

Establishment: 9 June 2000, Štířín (CZ)  
 V4 member states: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland  
 Governing bodies: Council of Ambassadors,  
 Conf. of Ministers of Foreign Affairs  
 Executive body: Executive Director (Petr Vágner)  
 Deputy Executive Director (Linda Kapustová Helbichová)  
 Administrative body: Secretariat  
 Seat: Bratislava, Slovakia  
 Annual budget: €6,000,000 (equal contributions of the Visegrad Group countries)



## ABOUT THE FUND

The mission of the International Visegrad Fund is to promote development of closer cooperation among the Visegrad Group (V4) countries—the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia—and to strengthen the ties among people in the region. The Fund provides funding for common cultural, scientific, research and educational projects, youth exchanges, promotion of tourism and cross-border cooperation. Most of the grant recipients are non-governmental organizations, municipalities and local governments, universities, schools and other public institutions and also individual citizens. The Fund also awards individual scholarships and artist residencies. By the end of 2009 the Fund has supported more than 2,500 grant projects and awarded almost 800 scholarships and 90 artist residencies.

## OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMS IN 2010

<i>Program:</i>	<i>Annual deadlines:</i>	<i>Budget:</i>	<i>Supported sums:</i>
<b>GRANT PROGRAMS</b>			
<b>Small Grants</b>	March 1, June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1	€520,000	up to €5,000
<b>Standard Grants</b>	March 15, Sept. 15	€2,220,000	more than €5,001
<b>Visegrad Strategic Program</b>	February 15	€300,000	<i>not specified</i> *
<b>Visegrad University Studies Grant</b>	November 10	€280,000	€15,000 or €50,000
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>			
<b>Visegrad Scholarship Program</b>	January 31	€1,448,000	€2,300 + €1,500/sem. **
<b>ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM</b>			
<b>Visegrad Artist Residency Program</b>	September 10	€108,000	€750 + €750/month ***

## ALL PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2000-2009

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total
<b>Small Grants</b>			224	372	336	332	395	443	405	376	<b>979</b>
<b>Standard Grants</b>	26	89	144	203	272	303	347	406	398	390	<b>1,575</b>
<b>Strategic Grants</b>						2	4	3	7	8	<b>24</b>
<b>Scholarships</b>				27	35	80	68	191	176	220	<b>797</b>
<b>VUSG</b>									12	10	<b>22</b>
<b>VARP</b>								45†	24	21	<b>90</b>

Notes: \* usually around €50,000; \*\* both selected scholars (€2,300) and host universities/institutes (€1,500) receive funding; \*\*\* both selected artists and the host organizations receive a monthly stipend; † refers to both 2007 deadlines, February and September