **Applicants must be nominated by the authorities in their home country.**

The final decision on the award based on recommendations of the Commission for International Studies rests with the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania. It is a condition of the award that an appropriate study programme can be arranged. It is therefore of the essential importance that a person looking for contacts with a higher education and research institution of Lithuania has a clear objective and gives a precise planning outlining the course or the programme of studies or research in Lithuania.

**Evidence of the acceptance to the host institution in Lithuania (confirmation by a Lithuanian professor that she/he will provide academic supervision for the applicant) is a prerequisite for being awarded a scholarship.**

Majority of higher education institutions of Lithuania apply to all incoming and outgoing students ECTS, developed by the Commission of European Communities. The workload of 60 ECTS credits has to be undertaken by exchange student during academic year (or 30 ECTS credits during one semester). This is fully employed while designing the courses offered in foreign languages.

### **Value**

The scholarship covers tuition fee plus a monthly allowance of 1950Lt/month (appr.565 EUR) for students of all levels and 3250 Lt/month (appr. 942 EUR) for researchers.

Upon request, the host institution provides the scholarship holder with a place in a dormitory or a university guesthouse. Requests for accommodation in the international student dormitories must be submitted well in advance before arrival. Alternatively, foreign students and researchers may consider renting an apartment in the private sector of the city. The help is available from International Relations Office staff of the relevant higher education and research institution. Accommodation fees have to be covered by scholarship holders from the scholarship received.

The scholarship is available for one person only and additional amounts for accompanying members of the family are not provided.

### **Method of application**

Applications should be prepared on special **application forms** (forms are available from the website [www.smpf.lt/scholarships](http://www.smpf.lt/scholarships)) and contain documents (in Lithuanian or English or with certified translations into one of these languages) listed below in the order given:

1. Application form.
2. Official letter of acceptance from the host institution confirming the period and the proposed

date of stay.

3. Certified copy of a diploma and/or transcripts of academic records (for students), a copy of a diploma of a research degree (for researchers).
4. Curriculum vitae.
5. Precise and detailed study or research program.
6. Two reference letters from professors of applicant's home institution.
7. Evidence of enrolment or employment at a higher education and research institution of the home country.
8. Certificate attesting the knowledge of the Lithuanian or another language acceptable for the host institution.
9. List of publications (for postgraduate students and researchers).
10. Copy of the valid travel document.

Filled in application forms with the supporting documents have to be submitted through the official home country's authorities to:

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**by 30 April 2009.**

Documents should be submitted in **two identical sets** (original and a copy). Incomplete applications will not be considered!

Commission for International Studies authorized by the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania to make recommendations concerning the award of the scholarships for foreign nationals or their acceptance for studies or research stays will consider applications of the nominees observing the requirements provided for in the call for applications. The Japanese authorities will be informed about the decision concerning the awards by **1 July 2009**.

### **General Information**

The autumn term in higher education and research institutions of Lithuania is usually September to January and spring term – February to June.

Well in advance of their entry into Lithuania nationals of Japan who have been approved for studies/research studies in Lithuania, should submit an application for a visa/residence permit to the Lithuanian diplomatic representation in their home country. Updated information about the procedure is available on the web-site: <http://www.urm.lt>