

VAVROUŠEK SCHOLARSHIP – CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Department of Development & Environmental Studies, through the Vavroušek Scholarship, contributes to the costs of students' "activities abroad" (such as internships or research stays) and "activities in the Czech Republic" (such as the organization of educational workshops or educative campaigns).

The completed application form must be sent via email to the address martin.schlossarek@upol.cz until 5th May of the respective year for "summer call" and until 20th November of the respective year for "winter call" (the subject of the email: Vavroušek Scholarship Proposal).

Obligatory personal interviews with applicants are held on the second Friday of May from 10 a.m. ("summer call") and on the last Friday of November from 10 a.m. ("winter call") at the Department of Development & Environmental studies.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS:

- At the time of application and implementation, the applicant must be a student at the Department of Development & Environmental Studies.
- Applicant must complete and submit the proposal on time.
- "Activities abroad" must be implemented in countries outside the OECD or Mexico. Students cannot implement it in their own country of citizenship or origin.
- "Activities in the Czech Republic" must be planned, organized, and implemented dominantly by students of the Department.
- Consultation with the Department of Development Studies academic staff is highly recommended.
- We have the right to accept the application conditionally (i.e., we have the right to require the fulfillment of certain conditions before providing the scholarship).

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF RECEIVED PROPOSALS:

- Benefit for student
- Benefit for the Department of Development and Environmental Studies
- Benefit for the host institution and/or local community
- Effectivity of the use of financial support (cost versus benefit)
- Ability of the applicant to co-finance the activities from other sources
- Applicants applying for the Vavroušek scholarship several times are disadvantaged. Those concerned have to choose a different partner organization or country than in the previous application(s), or we will disqualify them.
- Applicants who apply for the "activities abroad" call of the Vavroušek scholarship with a planned internship/research stay shorter than five weeks will be disadvantaged.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Before receiving the scholarship, the student must sign the contract, which specifies the duties and rights of the student and the Department. A final report with photo documentation must be submitted to the Department within one month after the end of all activities.

Students must organize at least two presentations on the outcomes of the activities. Below are recommendations for target groups and formats of the presentations.

1. Presentation primarily targeted at students of the Department of Development & Environmental Studies/UPOL (e.g., article in the UP Journal, lecture within UPOL, an exhibition of photographs).
2. Presentation primarily targeted the public in the Czech Republic or the country of origin (e.g., an article in local/national newspapers or magazines, a public lecture).
3. Presentation primarily targeted potential students of the Department of Development & Environmental Studies/UPOL (presentation or lecture in secondary school, an article in secondary school magazine, or a magazine of different university/faculty).

We will send 70% of the scholarship before the activities start. We will send the remaining 30% of the scholarship after submission of the final report and after at least two presentations on the outcomes of the activities will be done.

If a student breaches the rules stated above or in the contract, he/she shall be liable to refund the scholarship or its part according to the decision of the Department.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Martin Schlossarek (martin.schlossarek@upol.cz).

IMPORTANT NOTE: BE AWARE THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGES EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTHS OF THE YEAR: APRIL, MAY, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER.