

The State Studies Foundation (SSF) administers financial support for Lithuanian students.

Financial support:

- State-sponsored loans to pay the cost of studies;
- Social scholarship. Its amount is 299.00€ per month, and it can be received by all students of the first, second, third cycle, integral and professional studies of Lithuanian and foreign higher education institutions operating in Lithuania, who meet the criteria at the time of the application for a social scholarship;
- Study grant. State support for those with the highest evaluations who entered non-state funded study places;
- Project "Kitas100". The support to those who are going to study or who are studying in the world's best higher education institutions;
- Targeted payments. Targeted payments (184 € per month) are available to students of higher education institutions operating in Lithuania and subsidiaries of foreign higher education institutions who have a disability and meet the established requirements;
- Support according to the project "Reimbursing the cost of studies for students not financed by the state". Students of first-cycle, second-cycle and integrated studies who are not financed by the State are compensated for the price they paid for their studies, which is not higher than the standard price of studies approved by the Minister of Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Lithuania;
- The SSF organizes a competition, the winners of which receive funding for the implementation of students' civic, scientific, entrepreneurial, creative, and sports projects;
- The SSF administers three types of financial support for pedagogy students.

In addition to financial support, please find below other types of support offered in Lithuania:

- Many higher education institutions already have an employee (full-time/part-time or with assigned functions) who is dedicated only to persons with disabilities for counselling, helping to organize the study process, acting as an intermediary between the student and the teacher, discussing what/how much/how assistance is needed and how it can be offered);
- Higher education institutions have student mentors/consultants (especially important for 1st year students) who assist in all matters important to the student (i.e. explanations of the lecture schedule, dormitory issues, etc.);
- Higher education institutions adapt their infrastructure to the extent possible (e.g. ramps for wheelchairs, adapted tables, chairs for the disabled, reading equipment in libraries that enlarges the font), they also hire sign interpreters, persons for note-taking during lectures, etc.

The Ministry of Education, Science and Sport is preparing a Plan for the Social Dimension (based on the experience of other countries), which will cover not only issues of financial support for students, but also other issues, discussing the current situation of students with disabilities and students from vulnerable groups as well as the ways and measures how to improve it.

Resumo LT:

O Ministério da Educação, Ciência e desporto desenvolveu um Plano no âmbito da ação social, com base na experiência de outros países.

A *State Studies Foundation* (SST) administra o apoio financeiro aos estudantes que assume diferentes tipologias:

- Empréstimos cofinanciados pelo estado para suportar os custos dos estudos;
- Bolsa social no valor de 299 €, por mês, que é aplicada ao 1º, 2º e 3º ciclo de estudos e aos estudantes que detenham os critérios de elegibilidade;
- Bolsa de estudos, para todos os estudantes com as melhores avaliações e que estudam em Instituições não estatais;
- Projeto “KITAS100”, para apoio aos estudantes que estão a estudar nas melhores instituições mundiais de ES;
- Pagamentos específicos, no valor de 184 €, por mês, para estudantes com necessidades especiais;
- Reembolsos a estudantes do 1º, 2º e 3º ciclo que não são financiados pelo Estado, por compensação dos valores pagos para estudarem, pelo valor base standard dos valores estabelecidos pelo Ministério da Educação, Ciência e Desporto da Lituânia;
- A maior parte das IES dispõem de um colaborador para apoio aos estudantes com necessidades especiais, para aconselhamento, apoio na organização dos estudos, funciona como um intermediário entre estudante e docentes. Dispõem, ainda, em caso de necessidade, de equipamento e infraestruturas adequadas a necessidades especiais, incluindo equipamento de leitura, tradutor/interprete de linguagem gestual e pessoas para tomarem notas durante as aulas;
- Dispõem, ainda, de mentores, consultores, para apoio aos estudantes em todas as matérias transversais á sua integração no meio académico, social e pedagógico.