

ESD scholarship program for the academic year 2015/2016

In the academic year 2015/2016 Estonian School of Diplomacy (ESD), in co-operation with the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, offers scholarships for young diplomats and civil servants to participate in the training program *International Relations and European Integration* taking place at the Estonian School of Diplomacy in Tallinn, from September 2015 until May 2016.

Eligible countries and territories for scholarship: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Egypt, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Morocco, Myanmar, Palestine Authority, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Ukraine.

Study process:

- Training course *International Relations and European Integration* with the value of 60 ECTS Credit Points starts on 15 September 2015 and ends on 31 May 2016;
- Successful students will receive the ESD Diploma and Academic Record;
- Students from Estonia and from other countries study together. Language of instruction is English;
- Lecturers come from Estonia, other EU Member States, Norway, USA and Russia;
- Detailed curriculum for 2015/2016 will be made available at [ESD website](#) from 1 April 2015;
- The training course includes three thematic modules:
 - International Relations;**
 - European Studies;**
 - Diplomatic Studies.**

Scholarship covers:

- tuition fee;
- monthly allowance (450 EUR);
- accommodation in Tallinn (incl. utilities and internet connection);
- health insurance in Estonia during the studies;
- cost of Schengen visa and Estonian residence permit;
- **scholarship does NOT cover the costs of travel to and from Tallinn.**

Eligibility:

The person applying for the scholarship:

- holds the citizenship of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Egypt, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Morocco, Myanmar, Palestine Authority, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Ukraine;
- is not older than 35 years (when applying);

- has very good command of English (speaking, reading, writing skills are required on the level of advanced);
- is currently employed by the foreign or civil service of the above listed countries and territories, and has been employed there at least one year;
- is highly motivated to learn about international relations and related disciplines. Priority will be given for the candidates strongly motivated to continue their professional careers within the service of their respective country/territory;
- is hard working, co-operative and ready for cross-cultural study environment.

Application documents:

The applicant should present:

- ESD application form (downloadable [at ESD website](#));
- CV in English;
- Motivation letter (1 page/300-400 words, explaining the reasons for applying, previous experience and how the studies will benefit the student's future development);
- copies of university transcript in (unofficial) English translation, i.e. diploma of higher education and academic record;
- copy of (international) passport;
- 1 passport-sized photograph (to be added to the application form);
- academic essay (1,300-1,500 words with references) to be written on one of the topics below:

1. Global Leadership: a Perspective
2. World Security in 10 Years Time
3. My First Year as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of my country
4. *Que vadis* Eastern Partnership?
5. Russia and China in Central Asia

Application procedure

- Application documents can be submitted from 1st April 2015 by using [Online Scholarship Application System](#) or mailed to the following address:

Estonian School of Diplomacy
2 Tõnismägi Street
10122 Tallinn
Estonia

- Application must reach ESD by **31th May**, 2015 at the latest. In case necessary telephone or interviews on Skype will be made with potential candidates.
- All candidates will be informed by e-mail about their enrolment status at the latest on **June 12, 2015**.
- Selected participants are expected to arrive to Tallinn on September 14, 2015.
- For further questions please contact Mari-Liis Mäevere mariliis.maevere@edk.edu.ee