

## DISCOVER SUMMER ACADEMY 2024 APPLICATION

Hi!

We're very excited that you've decided to apply for this year's Discover Summer Academy! The application portal you are about to enter is the main platform we use to collect information from applicants and participants, and to notify you of changes to the status of your application. Only the Student Care Team can see your whole application, including personal details.

Your first step will be to fill in the application form, which takes less than 20 minutes. You can find a preview of the whole application [here](#). Please bear in mind that **this application is for the international session only.**

Here are some things to keep in mind before you go forward. Be sure to:

- think about
  - what courses you will choose as your preferences (four in total). We will let you know which two of the four you will be attending at the end of June;
  - what your motivation for signing up for Discover, and for attending the four courses you chose, is;
  - how high a fee you will pay if you are offered a place - the standard fee for the international session is 329 Euros / 7999 Kč. You can also pay more if you're able to support us, or apply for a reduced fee if you cannot afford the standard fee (we offer full scholarships). **Please note that scholarship applications close on 1st May 2024. If you wish to apply for a scholarship after 1st May, please contact us at [scholarships@discover.sk](mailto:scholarships@discover.sk).**
- remember that
  - to be able to attend, you must be at least 15 and less than 21 years old and be a high school student for the 2023/2024 school year. That's it, there are no other requirements!
  - the application is divided into several sections and your answers will be saved as each section is completed. You can only move on to the next section after you have completed the previous one. For a preview of the whole application, [click here](#).
  - for more information about Discover and the application, you can check our [FAQs](#) and [How to Apply page](#).

Good luck with your application!

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### Section 1/4: Session selection (1 minute)

D - International session (11/8–18/8, Svatý Jan pod Skalou, Czech Republic) – standard fee 329€ or 7999 Kč

In case you are a Czech- or Slovak-speaking student, you can also choose a secondary session from the following:

A - Classic session (21.–28. 7., Turistický ráj, SK) – standard fee 269€ or 6499 Kč

B - Classic session (4.–11. 8., Svatý Jan pod Skalou, CZ) – standard fee 289€ or 6999 Kč

C - Classic session (11.–18. 8., PT Javorina, SK) – standard fee 279€ or 6749 Kč

E - Thematic session on “Home” (18.–25. 8., Hostačov, CZ) – standard fee 299€ or 7299 Kč

You can find more information about individual sessions [here](#).

If you do not choose a secondary session and the international session is full at the time we review your application, you will automatically be transferred to a waiting list. If a spot opens, we will choose students from the waiting list based on two criteria - the date of submission of your application and the grade that it received. All waitlisted applicants will receive an update on their waiting list status by the end of June at the latest.

## **Section 2/4: Course selection (3 minutes)**

Please select the 4 courses you would most like to attend at Discover and rank them from 1 (your favourite course) to 4 (the course you like least out of the 4 you have chosen). Most students are assigned to their first and second course preferences, but unfortunately this is not always possible for everyone.

You can find the course descriptions [here](#).

You can change your course selection until applications close, on 15 June 2024.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Now you'll have to answer 3 questions about yourself and your motivation for applying to Discover, which your application will be graded on. After that, we just need to collect some personal information and you're done!

## **Section 3/4: Questions for evaluation (10 minutes)**

These questions are designed to help us learn more about your motivation for signing up for Discover and find out more about who you are and the way you think. Your answers will be anonymised and reviewed by two evaluators who will score them, and where appropriate leave a comment to clarify their assessment.

### **Question 1**

What is your motivation for applying to Discover 2024?

We're interested in what brought you to apply, what you expect from Discover, how you think Discover can benefit you. There are no wrong answers! (min. 95 words and max. 200 words)

## Question 2

Now we know about your motivation, but we want to know a little bit more about you. Please select one question from the drop-down menu and answer it. (min. 95 words and max. 200 words)

- How would your friends describe you?
- What is your biggest dream?
- If you were an inventor, what would you create?
- Is there a difference between cheating on a school test and taking a bribe?
- If you were a building, what building would you be?

## Question 3

You listed these courses as your top 4:

1. <Course 1>
2. <Course 2>
3. <Course 3>
4. <Course 4>

Why did you choose your first course? (max. 100 words)

We evaluate your answers based on how you explain your pick. We are interested in whether you have thought about your choice, why you are interested in the courses that you have picked, and what played a role in our decision. You don't have to have won school competitions in this field, or decided that this is your dream career path: Discover is all about learning new things!

Why did you choose your second course? (max. 100 words)

Done!

The hardest part is behind you! Now we just need to collect some personal information.

## Section 4/4: Personal details and fee (5 minutes)

This is the last step before you can submit your application. All you have to do is fill in your personal details and choose the fee you will pay after you are accepted, and you're done!

The information in this section will not influence whether you are offered a place at Discover. Unless you are applying for a scholarship, it will be processed anonymously for statistical purposes. If you request a scholarship, some of your answers might be taken into consideration when deciding whether to award you a scholarship, and its amount. You can find our scholarship award criteria [here](#).

- First name:
- Last name:
- Preferred name (if different from your legal name):
- Phone number (including the country code, e.g. +421905123456):
- Date of birth:

- Gender:
  - Male
  - Female
  - Non-Binary
- Country of residence:
- City of residence:
- The full name of your school and city:
- Type of school
  - Eight-year gymnasium / high school
  - Five-year gymnasium / high school
  - Four-year gymnasium / high school
  - Vocational / technical school
  - Trade school
  - Performing arts school
  - Other (*specify*)
- Type of school
  - State / Public
  - Parochial / Religious
  - Private
- Main language of instruction
  - Slovak/Czech
  - English
  - Other (*specify*)
- Expected year of graduation:
- First and last name of legal guardian / next of kin:
- Phone number of legal guardian / next of kin (including country code, e.g. +421905123456):
- Highest level of education completed by your parent(s) or legal guardian:
  - Elementary school
  - High school
  - Vocational / technical school
  - Bachelor's degree
  - Master's degree
  - Doctoral degree

Have you been to Discover before?

How did you find out about Discover?

- Friend(s) who's been to Discover before
- Friend(s) who never been to Discover before
- Discover Ambassador(s)
- Facebook (post or advertisement)
- Instagram profile discoverakademie
- Instagram advertisement
- TikTok
- Searching for student opportunities on Google

- Family
- Teacher or school
- Organisation I am part of/I work with (please write the name of a specific organisation)  
(specify)
- Other (specify)

With the economic crisis of recent years, not as many students apply to Discover as they used to, which makes it hard for us to keep Discover going. If you've been to Discover in the past, it would be a huge help for us if you could help us promote it to more students, e.g. by posting a flyer on the school bulletin board, organising a discussion for your classmates or sharing posts on social media. Reward guaranteed!

- Yes, I would love to help!
- No. I don't want to/unfortunately, I do not have the time.

Do you come from a disadvantaged background or do you belong to a minority?

At Discover, we strive for diversity among students (as well as tutors and organisers), and your response will allow us to monitor and foster diversity at Discover.

- Yes
- No
- I do not want to say

If you come from a disadvantaged background or are a member of a minority group(s), please specify which one(s):

Do you have any medical limitations that could influence your stay at Discover (e.g. limited mobility, ADHD)? If not, please skip this question.

- ☐ "I am travelling from abroad and I will need assistance acquiring a visa or similar document."

If you have anything important you wish to mention, please do so here.

### Participant fee

This year's participation fee is 329 € / 7999 Kč (payments are accepted in Euros or Czech Crowns only). If your situation does not allow you to pay the full fee, we offer scholarships in the value of 60 € / 1500 Kč to 329 € / 7999 Kč (or a full scholarship). We also offer you the option to pay a slightly higher fee to support the development of Discover.

**The fee covers the costs of:** accommodation and 5 meals a day for students, a first aid kit and materials/tools used during the session (e.g. office supplies, board games) and accommodation and meals for the organisers, who are volunteers who do not receive any financial reward for their year-long work on the preparation of Discover.

If you can pay at least the full fee, choose one of the options below. Your higher fee would greatly help us maintain and improve the activities we do.

- **369 / 8999 Kč** - in addition to covering all the basic expenses for you and the organisers, you will help us:
  - cover one scholarship for a student
  - provide equipment for one activity or course
  - organise Discover by contributing to the costs of year-long preparations, which include, among other things, tutors and organisers' meetings, where the programme is planned and didactic preparation is provided
  
- **409 € / 9999 Kč** - in addition to covering all the basic expenses for you and the organisers, you will help us:
  - increase our budget for promoting Discover to more students, as well as potential sponsors
  - provide equipment for one activity or course
  - organise Discover by contributing to the costs of year-long preparations, which include, among other things, tutors and organisers' meetings, where the programme is planned and didactic preparation is provided
  
- **449 € / 10 999 Kč** - in addition to covering all the basic expenses for you and the organisers, you will help us:
  - cover at least one scholarship for a student
  - increase our budget for promoting Discover to more students, as well as potential sponsors
  - provide equipment for one activity or course
  - organise Discover by contributing to the costs of year-long preparations, which include, among other things, tutors and organisers' meetings, where the programme is planned and didactic preparation is provided
  
- **329 € / 7999 Kč** - this amount will cover all basic expenses for you and the organisers

☐ If you have signed up to become a \*Maximum Discover Ambassador\* this year and have presented at your school at the request of the Discover organising team, check this box to claim your 30 € discount.

Do you want to apply for a scholarship?

- Yes (if yes, you will be transferred to the section in red, otherwise to the goodbye window)
- No

#### **Section 4b: Scholarship application**

If your situation does not allow you to pay the full fee, we offer scholarships in the value of 60 € / 1500 Kč to 329 € / 7999 Kč (or a full scholarship). Your scholarship application will be assessed by a committee of 2 to 3 members.

You can find our scholarship award criteria [here](#).

Please state the reason(s) why you are requesting a scholarship, providing as much detail as you can, such as:

- Your family situation (e.g. do you live with only one parent or do other relatives live with you and your parent(s)/siblings?);
- Your parent(s)'s or legal guardian's employment situation (without stating their income), and whether you are working alongside school;
- Unexpected expenses;
- Why you are requesting the amount indicated (e.g. you can only cover 50% of the fee with your part-time job).

We understand that sharing this information might make you uncomfortable, but we want to assure you that only 4 people will view it: the volunteers who work for the Student Care team, and the people on the scholarship committee. We receive many requests for scholarships and do our best to grant them all, and the information you provide here is crucial in helping us award scholarship funds as fairly as possible. We cannot guarantee that your scholarship request will be successful, but we will make every effort we can so that no one is unable to participate in Discover for financial reasons. To make sure that your scholarship application has the best chance, **please apply by 1st May 2024. If you wish to apply for a scholarship after this date, please reach out to us at [scholarships@discover.sk](mailto:scholarships@discover.sk)**

If you are a Maximum Discover Ambassador, you can still request a scholarship on top of the 30 euro discount that you are entitled to. When indicating how much of a scholarship you need **please indicate how much money you need on top of the 30 euros that are already deducted from your fee.**

Please indicate here how much you are willing and able to pay to attend Discover this year:

Why are you requesting a scholarship? Please bear in mind the scholarship application guidelines above (min 95 words, max 200 words):

Congratulations, you're done! You can save your application now and submit it later, but we highly recommend that you submit it now so that you don't forget about it!

### Set the fee

<Fee amount>

### Goodbye window

Thank you for applying for Discover Summer Academy 2024! We will spend the next few weeks carefully reviewing your application and will inform you of its outcome within 2-3 weeks of its submission. Please check your email inbox in the meantime, you should receive an email in a few minutes.

If you don't get in on the first try, don't worry! You can read our feedback and reapply in the next application round.