

DG Interpretation bursaries

Do you want to become a conference interpreter?

You may be eligible for a study bursary from the Directorate General for Interpretation.

IF

- you are a national of an EU Member State or of one of the candidate countries (Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia or Turkey);
- you already have a university degree or equivalent qualification, or are in the final year of a course leading to a university degree or equivalent qualification;
- you have one of the following **active languages**:
Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, French, German, Greek, Irish, Lithuanian, Maltese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovene or Turkish

and your **passive languages** and/or **retour language** are in line with the preferential profiles as published [herewith](#)

If you have any **additional languages** which would bring your combination in line with ‘the preferential profiles’ these may also be taken into account if proof is provided that this language knowledge is of an appropriate level (at least C2 CEFR) and has been tested (diploma or certificate) or confirmed by a qualified person/authority;

AND IF

You have applied or intend to apply for a full Master/postgraduate course in conference interpreting offered for the year 2017-2018 by a recognised university or university-level institution,

then you may apply for a study bursary from the Directorate General for Interpretation.

Selection procedure

In granting study bursaries, preference will be given to applicants offering [a language combination which is most suited to DG Interpretation's current and foreseeable needs](#). **Selection will be based on the applicant's language combination and on the assessment of the potential of the candidate.**

Eligible application files will be considered by the **Bursaries Evaluation Committee**, which will meet around the end of October 2017. The Committee will submit a list of possible beneficiaries to the Authorising Officer for award decision.

The award decision is final; however, questions can be sent to: scic-bursaries@ec.europa.eu

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of the selection before the end of November 2017 and short-listed applicants will receive a bursary offer.

The **amount of the bursary** will be:

- 2.400 € for those studying in a Member State;
- 1.600 € for those studying in a candidate country / non-Member State

The bursary will consist of **one single payment**.

The amount and terms of payment will be notified to successful applicants at the address stated in the application file. No payment will be made without prior proof of admission to an appropriate course.

Please, note that

- A DG Interpretation bursary is intended as a contribution towards study expenses, but not necessarily covering all costs. It can be combined with additional funds provided by the university, by the Member State or by other public or private bodies;
- DG Interpretation bursary holders can only benefit once from this scheme and may not benefit at the same time from other bursaries or allowances offered by the European Union.
- Failing to attend the course on a regular basis or abandoning the course may make you liable to repay all or part of the bursary;
- Where the Master/postgraduate course is of more than one-year duration, **only final year students will be eligible**.

How to apply for a bursary?

A [privacy statement](#) applies to the collection of personal information via this form. By clicking on the link to the application form you consent to the processing of your personal data as described.

Deadline for submissions: 15 September 2017

Complete [here](#) the inter-active application form 2017/2018 (compulsory!) and **upload all the documents listed below:**

- a copy of your passport or identity card (front and back);
- a detailed CV, in French, German or English, listing all your qualifications. The use of the [‘europass’ template](#) is compulsory;
- a short motivation letter (between 250 and 500 words), written in your mother tongue;
- a scanned copy of the completed [university recommendation form](#);
- the form related to your [bank details](#), duly signed and dated (please read carefully the instructions given in the footnotes on the form);
- the [legal entity](#) form, duly signed and dated (please read carefully the instructions given in the footnotes on the form), and
- a copy of your last university degree.

The originals of the bank details form and the legal entity form should be kept by the applicant and sent to DG Interpretation upon first request.

Please observe the deadline indicated. No dossier will be considered after this date.

Please note that if the information you provide is incorrect or misleading you may be required to refund all or part of the bursary.

The [DG Interpretation 2017 work programme](#) on financial support for training in conference interpreting and the [implementing decision](#) related to the study bursary programme may be consulted.

Questions and all correspondence relating to the bursaries scheme should be sent to:

DG Interpretation Bursaries co-ordinator

e-mail: scic-bursaries@ec.europa.eu

Please mention in every e-mail your full name.

Working for DG Interpretation

If you want to work as an interpreter for DG Interpretation, you will be required to pass an **inter-institutional accreditation test**.

Please note that receipt of a bursary does *not* confer an automatic right to be invited to sit a test.

Further information about these tests may be found on the following website: http://europa.eu/interpretation/accreditation_en.htm
