

Visa regulations in the Czech Republic:

The Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic has published a list of low risk countries and updates this list according to the current world-wide epidemiological situation. Citizens of these countries can apply for visa in the way it was normal before the pandemic. If visa is not required, travelling from the low risk countries to the Czech Republic is possible again without stating the purpose of visit.

Most countries outside of Europe, however, are not on this list.

Czech Embassies in some countries are closed and do not accept applications for visa at all. The list of countries where the embassies are open is again on the website of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic. This list is also updated according to the situation.

In countries where the embassies are open, students and researchers can apply for visa. However, the Ministry has set rather strict regulations which any institution accepting foreigners needs to commit to. The commitment is in the form of a statement which the institution needs to sign and the student or researcher needs to submit it at the embassy prior the visa is marked in their passport.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health Protective Measure, the institution accepting foreigners commits to provide the students and researchers with accommodation throughout the period of their stay in the territory of the Czech Republic, including the place where a quarantine measure shall be undergone in event a public health authority orders it, medical care or a registered provider of medical services for the duration of their stay in the territory of the Czech Republic, including the medical care expenses, unless provided otherwise; and return to the country of origin in the event of loss of the purpose of stay in the territory of the Czech Republic.

Given all the possible risks that are thus put on the shoulders of a higher education institution, the consequences for the time being are that we are not likely to be able to accept foreign students and researchers from foreign countries.