Bank account

Although you can use your card without any problems in Poland, it would be advised to create a Polish bank account. Using foreign account for your reimbursement will result in additional costs because of the currency conversion.

If you decide to open a bank account in Poland, you should go to a bank with all required documents. To avoid going to a bank a couple of times and extending the whole process, you can call a chosen bank's helpline and explain your status (resident/non-resident) and ask about required documents, if the PESEL number is required, if there is an online banking system in English, if in all branches there is a possibility to speak to a consultant in English, and if you will be able to use all additional banking services.

Documents required by the selected banks in Poland (documents may change so it is best to consult with the helpline before going to a bank).

Make sure you take the acceptance letter from the university with you!

Bank	Required documents
Alior Bank	EU citizens: passport / residence card (permanent/temporary) / identity card Non-EU citizens: passport + residence card (permanent/temporary)
BGŻ BNP Paribas	EU citizens: identity card / passport Non-EU citizens: identity card/passport + residence card
BOŚ Bank	passport / identity card
Credit Agricole	EU citizens: identity card / passport Non-EU citizens: residence card
eurobank	residence card (with photo, PESEL and address)
Getin Bank	EU citizens: identity card/passport + residence card/certificate of registration of residence of an EU citizen Non-EU citizens: passport + residence card
Idea Bank	passport / residence card
mBank	passport + residence card/certificate of registration of residence of an EU citizen PESEL is required

Millennium	passport
Nest Bank	passport / identity card issued by an EU country PESEL is required
Raiffeisen Polbank	passport + residence card
Santander Bank Polska	EU identity card / passport / residence card
T-Mobile Usługi Bankowe	passport/residence / certificate of registration of residence of an EU citizen / identity card PESEL is required