Skills4DECA invites applications for EUR 2000 scholarships to develop housing decarbonisation skills

Riga Technical University (RTU) announces the first Skills4DECA scholarship call, offering an opportunity to develop digital skills in building energy efficiency and sustainable renovation. Up to 40 scholarships of EUR 2,000 gross each are available.

Applications: from 9 November 2026 to 10 January 2027 at 17:00 Brussels time (18:00 in Latvia).

Eligibility. The call is open to students and registered learners or course participants enrolled at higher education or vocational education and training institutions at the time of application. Applicants must be nationals of, or legally resident in, an EU Member State or a country associated with the Digital Europe Programme, hold a bank account in an eligible country and have English language proficiency of at least B2 level.

Training programme. Activities will take place from 1 February to 1 May 2027. Participants must successfully complete three online courses, each worth 1 ECTS credit (3 ECTS in total), covering:

- ✓ dynamic building energy and indoor air quality simulation;
- ✓ the thermal performance of well insulated building envelopes;
- ✓ the renovation of a typical residential building.

Full participation in a three-day hackathon at the RTU Faculty of Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, 6A Ķīpsalas Street, Riga, Latvia, is also mandatory. Participants will work in teams to develop practical solutions for building energy efficiency and decarbonisation.

Scholarship payments. The scholarship is paid in two instalments: EUR 1,000 after successful completion of at least 25% of the online course workload, no earlier than 30 calendar days after signing the scholarship agreement, and EUR 1,000 after successful completion of all three courses and full participation in the hackathon. Payments are subject to verified results and the scholarship agreement.

How to apply. Submit your application electronically in Latvian or English to guna.bebre@rtu.lv in accordance with the scholarship regulations. Include a completed and signed application form, a copy of an identity document, confirmation of student or registered learner status, a CV and a motivation letter of up to 3,000 characters, together with any other evidence required by the regulations.

Applications will be assessed by the RTU Scholarship Award Committee, taking into account applicants' motivation, educational or professional background and interest in developing digital skills.

Scholarship regulations and application form: https://skills4deca.eu/
Contact: Guna Bebre, guna.bebre@rtu.lv.

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