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Efni: Styrkir til náms í íslensku sem öðru máli

Eins og undanfarin ár mun menningar-, nýsköpunar og háskólaráðuneytið veita styrki handa erlendum námsmönnum til náms í íslensku sem öðru máli við hugvísindasvið Háskóla Íslands háskólaárið 2027-2028. Námsmönnum frá Færeyjum gefst kostur á að sækja um styrki þessa en í boði verða um 11 styrkir. Stofnun Árna Magnússonar í íslenskum fræðum annast umsýslu þessara styrkja.

Námsmenn geta sent umsóknir sínar beint til Stofnunar Árna Magnússonar í íslenskum fræðum og er umsóknarfrestur til 1. desember 2026. Styrkþegar ráðuneytisins á yfirstandandi skólaári geta einnig sótt um framlengingu fyrir næsta skólaár fyrir 1. desember.

Eins og segir á meðf. upplýsingablaði um styrkina: *The scholarships are intended for students of modern Icelandic. Students must have completed at least one year of University study. Students must also have prior knowledge of Icelandic according to the requirements for BA study in Icelandic as a second language (Icelandic knowledge on the level with the courses Icelandic Online 1 and 2). Preference will, as a rule, be given to a candidate under 35 years of age.*

Miðað er við að styrkir nægi fyrir fæði og húsnæði í 9 mánuði frá 1. september til 31. maí. Styrkþegum mun verða útvegað húsnæði á stúdentagarði gegn venjulegu gjaldi sem greiðist af styrknum.

Upplýsingar um nám í íslensku sem öðru máli við hugvísindasvið Háskóla Íslands eru fáanlegar á heimasíðu skólans: https://english.hi.is/icelandic-second-language/ba.

Styrkboðinu óskast komið á framfæri við hlutaðeigandi aðila.
https://www.arnastofnun.is/is/islenskukennsla-erlendis.

Hjálagt fylgir umsóknareyðublað sem óskað er eftir að umsækjendur útfylli.
Umsóknareyðublaðið er jafnframt hægt að nálgast á heimasíðu stofnunarinnar:
https://arnastofnun.is/sites/default/files/2026-09/1.Application%20form%20IGS%202027-2028.docx.

Fyrir hönd stofnunarinnar

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ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS
for the academic year 2027-2028

Scholarships in Icelandic as a second language
available from
the Icelandic Ministry of Culture, Innovation and Higher Education

The Icelandic Ministry of Culture, Innovation and Higher Education awards annually a number of scholarships for studies in Icelandic as a second language at the University of Iceland, Reykjavík. The scholarship program is administrated by the Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies. Approximately 10 scholarships are available for the period from September 1st 2027 to May 31st 2028.

The scholarships are intended for students of modern Icelandic. Students must have completed at least one year of university study. Students must also have prior knowledge of Icelandic according to the requirements for BA study in Icelandic as a second language (Icelandic knowledge on the level with the courses Icelandic Online 1 and 2). Preference will, as a rule, be given to a candidate under 35 years of age.

Icelandic as a second language is comprised of both theoretical and practical fields of study. On the one hand it is a language course, where students are trained in speaking, reading and writing modern Icelandic. On the other hand, it delves into the more academic aspects of the Icelandic language, literature and history of Iceland.

Subjects covered include morphology, syntax and phonetics of modern Icelandic. The students read both old and modern literature and learn about the history of Iceland from settlement to modern times. Additionally, students are introduced to translation.

Nationals of the following countries are eligible:

• Austria	• Finland	• Norway
• Bulgaria	• France	• Poland
• Canada	• Germany	• Russia
• China	• Holland	• Slovakia
• Croatia	• Hungary	• Spain
• Czech Republic	• Italy	• Sweden
• Denmark	• Japan	• Switzerland
• Estonia	• Latvia	• United Kingdom
• Faroe Islands	• Lithuania	• United States of America[1]

How to apply
Students from these countries, with exception of students from USA[1] can apply directly to the Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies, Department of Icelandic, Edda - Arngrímsgata 5, 107 Reykjavík, Iceland. Application must be made on a special application form, which is available on the Institute's website: *https://www.arnastofnun.is/en/about-scholarship*

Application should include the following documents (the university transcript may be in English, Icelandic or other Scandinavian languages):

- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Certified university transcripts and copies of diplomas with grades.
- Two letters of recommendation from academic supervisors at current University

[1] Students from the United States of America apply through: U.S.I.A. Fulbright, U.S. Student Programs, Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York NY 10017, website: www.iie.org

- English language certificate
- Photocopy of applicant's passport

The application **must be sent** to the Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies by post by **December 1, 2026 (date of post stamp applies).** Email applications are not accepted. **Please note that applicants need to apply separately to the University of Iceland immediately after they would receive the acceptance letter about the scholarship.**

A special committee in Iceland evaluates the applications and its' decision will be announced to the candidates by January 2027.

If a scholarship recipient wishes to extend the scholarship for an additional year he/she has to apply to the Institute **before December 1**. No one will be granted a scholarship more than three times.

The Scholarship
The scholarship covers registration fees at the University and a monthly stipend that should cover room and board for one person, payable at the beginning of each month, September to May. A room will be available for rent in the University dormitory Gamli Garður.

Icelandic as a second language, at the University of Iceland, School of Humanities

It is important that grant recipients arrive timely in Iceland. The autumn term begins in the latter part of August. An introductory session with new students will be held before the beginning of the academic year where the organisation and requirements for the study programme will be presented.

Information on the current programmes of study and examination procedures is available at the University's website (the programme may be subject to change): https://english.hi.is/icelandic-second-language/ba

The first year in Icelandic as a second language, BA programme, is designed for students with some prior knowledge in the language. The candidates must have a working knowledge of English, since English will serve as a second language in teaching.
The admission exam for the BA programme will be held online in the second week in June each year. The University of Iceland will inform accepted grantees directly about the day and time.

Students with considerable prior knowledge of Icelandic may move directly into the second year by passing examinations held in August. Grantees must contact the University of Iceland directly in order to register for the exam in August.

As a rule, foreign students holding the Icelandic Ministry of Culture, Innovation and Higher Education scholarship are expected to follow the programme in line with their previous knowledge of Icelandic, whether they intend to complete the BA-degree or not.

Students that begin their studies in autumn are required to pass exams at the end of the term to be able to continue their studies for the spring term of the programme. The scholarship holders have to pass examinations in the end of the fall term to be eligible for the scholarship in the spring.

Application form
Academic year 2027-2028

Icelandic Government Scholarships

in BA-programme in Icelandic as a Second Language at the University of Iceland

Instructions: ***Application files shall be sent via post and received by the Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies by December 1, 2026 (date of post stamp applies), for scholarships starting September 2027.***	Photograph

1. Personal information (see required documents 1)

Family name(s)	First name(s)
Gender ☐ female ☐male	Citizenship
Place of birth	Date of birth

Contact information (valid at least until next August)

Street address	
City	Postal code
Country	Telephone
E-mail	

Person to contact in case of emergency

Name	Address
Telephone	E-mail

2. Educational background (see required documents 2 and 3)

University education

Name and location of institution	Degree	from	to
Main field of study			

3. Information on the selected study programme in Iceland

Statement of purpose/motivation

Give the reasons why you want to study BA-programme in Icelandic as a Second Language at the University of Iceland. Please use another page if more space is needed.

Proposed study programme at the University of Iceland

See Icelandic as a second language, BA, 180 ECTS:
https://hi.is/islenska_sem_annad_mal

4. Language proficiency (see required documents 4)

5. Additional information

Place: ***Date:*** ***Signature:***

Required documents, in English, Icelandic or other Scandinavian languages:

1. Curriculum vitae (CV);
2. Certified university transcript and copies of diplomas with grades, transcripts of latest diplomas with grades;
3. Two letters of recommendation from academic supervisors at your University;
4. English language certificate (original or confirmed copy);
5. Photocopy of your passport.

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