Scholarships and Funding

Scholarships administered directly by FSV UK

Development Scholarships
These university scholarships for students from developing and transition countries are directly administered by Charles University. The Development Scholarships are available for any degree programme at the Faculty of Social Sciences. They offer students a 50% waiver of school fees for a maximum of two years (Master’s programmes) or three years (Bachelor’s programmes), plus a one-off lump sum payment to cover the basic living costs.

For the academic year 2017/18 we were able to provide approximately 7 of these scholarships across all of our fee based programmes. The application deadline is 30th April 2017. Applications should be sent to FSV UK, together with an application for study. In principle, it is possible for students to hold the scholarship for up to two or three years, but because funding is provided on a year-by-year basis, we can initially only guarantee funding for the first year of studies.

Find further details about Development Scholarships here.

SEC Programme
Tuition fee for the Sociology in European Context programme is 4 000 EUR per year. For students from countries with a lower gross national income (GNI) per capita we offer a scholarship 2 000 EUR per year.

Scholarships not administered by FSV UK

Government Scholarships
Czech Government scholarships for developing countries, funded and administered by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport: FSV UK is not part of this scheme at the moment although the discussions with the Ministry about our study programmes being included are ongoing. You will find more information about the currently eligible programmes on the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport website.

International Visegrad Fund Scholarships
The International Visegrad Fund (IVF) is a joint initiative of the governments of the four Visegrad Group countries (Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary). It offers scholarships for study abroad, both to students from within the Visegrad group, and to neighbouring countries like Belarus and Ukraine.
The International Visegrad Fund Scholarships are available for any degree programme at FSV UK. They comprise of a fixed-rate contribution of 3000 EUR towards school fees (paid direct to the university), plus two lump-sum payments (one for each semester) to help with living costs. Because school fees at FSV UK are higher than the contribution from IVF, students will be expected to cover the balance of our standard school fee from other funds. Most years we accept 5-6 students with IVF funding. Application deadlines vary, depending on the exact sub-programme students are planning to use. Applications should be made direct to IVF. Scholarships are normally awarded for one year only, so students should expect that they will have to fund their second year of study from elsewhere.

Students who wish to make parallel applications for both an IVF scholarship, and one of our own Development Scholarships are free to do so, but it is our policy that we will not pay out a Development Scholarship to someone who is also receiving funding from IVF. In the event that students succeed with both applications, then, they will have to choose. Further details are on the IVF website.

Special note for US applicants
We are aware that nowhere above do we make any mention of the standard US student loan programmes administered by the US Department of Education, on which most US students depend to fund their studies (whether at home or abroad). This is not an omission. It is, rather, a reflection of the fact that, unfortunately, we are not currently registered with USDE, either as FSV UK, or at the central level as Charles University. We are also well aware that some of our Medical Faculties do have this registration, which causes much confusion among our applicants. The reason for this anomaly is that the Medical Faculties registered with USDE in the 1990s, when the bureaucracy involved in registering as a foreign entity was relatively simple. However, the rules have since changed, making it extremely complicated for a large historic university like ours to gain a new USDE code. Thus, while we do return to the question of registering with USDE periodically, we regret that at present we are not able to offer this facility. In answer to another commonly asked question: we also regret it is not possible to use one of the Medical Faculty codes to study at FSV UK, since this would be a clear breach of the terms of their registration with USDE.