

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

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# General information

- Objective of the Programme - enhanced human capital and knowledge base in Estonia through cooperation between Estonia and Donor States
- Total allocation 1 600 000 €
- Programme Operator: Ministry of Education and Research
- Implementing Agency: Foundation Archimedes
- Donor programme partners:
  - Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education (SIU), Norway
  - The Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS), Iceland
  - National Agency for International Education Affairs (AIBA), Liechtenstein

# Actions

- Mobility of students and staff from the HE institutions
- Cooperation projects
- Preparatory visits

# Student mobility

- Open for students from the HE institutions defined by participating countries
- All study levels (bachelor, master and doctoral studies)
- Mobility can be:
  - Study period in partner HE institutions
  - Placements in enterprises of the partner country

# Student mobility

Priorities will be given to:

- **Degree students participating in research projects** supported from the Norwegian Research Cooperation Programme (RCP);
- **Scandinavian studies, Baltic Sea area studies, specific study fields** with very rare/ narrow specialization related with the Nordic-Baltic area specifics (according to EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region);
- **Languages and cultural studies, cultural heritage;**
- **Placements in Green energy enterprises** i.e. enterprises promoting green growth - study areas such as Engineering and Technology, Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics, Agricultural Sciences, Medical Sciences etc.;
- **Placements for teacher training students** to study and practice school diversity abroad and to learn working with pupils having special educational needs, diverse cultural and religious background etc.

# Staff mobility

Open for

- teachers, trainers, managers, leaders and other staff within higher education institutions
- staff from enterprises involved in teaching/education/training activities

Priority will be given to

- **teaching assignments visits**
- **teaching assignments** for **young teachers** going abroad for the first time;
- mobility of **any staff member of the university going to other university or enterprise** or **any staff member of an enterprise going to a university or training institution**

## Mobility

- The selection of students and staff (including incoming flow) will be done by Estonian HEIs and the action scheme will follow LLP/Erasmus student/staff mobility procedures and documents.
- Placements should be **at least 1/3** of total number of student mobility.
- Teaching assignments visits should be **at least 50 %** of total number of HE staff mobility.

# Cooperation projects

- Open for schools in upper secondary level - gymnasiums and vocational schools

**Bilateral or multilateral projects** give opportunity for schools to

- learn from good practice of educational institutions in the donor country;
- take joint actions with donor country institutions
- increase the capability of school leaders, school staff and school owners.

# Cooperation projects

## **Priority themes** are

- developing the Mathematics, Science and Technology (MST) direction in schools;
- integrating the green growth and sustainability issues into teaching process;
- developing schools as environmental-friendly institutions;
- creating thematic partnerships between schools and local communities for local sustainable development;

## Cooperation projects

**Expected results** of the projects can be for example:

- road maps for sustainable development of schools;
- partnership plans for the school-community partnerships;
- methodological and learning materials for integrating environmental and green growth issues into teaching process;
- lesson/course/program plans for innovative learning in MST area;
- teacher training materials.

## Cooperation projects

Projects can involve **mobility activities** like exchanges and/or visits of

- teachers and other staff of gymnasiums and vocational schools
- representatives of school owner institutions and school councils
- academic advisors

## Preparatory visits

- The aim of preparatory visits is to support potential applicants in the preparation and development of new project plans and applications.
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- Preparatory visits will be open also for **potential applicants of RCP**

## **Calls and grants**

- Call for preparatory visits: 2012, rolling deadline
- Call for mobility action and cooperation projects: 2012 autumn, 2013, 2014
- Duration of cooperation projects up to 24 months, project grants 50 000 - 80 000 €
- 10% co-financing for project activities

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