



ESD scholarship program for the academic year 2021/2022

In the academic year 2021/2022 Estonian School of Diplomacy (ESD), in co-operation with the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, offers full scholarships for young diplomats and civil servants to participate in the Postgraduate Certificate program *International Relations and European Integration* taking place at ESD in Tallinn, from September 2021 until May 2022. Scholarship program is financed by MFA Estonia.

Study process:

- Training course *International Relations and European Integration* with the value of 60 ECTS Credit Points starts on 14 September 2021 and ends on 27 May 2022;
- Successful students will receive ESD Certificate and Academic Record;
- Students from Estonia and from other countries study together. Language of instruction is English;
- Lecturers come from Estonia, other European countries;
- Detailed curriculum for 2021/2022 will be available on [ESD website](#).

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;
- **scholarship does NOT cover the costs of travel to and from Tallinn.**

Eligibility:

The person applying for the scholarship:

- comes from a country eligible for [ODA](#);
- has at least a BA degree;
- has very good command of English (speaking, reading, writing skills are required at the advanced level);
- is currently employed by their country's/territory's foreign or civil service, and has been working there for at least one year;
- is highly motivated to learn about international relations and related disciplines. Priority will be given to 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 following topics:
 1. Impact of Covid-19 to the future of Europe
 2. China – a partner or a foe?
 3. Multilateral reset in the US - dream or reality?
 4. Is soft power a successful tool to tackle the climate crisis?
 5. Digital diplomacy – interim measure or way forward?

Application procedure

- Application documents can be submitted by using [Online Scholarship Application System](#).
- Application must reach ESD by **31 May 2021** at the latest. Skype interviews will be conducted with shortlisted candidates.
- All candidates will be informed by e-mail about their enrolment status the latest on **18 June 2021**.
- Selected participants are expected to arrive to Tallinn on September 10-12, 2021.
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