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## **Central Project Management Agency (Lithuania)**

### **SUPPORT FOR ADVANCED LEARNING AND TRAINING**

#### **(SALT III)**

#### **Cost of living scholarship scheme**

#### **Guidelines for the extension of cost-of-living scholarships for master's studies**

Deadline for submission of applications for extension:

**1 June 2026 at 23:59 (Vilnius time)**

**Reference: NDICI-GEO-NEAR/2023/444-419/PC-26461**





## How to apply for extension

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| <b>1. General information about the Cost-of-living Scholarship scheme</b> | <p>The European Union (hereinafter – EU) funding programme “Support to Advanced Learning and Training” (hereinafter – SALT III) provides support for a specifically designed cost-of living scholarship scheme for Belarusian students who have been affected, persecuted or threatened by political regime. The open call for the cost-of living scholarship/stipend (hereinafter – scholarship) for master’s studies in Czechia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland for the 2025/2026 academic year was held in June-September 2025.</p> <p>Considering the available funding, the Selection Committee decided to offer a scholarship/stipend for the next year of master's studies to candidates who passed the selection for scholarships for 2025/2026 academic year and will continue master’s studies for the 2026/2027 academic year.</p> |
| <b>2. Implementing institution</b>  | <p>The scholarship scheme is administered by Central Project Management Agency (hereinafter – CPVA), based in Vilnius, Lithuania, in collaboration with the Clearing House formed as a consortium of Belarusian Civil Society Organisations (hereinafter – CH).</p>   |
| <b>3. Contact Points in the EU Member States</b>                          | <p>The Contact Points of the participating EU Member States (hereinafter - CP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Czechia: Czech National Agency for International Education and Research, <a href="http://www.dzs.cz">www.dzs.cz</a>,</li><li>- Latvia: Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, <a href="http://www.va.lv">www.va.lv</a>;</li><li>- Lithuania: State Studies Foundation, <a href="https://vsf.lrv.lt">https://vsf.lrv.lt</a>;</li><li>- Poland: Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA), <a href="http://www.nawa.gov.pl">www.nawa.gov.pl</a>.</li></ul>   |
| <b>4. Indicative scope of the extension</b>                               | <p>The indicative budget is EUR 351,000.</p> <p>The indicative number of supported master’s students for the 2026/2027 academic year: 54.</p> <p>The CPVA reserves the right to reallocate the remaining funds.</p>   |
| <b>5. Conditions of the scholarship extension</b>                         | <p>The scholarship scheme supports Belarusian students studying in the EU member states, specifically Czechia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland, to cover living costs with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A monthly cost-of-living scholarship to cover living expenses for a master's student who has been awarded a SALT III scholarship</li></ul>  |



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|  | <p>for the 2025/2026 academic year to continue the same academic studies in the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland in the next 2026/2027 academic year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A fixed monthly scholarship of EUR 650 is paid for the actual study period during the 2026/2027 academic year, in up to 10 monthly payments per academic year at higher education institution.</li><li>- The number of months of scholarship may be reduced due to the completion of the study programme, study breaks and other study interruptions, and in case of double funding when more than one support channel from the EU or other sources is used by the students in the same academic year for the same purpose, e.g. EU Erasmus+ programme, Konstanty Kalinowski Scholarship Programme for Belarusian youth, General Anders Scholarship Programme for Polish diaspora, etc.</li><li>- Scholarships for students with active student status are paid monthly by the respective CPs in Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, and for those studying in the Czech Republic the scholarships are paid by the respective universities in accordance with signed agreements with the Czech CP.</li><li>- To get the scholarship the students have to submit all required documents or reports regarding student status and other to the relevant CP, e.g., to receive a monthly scholarship those studying in Poland must submit to the CP a university certificate every month confirming the continuation of their studies, etc. If there are delays, scholarships are paid retroactively.</li></ul> |
| <b>6. Eligibility and selection criteria</b> | <p>Eligible for the extension of scholarship for 2026/2027 academic year are Belarusian students who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Have been awarded the SALT III scholarship for the master's studies in 2025/2026.</li><li>- Be currently enrolled in the master's programme, hold an active student status for the 2025/2026 academic year and continue the same master's programme for the 2026/2027 academic year.</li><li>- Have satisfactory academic performance, with no more than one (1) outstanding academic debt from previous semesters. Any such debt must be successfully retaken at the beginning of the first semester of the 2026/2027 academic year, prior to the first scholarship payment. In cases where there is more than one academic debt, applicants must provide a strong and reasonable explanation for their eligibility for a scholarship extension</li></ul>   |



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| <b>7. Application Process</b>  | <p>The application for the extension of the scholarship shall be submitted by filling in an online form by 1 June 2026 at 23:59 (Vilnius time).</p> <p><a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctOD9h2stetD-IVRaN1DQJmRO8iiD4M5D-6LM1iB3y4x9tHg/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctOD9h2stetD-IVRaN1DQJmRO8iiD4M5D-6LM1iB3y4x9tHg/viewform</a></p> <p>The announcement of the call for extension of scholarships is published on the EU4Belarus website <a href="https://eu4belarus.info/">https://eu4belarus.info/</a> and CPVA website <a href="https://cpva.lt/en/calls-for-proposals">https://cpva.lt/en/calls-for-proposals</a>.</p> |
| <b>8. Decisions on evaluation of applications for extension</b>        | <p>Applications for extension of scholarship will be assessed upon the information provided in the application form and additional evidence, if any. The Selection Committee, involving 1 member from CH and 2 members from CPVA, makes decision upon the assessment results in the meetings. Decisions are recorded in the Minutes of the meeting. Independent external experts as observers may take part in the Selection Committee meetings without voting right.</p> <p>Preliminary, applicants will be informed about the results of the selection for scholarship extension by e-mail by 30 June 2026.</p>   |
| <b>9. Questions regarding the scholarship /stipend scheme</b>          | <p>For questions and consultations related to the guidelines for applicants and scholarship/stipend scheme implementation, please contact by email: <a href="mailto:EU4Belarus@cpva.lt">EU4Belarus@cpva.lt</a>.</p>   |
| <b>10. Career guidance and consultations</b>                           | <p>For career consultations and guidance please, contact the HelpDesk by email: <a href="mailto:scholarship@eu4belarus.info">scholarship@eu4belarus.info</a></p>  |
| <b>11. Complaints</b>  | <p>Any complaints can be submitted to the CPVA by e-mail: <a href="mailto:EU4Belarus@cpva.lt">EU4Belarus@cpva.lt</a>.</p>   |
| <b>12. Transfer and processing of personal data (GDPR)<sup>1</sup></b> | <p>Any personal data related to this support scheme, including its implementation, provided by the applicant shall be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679. Such data shall be processed solely for the purposes of the assessing and processing of applications, management and monitoring of the scholarships, and collection of feedback about the cost-of-living student scholarship scheme.</p>   |

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<sup>1</sup> General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of the European Union [General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\) – Legal Text](#)