**The Three Rectors' Scholarship**

In the autumn of 2017, the Three Rectors' Scholarship was established by the rectors of the University of Tartu, the University of Latvia and Vilnius University. Joint scholarship competition promotes the learning and teaching of the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian language and culture. The amount of the annual scholarship is 2000 euros.

The scholarship competition is open for full-time students (including short-term visiting students, who in the current academic year are studying at the respective university in both the autumn and spring semesters) of any curricula at the University of Tartu, the University of Latvia and Vilnius University, who know one of the Baltic countries' languages ​​at least at C1 level and the other two languages at least at A2 level.

The competition assesses candidates in three rounds, paying particular attention to oral and written expression. The final round features three top students from each university selected by the scholarship committee.

The universities organize the scholarship competition in turn. The first to organize the final round of the competition and to pay the scholarship was the University of Tartu, then it was the University of Latvia (the academic year of 2018/19) and then Vilnius University (the academic year of 2019/20), etc. In the academic year 2023/24 the scholarship will be awarded again by the University of Tartu.

Information about previous competitions and winners:

<https://maailmakeeled.ut.ee/en/content/three-rectors-scholarship>

**Three Rectors' Scholarship in the academic year 2023/24**

The competition consists of three rounds.

1) **Local written round, deadline for submission 8 January 2024**

Each contestant must submit three texts in writing: one in Lithuanian, one in Latvian, and one in Estonian.

**Topics for the essay of C1 level (or for the native speaker):**

* LT: Lietuva, Latvija, Estija: bendradarbiavimas ar konkurencija?

LV: Lietuva, Latvija, Igaunija: sadarbība vai konkurence?

EST: Leedu, Läti, Eesti: kas koostöö või konkurents?

* LT: Tartu – 2024 m. Europos kultūros sostinės šūkis yra „Išgyvenimo menas“. Kaip interpretuoti?

LV: Tartu – 2024. gada Eiropas kultūras galvaspilsētas vadmotīvs ir „Izdzīvošanas māksla“. Kā interpretēt?

EST: Tartu - 2024. a Euroopa kultuuripealinna juhtmõte on ellujäämise kunstid. Kuidas tõlgendada?

* LT: Europos žalioji sostinė – 2023 m. Talinas ir 2025 m. Vilnius – kaip padaryti miestą draugiškesnį aplinkai ir žmogui?

LV: Eiropas Zaļā galvaspilsēta – 2023. gadā Tallina un 2025. gadā Viļņa – kā pilsētu padarīt videi un cilvēkiem draudzīgāku?

EST: Euroopa roheline pealinn – 2023 Tallinn ja 2025 Vilnius - kuidas muuta linn keskkonna- ja inimsõbralikumaks?

**Formal requirements**: font Times New Roman; font size – 12; line spacing – 1.5; volume – up to 3 pages

**Topics for the coherent texts for at least A2 level:**

* LT: Įkvepiantis estas, latvis ir/ar lietuvis

LV: Iedvesmojošais igaunis, latvietis un/vai lietuvietis

EST: Inspireeriv eestlane, lätlane ja/või leedulane

* LT: Kultūrinė patirtis Estijoje, Latvijoje ir/ar Lietuvoje

LV: Kultūras pieredze Igaunijā, Latvijā un/vai Lietuvā

EST: Kultuurielamus Eestis, Lätis ja/või Leedus

* LT: Ką aš žinau apie Estijos, Latvijos ir Lietuvos nacionalinę virtuvę?

LV: Ko es zinu par igauņu, latviešu un lietuviešu nacionālo virtuvi?

EST: Mida tean Eesti, Läti ja Leedu rahvusköögist?

**Formal requirements:** font Times New Roman, font size – 12; line spacing – 1.5; volume – up to 1 page

Entries must be submitted to the University of Tartu Institute of Foreign Languages and Cultures via e-mail address **keeled@ut.ee** with the keyword “**3 Rectors' Scholarship**”.

Contestants will find out the results of the first round on **15 January 2024.** If participants are selected for the next round, they will receive the requirements of the new round.

2) Local oral round

During this round, participants have to introduce themselves in all three languages, talk to the members of the committee on the topics presented, and answer questions. The local oral round takes place at the student's home university. The local oral round will take place in Tartu on **January 26, 2024.**

3) Final round

This year the final round will be held on **22 February 2024** at the Tartu University. Travel and accommodation costs for students who have reached the final round will be covered.
The official award ceremony will take place on **23 February 2024** at Tartu University.