## Monthly scholarships for PhD students to reach 4,400 lei in Moldova

29 January 2025 - The amount of scholarships for PhD students will increase more than twice, reaching 4,400 lei. Additionally, both the Government's Excellence Scholarship and the Science Domains Scholarship will be increased. A decision to this effect was approved at the government meeting today.

According to the project, starting from 2025, PhD students will receive 4,400 lei monthly, regardless of their year of study. Thus, the scholarship for first-year doctoral students will increase by 2,570 lei, for second-year students - by 2,390 lei and for third-year students - by 2,210 lei.

Moreover, the draft stipulates increasing the Government's Excellence Scholarship by 50% of the current scholarship amount for PhD students, up to 6,600 lei. At the same time, the Science Domains Scholarship will increase by 30% of the scholarship amount for PhD students, reaching 5,720 lei.

The increase in scholarships is necessary, in order to boost the motivation of young people to get involved in research activities, given that, in recent years, there has been a declining trend in the number of students registered in doctoral studies.

It is worth noting that, on the date of the decision's entry into force, PhD students will be granted a supplement equal to the difference between the established scholarship and the scholarship paid starting from January 1, 2025.

In the academic year 2023-2024, 207 students were registered in doctoral studies.