

Country: Romania (RO)

In order to ensure equal access and participation in higher education, the Romanian Ministry of Education implements the following measures in close cooperation with other governmental institutions and universities:

- Subsidized places are assigned to each public university.
- Dedicated places, subsidized from the state budget for high school graduates from rural areas. The dedicated places are allocated on annual basis to each public university.
- Social scholarships. Public universities are receiving financial allocations from the state budget for providing to students from lower socio-economic and marginalised areas monthly financial allocations. At least 30% of the scholarship fund allocated to universities is designated for the category of social scholarships.
- Subsidies for accommodation and meals are provided from the state budget to each public university.
- Subsidies for railway transport are also allocated to each student enrolled in universities.
- Subsidies for medical insurance are allocated to each student from the state budget.
- Grants for students at risk - through Romania Secondary Education Project (ROSE). Grants are awarded to faculties from public universities selected taking into account the number of students at risk, as well as the dropout rate after the first year of study or the undergraduate fields attended. The beneficiaries of this funding scheme are students at risk enrolled in the first year of undergraduate studies, especially those at high risk of dropping out. At the same time, within the Competitive Grants - Learning Centres scheme of the ROSE project, fully equipped learning spaces are created, intended for individual or assisted study, especially for first year undergraduate students, as an additional support mechanism for students at risk.
- In addition, the higher education institutions may grant, apart from the approved school enrolment, at least one tuition free place to the high school graduates who obtain the baccalaureate diploma coming from placement centres.
- The higher education institutions may develop other specific measures targeting students from lower socio-economic and marginalised areas from their own budgets such as providing electronic devices, paid Internet services, etc.
- Public universities benefit from a separate fund for institutional development. One of the areas for which institutional development projects can be submitted is to increase social equity and inclusion, and access to higher education, including those related to career counselling and guidance.
- At the level of each higher education institution, Career Counselling and Orientation Centres operates (Ministerial Order no. 650 / 2014 for approval of the Framework).
- Methodology for organization and functioning of Career Counselling and Orientation Centres in Romanian higher education system – (In Romanian: https://www.edu.ro/sites/default/files/fi%C8%99iere/Invatamant-Superior/2016/studenti/OM_650_2014%20Metodologie%20cadru_centre_consiliere_si_orientare_in_cariera_CCOC.pdf).
- The activity of these centres also involves offering counselling and psychological evaluation services.

Resumo RO:

Apoios atribuídos:

- Vagas subvencionadas com apoio financeiro.
- Vagas, especiais, financiadas para estudantes oriundos de áreas rurais, atribuídas às IES públicas anualmente.
- Bolsas sociais - as universidades públicas recebem uma alocação financeira mensal do estado de pelo menos 30%, para apoio a estudantes oriundos de meios socio economicamente desfavorecidos e de zonas marginalizadas.
- Apoio financeiro para alojamento, alimentação, transportes, seguro médico.
- Bolsas para estudantes em risco – bolsas atribuídas a faculdades de universidades públicas, com base no nº de estudantes em risco sinalizados, bem como com insucesso no 1º ano de estudos.
- As IES, podem atribuir, a oferta de uma propina a estudantes do ensino secundário que sejam oriundos de centros de acolhimento.
- Podem, igualmente, atribuir, do seu orçamento a estudantes socio economicamente desfavorecidos, equipamento eletrónico, pagar Internet ...
- As universidades públicas beneficiam de um fundo especial para o desenvolvimento institucional, no qual se inserem os projetos de equidade social e inclusão e acesso ao ES, aconselhamento de carreira e orientação.
- Existem Centros de *Career Counselling and Orientation* em cada IES (*Ministerial Order 650/2014*) que incluem atividades de apoio e aconselhamento psicológico e serviços e de avaliação.

