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Department of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation

The Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, pursuant to Articles 8, 10 and 11 of the Law no. 06 / L-113 on the Organization and Functioning of the State Administration and Independent Agencies (Official Gazette no. 7/01 March 2019), Article 11 paragraph 1.5 of Law for the Government of the Republic of Kosova (Official Gazette no. 34/18 November 2022) pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 1.7, article 8 and appendix 7 of the Regulation (GRK) no. 14/2023 on the areas of administrative responsibility of the Prime Minister's Office and Ministries dated 09.08.2023, article 32, paragraph 4 of Law 04/L-037 on Higher Education in the Republic of Kosova dated September 14th, 2011, and article 10 of Administrative Instruction no. 20/2023 dated 04.08.2023 on the Creation of Student Financial Support Schemes for the allocation of scholarships and the Minister's Decision, no. 01-143 dated 16.09.2025 (issuing:

**CALL**

**For financial support for doctoral degree**

Kosovar students pursuing doctoral studies at the 500 best universities in the world according to the 2025/2026 "Shanghai" list are invited to compete for financial support for a doctoral degree in the annual amount of 8,500.00 euros. The competition is public, applies to candidates who are citizens of the Republic of Kosovo, taking into account the promotion of gender, ethnic, religious and racial equality. To apply to this call, interested candidates must meet the following conditions:

* The applicant must be citizen of the Republic of Kosova;
* The host university must be in the list of the top 500 universities in the world according to the Shanghai ranking list;
* Applications are accepted even in cases where the University is not in the top 500, but the field of study is in the top 100.
* Priority is given to applicants who do not have a partial scholarship from any scheme/institution within or outside the country;
* Priority is given to students studying at the highest ranked universities in the international ranking of the host university;
* The applicant must have an active bank account in the Republic of Kosovo in their personal name.

**Documents that are required:**

* CV (Biography);
* Copy of ID or passport of the Republic of Kosova;
* Proof from the host university where the applicant is pursuing doctoral studies in the academic year 2025/2026;
* If applicable, a certificate from the local institution where the applicant is employed, along with an explanation of whether or not the applicant is supported financially for the completion of the doctoral studies;
* Declaration under oath certified by the notary **(for candidates who are not employed);**
* Proof that the applicant does not receive financial support from the host university;
* **Students who are not in the first year of doctoral studies** must provide evidence of exams taken or equivalent achievement in the doctoral program (e.g., research projects as part of the doctoral thesis, scientific publications, presentation of research work at relevant scientific conferences or similar). This is proven by an original document signed and stamped by university authorities.

**Additional clarifications about the application:**

* The application must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "*Application* *for financial support for* *doctorate degree"* to the address str. “Agim Ramadani” MESTI - office archive no. 4.
* Applicants who lack one of the required documents, are disqualified.
* Applications after the deadline specified according to this competition, are not accepted.
* Documents that are not in one of the official languages ​​of the Republic of Kosovo must be translated by an authorized translator of the Albanian language.
* Applicants who have already submitted their dissertation topic and are awaiting its defense will not be supported.
* Applicants who have full financial support/scholarship from any other scheme within or outside the country will not be supported.
* After the completion of the selection process, the applicants will sign the declaration of commitment of meeting conditions and obligations of this financial support.
* Beneficiary students are expected to submit in MESTI the copy of the ID card and the bank confirmation for the active personal account.
* The decision on the beneficiaries of financial support for a doctorate will be published on the MESTI website.

**The call will be open from 29.09.2025, until 17.10.2025, at 16:00.**