

Call for applications for funding the visits of foreign guest lecturers and practitioners in 2026

Funded activities

The funding is allocated to Lithuanian higher education institutions (hereinafter referred to as higher education institutions) that host guest lecturers and practitioners from foreign states (hereinafter referred to as foreign lecturers) under study programmes, subjects, or modules that are an integral part of the implemented study programme.

Eligible participants

Highly qualified lecturers and scientists from foreign higher education and research institutions, as well as practitioners who do not work at scientific or academic institutions, except Russian and Belarusian citizens.

Eligible applicants

Lithuanian higher education institutions.

Requirements and priorities

We would like to note that this invitation is for the calendar year 2026, and there will be no other invitation that year.

The following requirements and priorities are needed:

- The funding is allocated to the Lithuanian higher education institutions that invite foreign lecturers for academic activities. The activities will be implemented **in the calendar year 2026**, i.e., **from 1 January 2026 to 15 December 2026 inclusive**.
- The duration of the funded lecturing visit is **from 5 to 15 days of work with students** (hereinafter referred to as days of lecturing). Days of the visit during which no work with students is carried out shall not be funded.
- The workload of the foreign lecturer **per day** of lecturing must **not be less than 2 hours of contact work with students**. The working hours comprise formally scheduled direct communication between the lecturer and the students but do not include distance (online) training, except in cases approved by the Minister of Education, Science and Sport (Order of the Minister of 17 January 2017, No. V-18, [On the Approval of the Description of the Procedure for Allocating State Budget Funds for Higher Education Institutions that Invite Foreign Guest Lecturers and Practitioners](#) (hereinafter referred to as the Order of the Minister)), which allows distance (online) training due to the military actions of the Russian Federation in Ukraine if the foreign lecturer is a citizen of Ukraine and is unable to come to Lithuania because of martial law in Ukraine. In such cases, the foreign lecturer's remote work shall be counted as part of the visit period, for which full funding shall be provided.
- Additional activities of the lecturer, such as public lectures, research work, and the training of academic and administrative personnel, as well as other activities that are beneficial for the higher education institution and/or the wider society, create added value for the visit (this information must be indicated in the application and in the preliminary programme of the visit).
- Funding may be allocated for the visit of a foreign lecturer if the funds provided by the higher education institution for the visit amount to not less than 30 percent of the total costs of the visit.

Selection criteria

The selection criteria for funding the visit of a particular foreign lecturer are as follows:

- Validity of the need for and expediency of the visit of the foreign lecturer;
- The benefit of the visit for the students;
- The benefit of the visit for the higher education institution;
- The relevance of the lectured subject (module) as an integral part of the implemented study programme;
- Pedagogical, scientific, artistic, or practical experience of the foreign lecturer related to the subject being taught;
- Additional activities undertaken by the foreign lecturer during the visit;
- The foreign lecturer is of Lithuanian origin.

When ranking competing applications, the experts list them in decreasing order according to the qualitative assessment scores. A list of funded foreign lecturer visits, along with a reserve list, is then created. The reserve list may be financed if there are unused funds. An application will be considered **not funded** if the scores for the criteria of the validity and expediency of the foreign lecturer's visit, and the benefit of the visit for students, are **less than half of the possible points (0–4)** in the evaluation, or if the application receives **fewer than 36 points out of 64**.

Funding for the activity

The amount of support allocated under the competition:

- If the foreign lecturer meets the requirements established for scientists or recognized artists aspiring to work as a **professor** at the higher education institution – **EUR 490** per day of lecturing;
- If the foreign lecturer meets the requirements established for scientists or recognized artists aspiring to work as a **senior lecturer (associate professor)** at the higher education institution – **EUR 350** per day of lecturing;
- If the foreign lecturer meets the requirements established for the positions of **assistant, junior assistant, lecturer, or senior lecturer** at the higher education institution – **EUR 210** per day of lecturing.

IMPORTANT:

Due to the amendment of paragraph 1 of Article 68 of [the Law on Higher Education and Research](#), guest lecturers can **only be lecturers from other higher education and research institutions who meet the requirements of the leading researcher or recognized researcher** career stage. Lecturers who meet only the requirements for assistant, junior assistant, senior lecturer, or lecturer positions and who do not meet the requirements for the career stage of leading or recognized researcher shall not be eligible as guest lecturers.

Additionally, due to the amendment of paragraph 8 of Article 65 of the Law on Higher Education and Research, higher education institutions may establish various positions for practitioners and invite practitioners who perform practical work in organizations other than higher education and research institutions and:

- have at least **3 years** of experience in practical work related to the field of teaching;
- demonstrate **professional achievements**;
- **meet the teaching competencies** required by the higher education institution.

The support allocated under the competition is indexed at a rate of 1.5 for a foreign lecturer arriving from a country whose capital is more than 5,000 kilometres from Vilnius¹, regardless of the duration of the lecturing visit.

The funding allocated for the foreign lecturer may be used to reimburse:

- travel expenses;
- accommodation expenses;
- wages.

¹ The "Erasmus+" Distance Calculator can be used to determine the distance between the capitals: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/lt/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>.

**Applications are to be submitted only by Lithuanian higher education institutions.
Application deadline: 24 November 2025 at 12:00 p.m.**

All applicants, i.e., **Lithuanian higher education institutions**, will be notified of the results of the competition by the end of January 2026.