

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Can I work full time and attend a part-time master program?

NO.

The programme attended must be a full-time programme. Part-time programmes are not accepted.

2. Can I apply for the EU scholarship to study in the UK?

NO.

*EU Scholarship Programme **does not** award any grant to be used in the UK.*

3. Do I have to bring the required documents for the application to your office or is the online application enough?

NO.

You do not have to bring any documents to the office. Applicants must upload all their documents on the portal during online application.

4. I received a scholarship in 2017 and completed my postgraduate studies in Italy. Am I eligible to apply for another scholarship for this academic year?

YES.

*Those who benefitted from the EU Scholarship Programme before (**except** in academic years **2022/23 and 2021/22**) are eligible to re-apply. A **score reduction methodology** will apply to these applicants. Please refer to **Annex 7** for detailed information.*

5. The subject I want to study is not in the Priority Subject list. Can I still apply for the Scholarship Programme?

There is no limit on the choice of subjects. Applicants are welcome to apply in any subject they want.

6. In the guidelines under Written Tests it states that we can choose to write the motivation letter either in English or Turkish. Would it be to my advantage if I take the exam in English?

NO.

The tests can be taken either in English or Turkish language. The choice of language will not bring any advantage to the applicant. However, once you submit your online application, you cannot change your choice of language of the tests.

7. How do I prove that I studied 7 years in Cyprus?

You can prove 7 years of education by transcripts showing each academic year or another official document from your school. Alternatively, we have a **template** on our Goethe Application Portal (GAP) for this purpose. You can print it and ask the school management to complete and sign it for you.

8. How do I prove that I have 3 years working experience in northern part of Cyprus?

There are a few ways of proving your employment depending on your employment type. Please check **Section 5** of the Guidelines for details.

9. I was not born in Cyprus but my mother/father was, am I eligible to apply?

YES.

If the applicant was not born in Cyprus but one of his/her parents is, then the applicant is eligible to apply.

10. What is the amount of scholarship I get if I am awarded?

The grant amount depends on certain factors such as the duration of the programme, the EU country chosen and cost of the programme. Please see **Section 1** of the Guidelines for details.

11. I was awarded the EU Scholarship last academic year (2022/23) but had to withdraw from the programme. Can I apply again? If yes, will 'score reduction methodology' apply to me?

You can apply for this academic year because you withdrew from the Programme last academic year and did not use the grant. Therefore, score reduction methodology **will not apply** to you.

12. I want to apply for the EU scholarship but I have not decided about which EU country I should study in. It can be Holland, Belgium or Germany. Can I change my country choice after I submit my application?

YES.

Although you must choose the EU country you want to go for your studies during online application, you have time to change your country choice until you sign the grant contract. Please see **Section 7** of our Guidelines for details.

13. How can I prepare for the written tests?

Please see **Annex 3** of the Guidelines for details on written tests and the sample questions.

14. I am a final year high school student, can I apply for a language course for 6 months?

NO.

Final year high school students can apply for a language course but it must be for one academic year, i.e. 10 months. Please refer to PD/UG Guidelines for more information.

15. I am not sure of the subject I want to study. I am in between two subjects. Can I change my subject after I submit my online application?

*In order to change the subject initially written on the application form to another, applicants should get the approval of EU Scholarship Programme. For this, applicants should write an e-mail to euscholarships-cyprus@goethe.de explaining their reasons of wanting the change. **If approved**, subject can be changed. Please see **Section 7** of the Guidelines for details.*

16. I am a student in Spain. Shall I provide a certificate of residence from Cyprus or Spain?

All applicants should provide a certificate of residence from Cyprus. The date on the certificate should not be older than year 2022.

17. I am eligible both for STP and PG categories. Can I apply for a short-term programme and later change it to a postgraduate programme?

NO.

Applicants can only apply for one category only and they cannot change their category after the submission of their online application.

18. If I am awarded the EU Scholarship grant, can I use it next year?

*The EU Scholarship grant cannot be postponed. It must be used within the period specified. Applicants applying for a short-term programme, however, can start their programme in year 2024 (the next year) on the condition that they complete their programme on 15 September, 2024. See **Section 1** of our Guidelines for more details.*

19. I was born in Cyprus and I have 7 years of education here but I do not have an EU passport. Can I still apply?

YES.

*Applicants do not have to have EU passport to apply. If you meet the eligibility criteria mentioned in **Section 2** of the Guidelines, you can apply. Please note that applicants without EU passports will need a visa to enter the EU country. Obtaining the visa is the applicants' own responsibility.*

20. How will I know if I will be invited for the written tests?

All applicants will be invited to the written tests. After the applications closed, an e-mail will be sent to all applicants giving detailed information about the written tests.

21. I want to apply for a short-term programme. The eligibility criteria is that I must have minimum 3 years of work experience in northern part of Cyprus. I have 8 years of work experience but not in northern part of Cyprus. I only have 2 years of work experience here. Will I be eligible?

NO.

The work experience should be cumulatively three years in the northern part of Cyprus between January 2018 and April 2023.

22. Can I use my ID from northern part of Cyprus to apply or do I need a passport?

Applicants can apply with an ID from northern part of Cyprus or any other country. Applicants can also apply with any passport. Having an EU passport is not a requirement for applying to the EU Scholarship.

23. What documents do I need to apply?

*Each category requires different documents. Please refer to **Annex 5** of the Guidelines for a list of documents required from each category.*

24. Do I have to prepare my motivation letter before or shall I write it on the test day?

Motivation Letter will be written on the test day, not before.

25. How do I know if my subject is a Priority Subject Area or not?

*Please check the list of Priority Subject Areas in **Section 1** of the Guidelines.*

26. I cannot find my subject on the application portal, what do I do?

*If your subject is not listed, click **'other'** at the bottom of the drop down menu on the application portal, and write your subject in the space provided.*

27. Do I need to translate the required documents before uploading to the application portal?

NO.

There is no need for the translation of the documents.

28. Can I make 2 different applications for 2 different categories?

NO.

Applicants can only make one application.

29. I am not sure how to do the online application. Where can I find more information?

Please refer to **Annex 2 Step by Step Guide** for the online application.

30. Do I have to have an acceptance letter from a university before making my application for the EU Scholarship Programme?

NO.

You don't need an acceptance letter to apply for the EU Scholarship Programme. However, we strongly advise you to start your university search and applications to universities as early as possible in the Scholarship application process.

31. Do you provide counselling services in finding host-institutions?

NO.

It is the scholars' responsibility to find their own host-institution. The EU Scholarship Programme Team does not provide counselling services.