

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 language combinations:
 1. excellent command of your active language, **and** a very good passive knowledge of
 - a. at least one of the following languages: Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, **and**
 - b. of one or more of the following languages: Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Estonian, Finnish, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Romanian, Slovak, Slovene, Swedish or of the languages of a candidate country (Albanian, Macedonian, Montenegrin, Serbian or Turkish)

or

2. excellent command of two languages (to mother-tongue level) of which one is a language mentioned under 1.a above and the other one of the languages mentioned under 1.b;

or

3. excellent command of your active language and a perfect understanding of at least two of the languages mentioned under 1.a;

AND IF

You have applied or intend to apply for a full Master/postgraduate course in conference interpreting offered for the year 2015-2016 by a recognised university or university-level institution,

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

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.**

Please, note that

- Candidates who have received a bursary and pass their final examinations must undertake to sit an inter-institutional accreditation test and, if successful, to give the EU Institutions first call upon their services for a period of three years;
- 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;
- Subsequent recruitment as a freelance interpreter by DG Interpretation depends on the applicant's passing their final examinations and the relevant inter-institutional accreditation test;
- Where the Master/postgraduate course is of more than one-year duration, **only final year students will be eligible.**

Selection procedure

Eligible application files will be considered by the Bursaries Evaluation Committee, which will meet around the end of October 2015. 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 2015 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.

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: 16 September 2015

Complete [here](#) the inter-active application form 2015/2016 (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;
- the [university admission certificate](#);
- 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 university admission certificate, 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 2015 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*.

Information about Higher Education Institutes (HEIs)

A [list of HEIs](#) with which DG Interpretation has regular contacts is available on our website. This is not an exhaustive list of institutions offering postgraduate training in conference interpreting.

You may also wish to learn about the European Masters in Conference Interpreting ([EMCI](#)), an intensive postgraduate course offered by a number of HEIs.

If the HEI which has accepted you does not appear on the list, and if requested, you must be able to submit a detailed description of the institution, the course structure and the nature of the training offered. If, in the light of this information, DG Interpretation considers the training provided by the course inadequate, your application may be refused. DG Interpretation's decision on this matter is final. The definition of the Master's programme, which appears on the EMCI website (see above), is a useful guide for judging whether the training is suitable.

Working for DG Interpretation

If you want to work as an interpreter for DG Interpretation, you will be required to pass a test. Further information about these tests may be found on the following website: http://europa.eu/interpretation/accreditation_en.htm
