

Launch of the annual Scholarship Programme offered by Romania, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to non-EU foreign citizens, for the academic year 2022-2023

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs launches today, December 20, 2021, the annual Scholarship Programme offered by Romania, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to foreign citizens from non-EU states, for the academic year 2022-2023, based on Government Decision no. 288/1993.

The new procedure for accessing the annual Scholarship Programme takes into account the need to adapt to the new challenges raised by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the change in the way citizens interact with public institutions, digitalization being one of the priorities both on the agenda of the European Union and the Romanian Government. Thus, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs digitized the application of foreign nationals interested in these scholarships and developed, with the support of the Executive Unit for Financing Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation (UEFISCDI) within the Ministry of Education, an online platform for uploading necessary documents. The new virtual platform is adapted to current trends and has an interface with multi-device capability for accessing information.

The Romanian Government, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is continuously working to strengthen the scholarships instrument for foreign students from outside the European Union, which aims both to develop and deepen long-term bilateral relations with the countries of origin of students, and to promote the Romanian higher education institutions worldwide.

Through the new Scholarship Programme, the MFA reiterates its constant support for an education in the spirit of intercultural understanding, knowledge and respect for fundamental human rights, as a way of combating intolerance, radicalization among young people, tensions between communities and hate speech.

At the same time, by actively promoting education as a central tool of Romania's policies for international development cooperation and by introducing the theme "education and youth" on its priority agenda, the MFA reconfirms its attachment to encouraging multiculturalism and multilingualism.

Candidates interested in the Scholarship Programme for the academic year 2022-2023 can access the online platform for submitting application files either directly at <https://scholarships.studyinromania.gov.ro/>, or by accessing the *Study in Romania* website (www.studyinromania.gov.ro) or the MFA website at <https://www.mae.ro/node/10251>.

The individual applications of the candidates can be uploaded on the online platform between December 20, 2021 - March 15, 2022. The results of the selection will be announced on July 15th 2022.

Further details on the eligibility conditions, academic degrees and required documents for the submission of applications can be accessed at the web addresses above.