

Frequently Asked Questions

i.e. everything you should know

1. Who can apply?

- **I'm under 18. Can I still apply?**
 - Unfortunately, you need to be over 18 to apply. But don't worry—there will be future editions of Visegrad Summer School (VSS)!
- **Do I have to be a student?**
 - Nope! You don't need to be currently enrolled. You can already be working or even between jobs.
- **Is there a list of countries eligible to apply?**
 - Yes, the eligible countries are: (V4 countries - Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland), Ukraine, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia)
- **Can I still apply if I'm not from an eligible country?**
 - Yes, students from non-eligible countries can apply, provided they cover the €350 participation fee, as well as their own insurance and travel costs to, from, and within Kraków.
- **What are the English language requirements?**
 - The VSS program is conducted entirely in English, and we expect a strong command of both spoken and written language. This ensures that you will be able to fully benefit from the program. We do not require additional language tests, as we trust that you can accurately assess your own proficiency level.

2. Entry requirements for applicants

- **What is the application deadline?**
 - April 10, 2025, at midnight.
- **What documents do I need to submit with my application?**
 - We strongly recommend adding a CV and recommendation(s), but the content of the application is the most important part. You can add your CV and recommendations directly to the application form by logging in to it from your Google account. To do this, use this link: <https://forms.gle/Wpg3BW5tf9asxDqZA>
 - If you do not have a Google account, complete the application form available at this link:

<https://forms.gle/R72xyqR5ReMwbJn58> and then send us attachments by e-mail: summerschool@villa.org.pl.

- **Is there a participation fee?**
 - Yes, **the recruitment fee is €150**. The enrollment fee is paid after admission to VSS as a confirmation of participation. Once the results are announced, each accepted applicant must transfer the fee to the designated bank account.
- **May I apply for a refund?**
 - Recruitment fees can be invoiced to your employer or home university. If this option isn't available and you need support, please mention it in the additional information section of your cover letter. VSS is a life-changing project, and our team strives to provide as many opportunities as possible. In such cases, a refund may be possible based on your application, motivation, and personal circumstances (usually, one or two applicants receive this benefit).
- **Can I pay by credit card?**
 - Unfortunately, no. You can do it via bank transfer. However, if this is not possible, contact us, and we will find a fitting solution.

3. Post-application period

- **How long will it take until I know if I've been accepted?**
 - The first round of results will be published no later than the first week of May 2025. Then, depending on the confirmation from accepted participants and resignations (or lack of reply), we will publish the next lists (each week).
- **How will I be notified about the outcome of my application?**
 - You will receive **an email at the address you provided when submitting your application**, along with two additional notifications on the third and fifth days after the results are announced. We also encourage you to follow the official project page on Facebook - [Visegrad Summer School](#), where we will keep you updated on important information regarding this year's program. By following the page, you won't miss any key updates!
- **Will I get a refund if I withdraw from the project?**
 - That depends on the time and reason for withdrawal. We cannot afford resignations made a few days before VSS starts. The fee guarantees your arrival.

4. Questions regarding visa

- **Do I need a visa to participate in the Visegrad Summer School?**

- This depends on citizenship and bilateral regulations between Poland and your country of origin. If you need a visa, make an appointment at the nearest consular office as soon as possible. We will issue a letter of invitation to support your application.
- **What if they deny me a visa?**
 - Usually, there is no refusal; however, it may be tough to make an appointment in an embassy or consulate. Be prepared to contact the respective section as soon as you get acceptance information. Also, check the procedure while applying so you are aware of the requirements.
- **If my visa is refused, can I get a refund on my fee?**
 - Yes, we will make a refund.
- **When should I apply for a Visa Letter?**
 - As soon as you receive information about your application's acceptance, please inform us about your visa situation (*if this is the case*). Our VSS will get back to you with an invitation letter signed by the board of the Villa Decius Association.
- **Are there any other requirements upon arrival?**
 - You need to provide us with a copy of your insurance – just in case anything happens.

5. Accommodation & Board

- **Is the cost of accommodation covered by the Organizer?**
 - Yes, the cost of accommodation is covered by the Organizer. You will stay at [Krakowiak Hostel](#).
- **What about meals?**
 - The organizer provides meals. If you have special food requirements (diet type, intolerances), you should indicate this in the application.

6. Before arrival and during VSS

- **Do I need to arrange my own travel to and from Kraków?**
 - Yes, you need to arrive in Krakow on Sunday, June 29, at the latest at 4.30 pm. You can check in at the Krakowiak Hostel starting at 7 a.m. On Sunday, we are having a kickoff meeting and welcome dinner in Villa Decius at 6 pm.
- **Are there any sightseeing or cultural activities planned in the city?**
 - Yes, the weekend is dedicated to sightseeing. The organizers have planned various activities, including a guided city tour. These activities are optional, so you can choose to join them or explore the city on your own.
- **What is the exact programme of the VSS? What will my timetable look like?**

- The final program and schedule will be published no later than 23 June. You will receive information on panelists. Usually, each day contains 3-4 lectures/sessions, except for the weekend, and one day is dedicated to a memory session, which is a field trip.

If you didn't find the answer in this file, feel free to contact us at summerschool@villa.org.pl or send a DM on Facebook ([Visegrad Summer School](#)). We'll get back to you as soon as possible!