

INFORMATION ON AWARDING

OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LANGUAGE COURSES ABROAD



Why does Renovabis award scholarships for language courses?

The solidarity initiative of the German Catholics with the people in Central and Eastern Europe sees the award of scholarships for language courses abroad (preferably in Germany) as a chance to promote the qualification of partners and to stimulate and enhance the exchange within the world Church at the same time.

Who can receive a scholarship for a language course?

Renovabis awards scholarships for language courses to priests, candidates for the priesthood, religious and laity from Central and Eastern European countries, who either wish to acquire language skills

a) For better performance of their **ministry or vocation in their home country** (not: In preparation for pastoral ministry / mission abroad), or

b) Need language skills for research **as part of their studies either in their home country or, where applicable, in a third country**. Important: Renovabis cannot grant scholarships for preparatory language courses for studies abroad.

For a better understanding, we will explain it with 3 examples:

- 1.) A person who comes from Poland and is enrolled at a university in Poland, but needs English literature for his/her research, is eligible to apply for a scholarship for a language course, for example, in Ireland.
- 2.) A person who comes from Croatia and studies theology in Italy, but wishes to receive German-language literature for his/her research is eligible to apply for a scholarship for a language course in Germany.
- 3.) A person who comes from Belarus and plans to study or to promote in Italy, but does not yet fulfill the necessary language requirements and therefore wishes to do a preparatory language course, is not eligible to apply for a scholarship for a language course. In this case, a scholarship application is not possible before he starts studying.

A letter of recommendation from the bishop of your home diocese or your religious superior/s is a basic requirement.

Is a participation in the costs expected?

The scholarships for language course cannot cover all costs. An appropriate cost sharing of the diocese or the province and the scholarship holder is expected. The sum must be stated in the application.

Are travel expenses borne?

Travel expenses are not borne by Renovabis. They are part of the own contribution.

How to apply for a scholarship?

To apply for a scholarship, please use the appropriate application form on the Renovabis homepage. The application written in German or English must be received by mail not later than three months before the start of the course at the registered office of Renovabis.

How are scholarships granted and paid?

The **Scholarship Award Letter** is usually sent to the bishop of the home diocese or the religious superior. He/she will be responsible for notifying the scholarship holder of the Scholarship Award Letter as well as for making the payment. The conclusion of a project agreement goes along with the Scholarship Award Letter.

The **payment** is made in one installment. After completion of the language course, you must submit a copy of the proficiency certificate obtained after completion of the course, a financial statement as well as all original supporting documents regarding expenditure for the course fee, accommodation and travel expenses. All documents and / or their respective translations must be sent in German, English or Italian to Renovabis.

For further inquiries do not hesitate and contact our office. They will be pleased to answer all your questions.