

SEMESTER ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP
INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Through its English Opens Doors Program, the Chilean Ministry of Education would like to inform foreign higher education institutions of the conditions and benefits of its Semester Abroad Scholarship¹.

This is a scholarship for undergraduate students in initial teacher education programs who seek a degree in EFL (English as a Foreign Language) teaching. Its objective is to enhance the training of future EFL teachers in order to improve the teaching of the English language in Chile and promote international exchange.

The scholarship provides the following:

- 1.** Round trip airfare in Economy Class from Santiago, Chile to the foreign HE institution
- 2.** A monthly stipend of US\$ 1,500 (approx.) for a maximum period of 6 months
(The stipend is deposited monthly into the scholar's personal checking account. The scholar is responsible for paying for accommodation, meals and transportation)
- 3.** Health insurance for a maximum period of 6 months at a maximum of US\$800 per semester (The cost of the health insurance is reimbursed to the scholar and deposited into their personal checking account or it can be charged directly to the Ministry of Education at a maximum of US\$800 per semester)
- 4.** Visa processing fees
(The cost of the visa is reimbursed and deposited into the scholar's personal checking account)
- 5.** Allowance for study materials US\$300
(This amount is deposited just one time into the scholar's personal checking account)
- 6.** Tuition and enrollment fees (if applicable)
(The Ministry of Education will pay a sum up to USD\$12,000.- per semester) (More information below)

¹ This document **only** applies to independent applications – made by the students themselves - where there is no fee waiver agreement between the Chilean University and the foreign HE institution.

Payment of Tuition and Fees

Due to our policies, tuition and fees are paid once the scholars start their semester abroad. From the moment we receive the electronic invoice, the wire transfer takes approximately 1 month to be processed. The Ministry of Education will pay a sum up to USD\$12,000.- per student.

The Ministry of Education can be charged tuition, fees and health insurance worth up to US\$800. If the cost of the premium is higher than US\$800, the scholar will pay the remaining balance.

Invoice Guidelines

In order to process tuition and fee payments, invoices should contain the following information:

- (1) Name of the scholar(s)
- (2) Chilean scholar(s) ID number
- (3) Chilean scholar(s) Address
- (4) A brief description of the course taken by the scholar, including start and end dates.
- (5) Amount to be paid (excluding accommodation, meals and transportation)
- (6) Bank information for transfer of funds

We strongly suggest sending us a draft of the invoice, so that we can make any necessary changes, before the final invoice is sent.

If the foreign HE institution has more than one Chilean scholar, all of their names should be included on one single invoice.

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I have read and understand the information contained in the present document.

Signature:

Date: