Romanian Government Scholarship Guideline

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Scholarships for non-EU citizens – Bachelor's, Master's and PhD

Please note: this guideline was compiled from several scholarship information websites that summarise the official 2026–2027 call. The official portal itself could not be opened directly while preparing this file. Details marked "confirm" (especially stipend amounts and the 2027–2028 dates) should be checked on the official portal before you apply.

1. Overview

Each year the Romanian state, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with the Ministry of Education and Research, offers scholarships to citizens of non-EU countries to study at accredited Romanian public universities. The program runs under Government Decision no. 288/1993 and aims to internationalise Romanian higher education and promote Romanian language and culture abroad. It is commonly called the "Romania Government Scholarship".

Funding body	Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (with the Ministry of Education and Research)
Host country	Romania
Degree levels	Bachelor's, Master's and PhD
Who can apply	Citizens of non-EU countries (Pakistan is among the eligible nationalities)
Language of study	Romanian for Bachelor's and Master's; PhD may be in Romanian or a foreign language set by the doctoral school
Preparatory year	Free one-year Romanian language preparatory course for those who do not speak Romanian
Excluded fields	Medicine, Dental Medicine and Pharmacy
Application platform	scholarships.studyinromania.gov.ro (online only)
Academic year starts	Usually 1 October

2. Important Dates

Item	Date
2026–2027 call opened	16 February 2026
2026–2027 call closed	31 March 2026
2026–2027 results	Around 15 July 2026 (by email)

Item	Date
2027–2028 call	**Not yet officially published.** Expected to follow the same pattern: opening around mid-February 2027 and closing around 31 March 2027, with results around mid-July 2027 (confirm on the official portal).
2027–2028 academic year start	Expected 1 October 2027

The 2026–2027 call has closed. Applicants aiming for 2027–2028 should prepare documents now and watch the official portal for the announcement.

3. Eligibility

- You must be a citizen of a **non-EU country**. EU citizens and applicants who already hold a residence right in Romania are generally not eligible. Some categories may be excluded in a given year, so check the current call.
- You need **good academic results**: one source states a minimum average of 7 on the Romanian 1–10 scale, or equivalent "Good" standing in your own grading system (confirm in the current call).
- You must hold the qualification for your level: **secondary school diploma** for Bachelor's, **Bachelor's degree** for Master's, and **Master's degree** for PhD.
- You should be willing to study in Romanian, or to do the free one-year preparatory course.
- You must choose a field other than Medicine, Dental Medicine or Pharmacy.
- You cannot hold, or have held, a Romanian state scholarship for the same study level (reported by one source; confirm).
- **PhD applicants** need prior written agreement from a supervisor before applying.
- Several sources report there is no IELTS requirement and no age limit (confirm in the current call).

4. Benefits

- **Tuition:** full exemption from tuition and registration fees for the preparatory year (if applicable) and for the whole standard length of the degree.
- **Monthly stipend** paid in Romanian lei, with the amount set by study level. Two sources list **€65 (Bachelor's and preparatory year), €75 (Master's) and €85 (PhD)**; other sources say the exact figure is published each year. Confirm the current amounts on the official portal.
- **Accommodation:** free or subsidised places in student dormitories, subject to availability.
- **Free Romanian language preparatory year** for non-speakers.
- **Exemption** from certain administrative, testing and admission fees.

Not covered: international airfare, travel from the Romanian border to the university, visa application costs, medical insurance and personal expenses. (One site mentions a travel allowance and health insurance, but most sources say these are not covered; assume you must cover them yourself.)

5. Required Documents

The exact list is on the official platform. Commonly required items:

- Copies of academic diplomas/degrees and transcripts of previous studies
- Birth certificate (or equivalent)
- Passport copy (first three pages) or other valid ID
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Recent medical certificate confirming fitness to study and absence of communicable diseases
- For PhD: letter of intent, research proposal and the written agreement of a Romanian supervisor
- Proof of name change, if applicable; parental consent for applicants under 18
- Additional documents depending on your applicant category

Document rules

- Documents must be properly **legalised** (apostille or authentication).
- Provide certified translations into Romanian, English, French or Spanish as required.
- Scan each document separately as a PDF.
- Incomplete or late applications are not considered.

6. How to Apply

1. Create an account on the official platform **scholarships.studyinromania.gov.ro** during the open application window.

2. Fill in the online form: study level, field of study, personal and academic details and your preferred Romanian universities (one source says up to three, ranked in order).

3. Upload all required documents in the accepted format, with apostille and translations done.

4. Submit before the deadline. Applications by email or in person are not accepted.

5. A selection committee reviews the applications; results are sent individually by email (around mid-July).

6. If selected: complete enrolment at your assigned university and apply for the Romanian student visa.

Apply only through the official channel and avoid agents or third parties who charge fees to submit for you.

7. Preparation Tips

- Start early: apostille and translation can take several weeks.
- Make sure your academic average clearly meets the minimum and transcripts are complete and legible.
- Show real motivation to learn Romanian; it strengthens your application.
- PhD applicants should contact potential supervisors well before the portal opens.
- Be realistic with your choice of universities and fields; Medicine, Dental Medicine and Pharmacy are not available.
- Check every file for correctness, translation and authentication before submitting.

8. Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who can apply?

Citizens of non-EU countries who meet the academic requirements and are willing to study in Romanian.

Q. Does the scholarship cover tuition?

Yes. Tuition and registration fees are waived, and you receive a monthly stipend and dormitory access where space allows.

Q. Are flights covered?

No. International airfare is your responsibility.

Q. Can I study in English?

Bachelor's and Master's programs are generally taught in Romanian. PhD study may be in a foreign language set by the doctoral school.

Q. Which fields are not available?

Medicine, Dental Medicine and Pharmacy.

Q. Is there an application fee?

The official application is made through the government portal; avoid anyone charging fees to submit for you.

Q. Is the 2027–2028 call open?

Not yet announced as of 18 November 2026. It is expected around mid-February 2027.

9. Official Links

- Application portal: scholarships.studyinromania.gov.ro
- General information: studyinromania.gov.ro

Compiled on 18 November 2026 from public scholarship information websites (including Global Admissions, ScholarshipUnion and others) summarising the official 2026–2027 MFA call. Figures, dates and requirements can change each year; always confirm on the official Study in Romania portal.