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Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship

Call for Applications

for bachelor's, master's, one-tier master's, doctoral,
postgraduate specialist training courses and other
non-degree programmes

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1. Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme

1.1. Mission of the Programme

The Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme (hereinafter: Scholarship Programme) was established by the Hungarian Government for those who live in a Hungarian diaspora – mainly outside of Europe – and wish to study at a Hungarian higher education institution to develop their personal, professional and cultural relations to Hungary. The Scholarship Programme aims to support the professional advancement of the Scholarship Holders with high-quality Hungarian higher education while improving their Hungarian language skills and strengthening their Hungarian identity.

The Scholarship Programme aims to strengthen the ties between Hungarian diaspora communities and Hungary by supporting those who wish to rediscover and reconnect to their Hungarian heritage and want to become professionals on a field that can contribute to the prosperity of their diaspora community as well.

The geographical scope of the Scholarship Programme covers every country in the world, except the member states of the European Union, the Republic of Serbia, and the Zakarpatska Oblast region of Ukraine.

The operation of the Scholarship Programme is overseen by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade and coordinated by Tempus Public Foundation (hereinafter: TPF).

Please note that the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme is ONLY for applicants who have Hungarian roots, ancestors in their family. Each year, Tempus Public Foundation receives a high number of applications from those who have no connection to Hungary at all. Please note that all of these applications are rejected right away at the first selection point because having a Hungarian background is the cornerstone of the Scholarship Programme. If you do not have a connection to Hungary, please check other scholarship programmes managed by Tempus Public Foundation that might be suitable for you.

1.2. Available Scholarship Types

1.2.1. Study Levels

The Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship is available for bachelor's, master's, one-tier master's, doctoral study programmes and non-degree programmes (Hungarian preparatory and postgraduate specialist training courses).

Important note: applications are either accepted for

- » bachelor's, master's, one-tier master's and non-degree programmes **OR**
- » for doctoral programmes.

Therefore, please consider carefully your selected programme(s). It means that if you choose a doctoral programme, you cannot apply for any other study levels or non-degree programmes. If you do, only your doctoral application is going to be considered.

| Available Scholarship Types | | Full-time | | Partial (exchange) | |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | Duration | Qualification at the end of programme | Duration | Qualification at the end of programme |
| Degree programmes | Bachelor programmes | 3-4 years | BA or BSc degree | 1 or 2 semesters | certificate of completion |
| | Master programmes | 1-2 years | MA or MSc degree | 1 or 2 semesters | certificate of completion |
| | One-tier master programmes | 5-6 years | MA or MSc degree | 1 or 2 semesters | certificate of completion |
| | Doctoral programmes | 2+2 years | doctoral degree | 1 or 2 semesters | certificate of completion |
| Non-degree programmes ¹ | Preparatory course in Hungarian language | 1 year | certificate | not available | - |
| | Postgraduate specialist training courses | 1-2 years | certificate | 1 or 2 semesters | certificate of completion |

Note about one-tier master’s study programmes:

In the Hungarian education system, one-tier master’s programmes cover both the bachelor and the master level of studies; therefore, it is a combined master’s programme that results in a master’s degree. These one-tier programmes are offered in specific study fields such as teacher training, general medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, architecture, law, veterinary surgery, forestry engineering, etc.

Note about postgraduate specialist training courses:

Postgraduate specialist training courses are non-degree study programmes that provide the opportunity to obtain a specialised qualification after a bachelor’s or master’s degree. Foundation semester/year is not available for postgraduate specialist training courses.

Note about doctoral programmes:

In Hungary, the duration of doctoral programmes is 8 semesters. Doctoral programmes are divided into two different phases: the first phase (4 semesters) is for professional training and research, while the second phase (4 semesters) is for research and dissertation. At the end of the first 4 semesters, doctoral students are obliged to take a complex exam, where the educational and research progress of the student is evaluated. Doctoral students can only continue with the second phase of their studies upon the successful completion of the complex exam. The amount of the monthly stipend is different in the two phases of doctoral programmes. Please see section 1.3. about financial details and section 3.2.3. about the details of application for doctoral programmes.

¹ Please see section 2.7. for details about preparatory and postgraduate specialist training courses!

1.2.2. Study Mode

In the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme, both full-time and partial (exchange) study modes are available.

Full-time degree programmes are programmes that lead to a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree. Full-time non-degree programmes do not lead to a degree but provide a preparatory course before a degree programme, or a postgraduate specialist training course after a degree programme.

Partial (exchange) studies are one- or two-semester (5 or 10 months) long exchange studies. If the partial (exchange) studies are part of the student's degree studies in their sending higher education institutions, those who apply for partial (exchange) studies must be registered in and must have a student status at a higher education institution that operates outside of Hungary. In this case, applicants can only apply to those study levels that they are attending in their sending, home institutions (i.e.: doctoral level). After arrival, the host institution can request Scholarship Holders to prove that they have a student status in a higher education institution abroad (outside Hungary). In case partial studies are not part of the students' degree studies in their sending higher education institutions, a student status at a higher education institution that operates outside of Hungary is not needed.

The partial (exchange) study mode is not available for preparatory courses. Partial (exchange) studies are available for up to one academic year, must be completed by 30 June and cannot be extended.

Please be extra cautious when selecting your preferred study programmes in the online application system as most of the study programmes are offered both as full-time and partial study programmes; therefore, those programmes appear twice! Please make sure that you select the programme marked with the study mode of your desire, because it is not possible to change the study mode after the application deadline!

1.3. Provisions Covered by the Scholarship²

- » **Tuition-free education**
 - exemption from the payment of tuition fee
- » **Medical insurance**
 - health care services according to the relevant Hungarian legislation (Act CXXII of 2019 on Entitlements to Social Security Benefits and on Funding These Services) and supplementary medical insurance for up to HUF 65,000 (cca. 184 USD) a year/person
- » **Monthly stipend (upon request)**
 - **non-degree, bachelor's, master's and one-tier master's level:** monthly amount of HUF 43,700 (cca. 124 USD) contribution to the living expenses in Hungary, for 12 months a year, for the whole duration of the scholarship period
 - **doctoral level programme:** according to the current Hungarian legislation, the monthly amount of scholarship is HUF 140,000 (cca. 396 USD) for the first phase of education (4 semesters) and HUF 180,000 (cca. 509 USD) for the second phase (4 semesters) - for 12 months a year, for the whole duration of the scholarship period.

² provisions are indicated based on the official US dollar (USD) exchange rate on 17 September 2024 (1 unit of USD - value expressed in HUF: 353.73) Source: <https://www.mnb.hu/arfolyamok>

The Scholarship Holder in the doctoral programme grant only one-time amount of subsidy HUF 400,000 (cca. 1131 USD) after obtaining the diploma, in case the Scholarship Holder received a monthly allowance during the last semester of his/her studies. Please see details in section 1.2.1.

- » **Accommodation contribution (upon request)**
 - free dormitory place (depending on institutional capacity) **or** a contribution of HUF 40,000/month (cca. 113 USD) to accommodation costs for the whole duration of the scholarship period. (Please note that if the student does not live in the dormitory, the HUF 40,000/month is a contribution to the rental costs, and in bigger cities – especially in the capital city – this contribution would not cover the full amount of rental costs.)
- » **Travel contribution: one-off travel allowance (upon request)**
 - travel allowance of HUF 330,000 (cca. 933 USD) if the distance between Budapest and the applicant's place of residence (=city/town) is 8,000 km or more (the distance is calculated based on the [Erasmus+ Distance Calculator](#)).
 - The one-off travel allowance is provided to help the Scholarship Holder travel to Hungary at the beginning of their studies, and it is provided only once. If the request for this allowance is approved, it is transferred to the Scholarship Holder following arrival and enrolment.
- » **Travel contribution: Hungary Pass**
 - reimbursement of a Hungary Pass, which entitles the Scholarship Holder to unlimited travel throughout Hungary (e.g. trains and interurban buses in all counties).

Please note that the monthly stipend, the accommodation contribution, and the one-off travel allowance are ONLY awarded upon explicit request. Applicants need to indicate their request in the online application system, you will see a separate section in the system for this.

Please bear in mind that these provisions are **only a contribution** to the living expenses of the Scholarship Holders. It means that it **does not fully cover all the costs of living**, and the students need to add their own financial resources in order to cover all living expenses in Hungary. All applicants are highly advised to check the expected living expenses both in Hungary and in the city that they wish to live in before applying; please do check our Cost of Living Calculator by clicking here: <http://www.studyinhungary.hu/living-in-hungary/menu/your-costs-of-living.html>.

The application does not have any additional costs, therefore do not apply through any agencies!

2. Eligibility

2.1. Eligible Sending Countries

Applicants are required to be citizens of one of the sending countries or regions involved in the Scholarship Programme. The Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme **covers all countries and regions of the world EXCEPT**

- » the member states of the European Union,
- » the Republic of Serbia, and
- » the Zakarpatska Oblast region of Ukraine.

2.2. Basic Eligibility Criteria for Applicants

A valid application may be submitted if the applicant meets the following criteria:

- » Applicant has **Hungarian roots and maintains a Hungarian identity**, and convincingly demonstrates this in a Diaspora Motivation Letter and declares it in the Statement for Application (Annex 2) that is a part of the application,
- » Applicant is a **citizen of one of the eligible countries** (see Section 2.1) and has an address outside of Hungary,
- » Applicant holds a **recommendation** from a Hungarian diaspora organisation³ or a Hungarian Diplomatic Representation, including Honorary Consuls, of the respective country (=Diaspora Recommendation Letter),
- » Applicant has made a statement that he/she has **lived outside the territory of Hungary** for at least 5 years before the submission of their application.
 - The final date of this 5-year period cannot be earlier than 1 year before the date of submitting the application, or, in the case of those involved in fee-paying study programmes in Hungarian higher education, the final date of this 5-year period is not earlier than 1 year before commencing the self-financed studies.
 - The 5-year period does not have to be consecutive years.
- » Applicant obtained his/her **secondary school leaving certificate** (e.g. high school diploma) in a foreign country.
 - The certificate must prove that the applicant finished secondary education abroad, not in Hungary.
- » Applicant was **born on or before 31 August 2007**.
 - Exemptions are
 - those who were born between 1 September 2007 and 31 December 2007, and the declaration of their legal representative is submitted as part of their application.
 - those who apply for Dance study programmes and were born between 1 September 2007 and 31 December 2009, and the declaration of their legal representative is submitted as part of their application.
 - Please note that there is no upper age limit to apply for the Scholarship Programme.
- » Applicant undertakes to sign a **scholarship agreement**.
- » In case of study programmes conducted in a foreign (non-Hungarian) language, the applicant undertakes to attend a Hungarian as a foreign language and culture course during the entire period of the scholarship agreement.
- » Applicant undertakes to pass a complex (written and oral) Hungarian as a foreign language state-recognised language exam or a Hungarian Language Assessment Test (of MFA Balassi) by the end of the scholarship studies, no later than within 1 year after obtaining the degree (or certificate in case of postgraduate specialist training courses). The required level of proficiency depends on the length of the scholarship period. See further details in Section 2.6.3.
 - The obligation to pass a Hungarian as a foreign language exam does not apply for students taking part in 1 or 2 semester-long short study programmes, including partial/exchange studies.
 - In the case of study programmes conducted in a non-Hungarian language, prior knowledge of the Hungarian language is not required at the time of application.

³ This refers to an organisation/association of the Hungarian community living outside of Hungary in diaspora.

- » The applicant agrees to support a local Hungarian diaspora in a particular country with community work for a 2-year long period after obtaining their degree.
 - This obligation only applies to those Scholarship Holders who are awarded for a full-time study programme leading to a degree. It means that the obligation does not apply to those studying in a partial/exchange study mode, or non-degree study programmes (Hungarian preparatory and postgraduate specialist training course).

Please note that this list covers the basic eligibility criteria. Please see section 2.3. about the cases of non-eligibility and make sure to carefully read all other parts of the Call for Applications for further requirements (such as application documents, deadline, entrance exams).

2.3. Non-eligibility

Applications will not be considered in the following cases:

- » The only **citizenship** of the applicant is Hungarian.
 - It means that Hungarian citizens are only eligible to apply if they also have foreign (that is, not Hungarian) citizenship, therefore they have dual or multiple citizenship. See Section 2.1 for the eligible foreign citizenships.
- » The applicant is a **stateless person, refugee, protected individual, asylum-seeker, admitted individual, or has a long-term residence status**, or does not fall within the scope of Section 39 (1) a) of the Higher Education Act,
 - Please note that this requirement is not only for applicants but for Scholarship Holders as well; it means that, e.g., if you obtain refugee status during your studies in Hungary, you automatically lose your scholarship status.
- » Applicants who do not meet the **requirements related to age** listed in Section 2.2;
 - The applicant was born between 1 September 2007 and 31 December 2007 and does not have the declaration of their legal representative.
 - All applicants born after 31 December 2007 who apply for study programmes other than Dance study programmes.
 - Applicants applying for Dance study programmes who were born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2009 and does not have the declaration of their legal representative.
 - All applicants applying for Dance study programmes who were born after 31 August 2009.
- » The applicant applying for a **doctoral programme** has applied for another study level as well, in the same application round of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme. In this case, the application for the other, non-doctoral study level will not be considered.
- » Those applicants who are registered **self-financed / fee-paying students** of a Hungarian higher education institution at the time of the application deadline AND who are applying for a study level below their self-financed studies.
 - It means that for example self-financed master students of a Hungarian higher education institution cannot apply for bachelor studies.
 - Participants of the scholarship programmes specified in Section 2 (2) a) of the Government Decree 241/2016 (16 August) are treated as self-financed students studying in Hungary.

- » The applicant has been a Scholarship Holder in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme or in any other scholarship programmes established by the Hungarian Government on the **same or higher study level**. The exemptions are:
 - **Hungarian language preparatory courses** are non-degree study programmes that do not belong to any study levels; therefore, they are available for all former Scholarship Holders who obtained their degree on any level – except for doctoral. Hungarian language preparatory courses are not available for those applicants either who were previously enrolled on a Hungarian language preparatory course in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme. In case of language preparatory courses, the above requirement about study levels is taken into consideration when the applicant applied for a degree programme after completing the preparatory programme.
 - If the applicant has been a Scholarship Holder in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme or in any other scholarship programmes established by the Hungarian Government **on the same level of education in a partial/exchange study mode**, then he/she can be awarded the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship. Even in this case, the Diaspora Scholarship can be awarded only for a period reduced by the duration of the previous partial/exchange studies.
- » The applicant is applying for the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme while they still have a **scholarship status** in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship or in other scholarship programmes established by the Hungarian Government at the time of application. The exemptions are:
 - the applicant withdraws his/her previous scholarship before the Diaspora Scholarship application deadline,
 - the applicant receives a degree (and as a result, the previous scholarship status is terminated) until 31 August 2025.
- » The applicant is a **former Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Holder** who was awarded the scholarship in the 2022/23, 2023/24 or 2024/25 application round, but after accepting the scholarship offer,
 - he/she did not travel to Hungary and did not start the scholarship studies, nor did he/she notify Tempus Public Foundation of this fact until 30 September, or
 - he/she has postponed the start date of the scholarship studies and did not travel to Hungary and did not start the scholarship studies the following year, nor did he/she notify Tempus Public Foundation of this fact until 31 August (or in the case of a one-semester postponement until 30 January). If the scholarship was awarded in the 2024/25 application round and the postponement was approved, the deadline to withdraw the previous scholarship offer is the application deadline of the current Call for Applications – otherwise the new application cannot be considered.

Important note for self-financed students already studying in Hungary:

Those applicants who are **registered self-financed / fee-paying students** of a Hungarian higher education institution at the time of the application deadline **AND** who are now applying for the same study level are only eligible to apply for the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme if

- » they are recommended by their Hungarian higher education institution where they are studying at the time of application, AND
- » if their cumulative, corrected sum average (“összesített korrigált kreditindex”) is higher than the students’ average performance in the particular study programme (“szakátlag”). Please

note that the requirement regarding the cumulative, corrected sum average does not apply for applicants for doctoral programmes.

For example, self-financed master students enrolled in Hungary can apply to continue their studies with the scholarship on the same master level only if they are recommended by their university and their cumulative, corrected sum average is above average. Please see further details about the application documents in Section 3.2.6. of the Call for Applications.

2.4. Available Host Institutions and Study Programmes

At non-degree, bachelor's, master's and one-tier master's level, 34 Hungarian higher education institutions are engaged in the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme for the 2025/2026 academic year with more than 1300 study programmes (out of which more than 1000 is for full-time studies), mostly in English and Hungarian languages.

At doctoral level, 20 Hungarian higher education institutions are engaged in the Scholarship Programme for the 2025/2026 academic year with nearly 200 doctoral study programmes (out of which around 150 is for full-time studies), mostly in English and Hungarian languages.

Altogether this means that 35 Hungarian higher education institutions offer more than 1500 study programmes (out of which nearly 1200 is for full-time studies). 54% of the study programmes is offered in the English language, 44% in Hungarian, the rest in other languages.

The available study programmes and Host Institutions are accessible in the online application system (<https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/>).

2.5. Order of Selected Study Programmes

Each applicant can apply for **up to TWO different study programmes, in order of preference**. These two study programmes can be both at the same Host Institution or at different Host Institutions, it is the applicants' decision.

The order of preference is essential. During the application process, the first selection and examination process will be conducted for the study programmes selected as the first choices of the applicants. Institutions will start the entrance examination procedure with those who selected the given institution and study programme as their first choice.

The first priorities will be considered first and then, only **the remaining free places will be filled with those applicants who are not admitted to their first choice of programmes but passed the entrance exam for their second-choice programme**. In this way, the chances of receiving the scholarship are relatively higher for the study programmes selected as first choices.

Please note that **after the application deadline**, the selected programmes (including the study language and study mode!) **and the order of preference cannot be changed by the applicant!** We strongly advise to carefully check the minimum entry requirements of the study programmes and take time to decide on the order of preference. (The entry requirements are listed in online application system.) The chances of receiving the scholarship can be increased by applying for not only one but two study programmes in total.

If the applicant participated in the entrance examination process but failed to meet the entry requirements of all study programmes selected, the applicant might be offered the opportunity to choose a Hungarian language preparatory course in addition to the previously indicated study programme(s). This extra opportunity is NOT an automatic process and depends on the number of eligible applicants in the particular application round.

2.6. Language of Study Programmes

Applicants are eligible to apply only if they meet the minimum language criteria set by the chosen Host Institution. Please visit the online application system (<https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/>) to see the exact language criteria for each study programme.

| Study modes | Study programmes taught in English and other foreign languages | | Study programmes taught in Hungarian language | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | applicants with at least an intermediate (B2) level of Hungarian language knowledge | | applicants with basic or no Hungarian language knowledge | |
| | minimum level of knowledge | language preparatory year | minimum level of knowledge | language preparatory year | minimum level of knowledge | language preparatory year |
| Full-time degree programmes | level of English proficiency determined by the Host Institution | none | level of Hungarian proficiency determined by the Host Institution | none if the language certificate is uploaded OR if - as part of the institutional admission process - the Host Institution accepts the demonstrated language skills as sufficient | level of English proficiency determined by the Host Institution, usually basic level | yes, obligatory one-year Hungarian language preparatory course |
| Partial (exchange) studies | | | | not available | not available | not available |
| Non-degree programmes: postgraduate specialist training course (in full-time or partial study mode) | level of English proficiency determined by the Host Institution | none | level of Hungarian proficiency determined by the Host Institution | none | level of English proficiency determined by the Host Institution, usually basic level | not available |

In the online application system, the study programmes conducted in a foreign (non-Hungarian) language and in Hungarian language are listed as separate study programmes. Because of this, please be extra cautious when selecting your preferred study programmes in the application system. Please make sure that you select the study programme marked with the study language of your desire, because it is not possible to change the study language after the application deadline!

2.6.1. Studies in the English or Other Foreign Languages

Students shall have a level of proficiency in the language of education as required by the Host Institution.

2.6.2. Studies in the Hungarian Language

Those applicants that **do not have an at least intermediate (B2) level knowledge of Hungarian** shall complete an obligatory one-year preparatory language course in the Hungarian language before starting their degree programmes in the Hungarian language. For this, the applicants are usually required to have at least a basic level of English proficiency. In the online application system, the applicants need to apply directly for the preparatory course (and NOT for the degree programme they wish to start after the language preparatory year). To see all Hungarian language preparatory courses and entry requirements, please check the online application system (<https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/>)

Those applicants who **already have at least an intermediate (B2) level knowledge of Hungarian** and who wish to apply for study programmes conducted in the Hungarian language, should directly apply for the Hungarian study programmes in the online application system. The applicants are required to prove their sufficient language proficiency: a copy of the proof of at least an intermediate (B2) level knowledge has to be uploaded as part of the application in the online system **OR**, as part of the institutional admission, the Host Institution can accept the demonstrated language skills as sufficient.

If the applicant applies for a full-time degree study programme in the Hungarian language, the applicant may be transferred to a Hungarian language preparatory programme if the Host Institution does not find the Hungarian language proficiency sufficient during the entrance examination process.

2.6.3. Compulsory Hungarian language and culture course and language exam

Scholarship Holders who attend study programmes **conducted in English or any other foreign languages** are required to attend a Hungarian as a foreign language and culture course offered by the Host Institution, during their whole study period covered by the scholarship. If this obligation is not fulfilled, their scholarship holder status is terminated. Scholarship Holders studying in a foreign language programme who fulfil their obligation (see next paragraph) to pass a Hungarian as a foreign language complex language exam/test on the required level of proficiency during their studies are exempt from the obligation to participate in the Hungarian as a foreign language and culture course.

Scholarship Holders who attend study programmes conducted in English or any other foreign languages are required to pass a complex (written and oral) Hungarian as a foreign language state-recognised language exam or a Hungarian Language Assessment Test (of MFA Balassi). The required level of proficiency and the types of exams/test that can be accepted are defined in the regulations of the Scholarship Programme (<https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/learning-hungarian/>). The required level of proficiency depends on the length of the study period supported by the scholarship:

- » 3-4 semesters: minimum A2 level,
- » 5-7 semesters: minimum B1 level,
- » more than 7 semesters: minimum B2 level.

The language exam certificate has to be obtained by the end of the scholarship studies, no later than within 1 year after obtaining the degree (or certificate in case of postgraduate specialist training courses). In case this obligation is not fulfilled, the Scholarship Holder has to pay back the total amount of the tuition fee covered by the scholarship.

This obligation does not apply for students taking part in 1-2 semester-long short study programmes, including partial/exchange studies. Furthermore, in some other special cases, the Scholarship Holder might be exempt from the obligation to pass the language exam test. The exemptions are listed in the regulatory documents of the Scholarship Programme.

The obligations to attend Hungarian language and culture course and to pass a Hungarian as a foreign language exam do not apply to those Scholarship Holders who attend study programmes conducted in Hungarian.

2.7. Preparatory course, foundation semester/year and postgraduate specialist training courses

Besides full-time degree programmes, full-time non-degree programmes are also available within the Scholarship Programme.

Foundation semester or year is available for applicants applying for study programmes in the field of Music, Engineering, Computer Science and Information Technology or Dance. If you are applying for these study programmes, please read this section carefully.

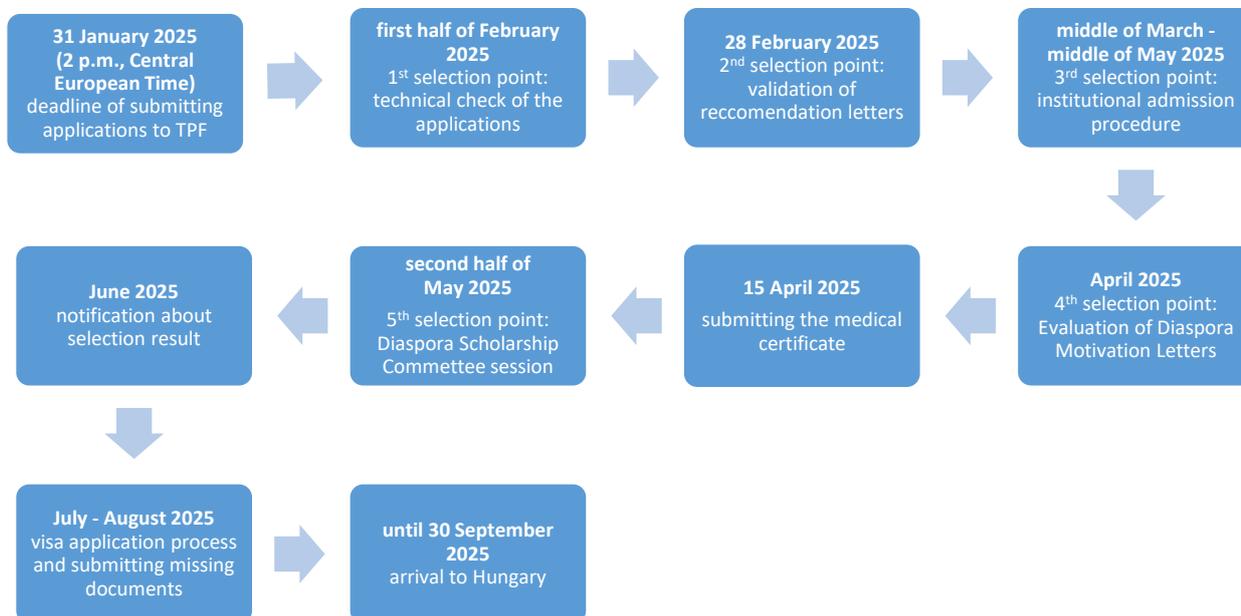
Foundation semester or year is available before starting a bachelor or master level degree programme at a Host Institution (both with the scholarship). However, ONLY in case of English language full degree study programmes on a bachelor or master level, only in the field of Music, Engineering, Computer Science and Information Technology or Dance, the Host institutions have the right to make the decision to admit the applicant for a foundation semester/year (up to 1 year) before they can actually start their full degree programmes. This can happen based on the institution's professional evaluation of the applicant/student during the institutional entrance examination process or at the beginning of student's studies. Applicants, therefore, cannot directly apply for foundation semester/year in English language; it is always the Host Institutions' decision if a foundation year or semester is necessary or not.

Postgraduate specialist training courses are higher education courses available after completing a bachelor or master level degree programme, therefore it is for those who already have a degree. Foundation semester/year is not available for postgraduate specialist training courses. Postgraduate specialist training courses offer the opportunity to acquire an additional qualification after a bachelor's or master's degree. Postgraduate specialist courses are minimum of two and maximum of four semesters long and can be applied for directly. The courses and their admission requirements are available in the online application system (<https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/>).

Preparatory courses are non-degree programmes before starting a bachelor or master level degree programme at a Host Institution (both with the scholarship). Within the Scholarship Programme, applicants can ONLY apply for **Hungarian language preparatory programmes**. After completion, it is not possible to continue the studies in English or other foreign languages. Please see Section 2.6.2. for further details about this.

3. The Application Process

3.1. Application Timeline



3.2. Application Documents to be submitted to Tempus Public Foundation

PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#) TO ACCESS THE CHECKLIST FOR THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS!

The submission of the application is entirely online.

- » See Section 3.2.1. for application documents that need to be uploaded by **all applicants**.
- » See Section 3.2.2. for additional documents to be uploaded by **applicants under the age of 18**.
- » See Section 3.2.3. for additional documents that need to be uploaded by **doctoral applicants**.
- » See Section 3.2.4. for additional documents that to be uploaded by **Arts and Music applicants**.
- » See Section 3.2.5. for additional documents that might be **required by the Host Institution**.
- » See Section 3.2.6 for additional requirement for **self-financed applicants**.
- » See Section 3.3. for the list of application documents that **may be uploaded after the application deadline too**.

3.2.1. Basic Application Documents

All of the following documents are compulsory and need to be submitted in the online application system by **all applicants** until the application deadline, 31 January 2025, 2 p.m. (Central European Time), except for the medical certificate which must be submitted only by the applicants whose Diaspora Recommendation Letter got evaluated and accepted by the Hungarian Diplomatic Representation. The deadline for uploading the medical certificate is 15 April 2025.

Please note that only files with a maximum size of 4 MB/file can be uploaded in the system.

| Application Documents | Detailed Requirements | Required to be uploaded by |
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| <p align="center">Online Application Form</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applicants must fill out and save all requested information on the online application form in English or Hungarian - a recent photo of the applicant (taken not earlier than 2 years before the submission of the application) - those who apply for partial (exchange) studies must clearly state the length (can be 5 or 10 months) and start date (September of February) of the studies they apply for | <p align="center">all applicants</p> |
| <p align="center">Diaspora Motivation Letter</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum 1 page, typed in Times New Roman 12-point letters - written in English or in Hungarian - the Diaspora Motivation Letter is evaluated and scored by independent experts using a standard system of criteria. These scores are taken into account when deciding on the application. The Diaspora Motivation Letters are evaluated based on the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ whether the applicant confirms that he/she has Hungarian roots by describing his/her connection to Hungary, ○ whether there is a link between the Diaspora Motivation Letter and the Diaspora Recommendation Letter. The Diaspora Recommendation Letter has to confirm the facts written in the Diaspora Motivation Letter. ○ whether the applicant demonstrates that he/she has done work for the Hungarian diaspora community, ○ whether the applicant demonstrates that he/she has been engaged in activities related to the Hungarian culture, arts, science or on other fields, ○ whether the applicant convincingly demonstrates how he/she will contribute to the strengthening of the Hungarian identity of his/her diaspora community after completing his/her studies in Hungary, ○ whether the applicant convincingly demonstrates how the knowledge and experience gained in Hungary will contribute to the strengthening of the relationship between Hungary and the diaspora community of a foreign country after completing their studies in Hungary, ○ whether the applicant convincingly describes his/her professional choice and explain why he/she wishes to receive the scholarship. <p>Please read the note below this table for information on different types of motivation letters.</p> | <p align="center">all applicants</p> |
| <p align="center">Diaspora Recommendation Letter (issued by a Hungarian Diaspora Organisation or the Hungarian</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum 1 page, typed in Times New Roman 12-point letters - written in English or Hungarian - it could be (but does not have to be) issued on the sample form available on the Scholarship Programmes's website - the Diaspora Recommendation Letter has to be issued by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a Hungarian diaspora organisation (=organisation/association of the Hungarian community living outside of Hungary in diaspora) | <p align="center">all applicants</p> |

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| <p>Diplomatic Representation of the respective territory)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ or the Hungarian Diplomatic Representation (including Honorary Consuls) of the respective territory. - it must declare that the applicant has a real connection to the diaspora of their country/town and their studies will contribute to the prosperity of the community - the Diaspora Recommendation Letter must meet the following criteria. It must <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ contain the applicant’s personal data (full name, country of his/her residence, date and location of birth), If the country of residence does not correspond to the country from which the recommendation comes, an explanation is required in the Diaspora Recommendation Letter on how the applicant relates to the country issuing the recommendation. ○ confirm what is written in the applicant’s Diaspora Motivation Letter, ○ have the official signature and (if they have) a stamp of the authorised representative of the organisation/mission on it, ○ contain - in printed form - the name and capacity/position of the authorised representative of the organisation/mission who signs the document, ○ prove that the applicant is linked to the country in which the organisation/mission issuing the recommendation is established, ○ contain the date of issue. <p>Please read the note below this table for information on different types of recommendation letters.</p> | |
| <p>Secondary school certificate(s)</p> <p>and their translations in the language of the selected study programme, in English or in Hungarian</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - secondary school leaving certificate (e.g. high school diploma) issued in a foreign country. The certificate must prove that the applicant finished secondary education abroad (not in Hungary). If the country is not indicated on the secondary school certificated or otherwise not obvious from the certificate, then additional certificates need to be attached that verify the country where the secondary education was finished and graduation took place. - translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is neither in the language of the selected study programme, nor in English or in Hungarian. | <p>all applicants</p> |
| <p>Proof of language proficiency</p> <p>and their translations in the language of the selected study programme, in English or in Hungarian</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - scanned copy of the original proof of language proficiency, with a minimum level determined by the Host Institution AND its translation - see section 2.6. for further details, - in case the student has completed his/her previous level of studies in the language of the selected study programme, a proof can be uploaded about the fact that the language of education was the same as the language of the study programme that the applicant is now applying for, - translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is neither in the language of the selected study programme, nor in English or in Hungarian. | <p>all applicants</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">School Certificates</p> <p>and their translations in the language of the selected study programme, in English or in Hungarian</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bachelor level full-time programmes: scanned copy of the original secondary school graduation certificate (school leaving certificate/high school diploma) or equivalent AND its translation - master level full-time programmes: scanned copy of the original bachelor's degree certificate or equivalent AND its translation - one-tier master level full-time programmes: scanned copy of the original secondary school graduation certificate (school leaving certificate/high school diploma) or equivalent AND their translations - non-degree, Hungarian language preparatory programmes: scanned copy of the secondary school graduation certificate (school leaving certificate/high school diploma) or equivalent AND its translation - non-degree, postgraduate specialist training programmes: scanned copy of the degree certificate required by the Host Institution AND its translation - partial (exchange) study programmes on all study levels (if the partial studies are part of the student's degree studies in their sending higher education institutions): scanned copy of the original certificate about student status issued by the current higher education institution where the applicant is registered in, the document must certify that the student status is expected to exist during the partial studies as well AND its translation - doctoral programmes: scanned copy of the original master's degree certificate or equivalent AND its translation - translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected study programme or in English, or Hungarian | <p style="text-align: center;">all applicants</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Transcript of Records</p> <p>and its translations in the language of the selected study programme, in English or in Hungarian</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - copy of the original transcript of records regarding all academic semesters or school years completed during previous studies (at the highest level of education that the student has participated in) AND its translation - translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected study programme or in English or in Hungarian | <p style="text-align: center;">all applicants</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Copy of Identification Document(s) regarding all citizenships</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provided that the applicant already has a passport, a scanned copy of the passport's data page should be uploaded - in case applicants do not yet have a passport, they should upload the scanned copy of their national ID card - that page has to be uploaded which contains both the personal data and the photography of the applicant - in case the applicant has dual/multiple citizenships both/all passports'/ID cards' scanned copy is required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If you are a Hungarian dual citizens, do not forget to upload both your Hungarian identification document and the identification about your other citizenship that makes you eligible to participate in the Scholarship Programme (see Section 2.1. for countries)! | <p style="text-align: center;">all applicants</p> |

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| <p>Statement for Application</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there is a compulsory template to use, which is available here (and also Annex 2). - after carefully reading, then signing the document, the scanned version must be uploaded to the application system - the application can only be accepted if the applicant uploads this document to the relevant Task in the online application system - the applicant's name and signature must be on the statement. It has to be properly signed by the applicant; it should be signed with a pen and not typed! | <p>all applicants</p> |
| <p>Medical Certificate</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - must be submitted only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o by those applicants whose Diaspora Recommendation Letters got evaluated and accepted by the Hungarian Diplomatic Representation o by those who do not have the citizenship of a European Union member country - using the following downloadable form is compulsory: https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/medical.pdf - certificates have to be issued and signed by a physician to declare the medical condition of the applicant (according to the diseases listed on the form) - the certificate has to be recently issued. It means that the date of issue on the document cannot be earlier than 1st November 2024. - deadline for submitting the medical certificate is 15 April 2025 (but it can be uploaded before 31 January too) <p>Please note that Scholarship Holders will have to take part in medical examinations organised by the Host Institutions upon arrival (exemptions may apply in case of EU citizens).</p> | <p>applicants whose Diaspora Recommendation Letter got accepted by the Hungarian Diplomatic Representation and who do not have the citizenship of a European Union member country</p> |

All documents – including any addition documents listed in the following sections – that cannot be obtained or produced in the language of the selected study programme, in English or in Hungarian have to be translated and the translations have to be submitted together with a copy of the original document.

Please note that in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in European Union law, you need to give your consents regarding data protection and accept the [Privacy Statement](#) in order to be able to submit your application. These consents appear in the system after registration, including the Privacy Statement (Annex 3).

Note about motivation letters:

It is important not to confuse the different types of motivation letters that the applicants may encounter in the application system. These are:

- » **Diaspora Motivation Letter:** this is a document required from all applicants. It has a special focus on the Hungarian roots as well as on the diaspora activities of the applicants. This letter should be uploaded as a separate file in the Tasks section of the application form. Please see details in the above table.
- » **Professional Motivation Letter:** this type of motivation letter is embedded in the online application form itself and therefore, it is typed directly in the application form (not as a

separate file). It appears for all applicants. This is a general motivation letter that is important for the Host Institutions during the admission process because it introduces the applicant's background and demonstrates why the applicant is a suitable candidate. Thus, this type of motivation letter is more about your professional background and plans and not your diaspora background.

- » **Professional Motivation Letter for specific study programmes:** depending on the decision of the Host Institution, the online application system might ask for a motivation letter specifically address one/both of the study programmes the applicants select. This is essentially the same as the Professional Motivation Letter described above, however it should be specifically focused on the particular study programme. Therefore, this type of motivation letter might not appear for some applicants and might be either required or only recommended to fill out for others.

Note about recommendation letters:

It is important not to confuse the different types of recommendation letters that the applicants may encounter in the application system. These are:

- » **Diaspora Recommendation Letter:** this is a document required by all applicants. It has to be issued by a Hungarian diaspora organisation or the Hungarian Diplomatic Representation of the respective territory. Its purpose is to confirm the Hungarian roots of the applicants. Please see details in the above table.
- » **Recommendation Letter for self-financed students:** this document is only required in case of those who are registered self-financed / fee-paying students of a Hungarian higher education institution at the time of the application deadline. This type of letter has to be issued by the Hungarian university where the applicant studies at the time of application. There is a special deadline for uploading this type of letter. Please see Section 3.2.6. for further information.
- » **Recommendation Letter for doctoral applicants:** this document is only required (and will only appear in the application system at the Tasks section) in case you apply for a doctoral-level study programme. It has to be issued by the applicant's former or current academic tutor or supervisor. Please see Section 3.2.3. for further information.
- » **References:** depending on the decision of the Host Institution, the online application system might ask for references in case of the particular study programmes. If this is the case, a References section will appear in the online application system from where you can ask for automatic references from referees (e.g. teachers, professors, employers), via the online system. Therefore, references might not appear for some applicants and might be either required or only recommended to complete for others.

3.2.2. Additional Documents for Applicants Under the Age of 18

Beside the documents listed in Section 3.2.1, applicants under the age of 18 need to upload the following document as well via the online application system until **31 January 2025** (2 p.m., Central European Time), in the following cases.

Those applicants who were **born after 31 August 2007 but turn 18 years old on or before 31 December 2024** need the declaration of their legal representative in order to apply.

| Application Document | Detailed Requirements | Required to be uploaded by |
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| Declaration of legal representative | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the compulsory template must be used. Click here to download it. - the declaration must be read and signed by the applicant and the legal representative of the applicant (e.g. parent), and the scanned copy must be uploaded to the relevant Task in the online application system (if the Task does not appear, check the date of birth entered in the system again). | <p>all applicants born between 1 September 2007 and 31 December 2007</p> <p>AND</p> <p>all applicants of Dance study programmes who were born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2009</p> |

Those who were **born after 31 December 2007** are not eligible to apply even if they have the declaration of their legal representative. The only exception is those who apply for Dance study programmes and turn 18 years old on or before 31 August 2009 – provided that they upload the declaration of their legal representative.

3.2.3. Additional Documents for Doctoral Applicants

Beside the documents listed in Section 3.2.1, applicants applying for doctoral programmes need to upload the following documents as well until **31 January 2025** (2 p.m., Central European Time), except the Statement of the Supervisor (if required by the proposed Doctoral School) which must be submitted until **15 March 2025**. If applicants cannot upload the Statement of Supervisor until **31 January 2025** (2 p.m., Central European Time), they are required to upload a declaration to the application system's relevant Task directly. In this declaration, applicants need to confirm that they will upload the Statement of Supervisor until **15 March 2025**.

| Application Documents | Detailed Requirements | Required to be uploaded by |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Research Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum 2 pages, typed in Times New Roman 12-point font size letters, written in the language of the selected study programme - the work plan must indicate the resources used, the document is checked by the Host Institutions for plagiarism | applicants applying for doctoral programme |
| Letter of Recommendation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a signed Letter of Recommendation from the applicant's former or current academic tutor or supervisor, who has a scientific degree and has an insight into the professional work of the applicant - must be written in the language of the selected study programme, in English or in Hungarian | applicants applying for doctoral programme |
| Statement of the Supervisor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statement of the Supervisor at the proposed Host Institution declaring that the supervisor undertakes to supervise the student's work within the doctoral programme (if required by the Doctoral School) - please read the note below about supervisors - the Statement of the Supervisor (if required by the Doctoral School) must be uploaded until 15 March 2025 | applicants applying for doctoral programme, if required by the Doctoral School |

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| | - if the Statement of the Supervisor cannot be uploaded until 31 January 2025, then a declaration is required to be uploaded instead. The declaration has to be uploaded until 31 January 2025 . In this declaration, applicants need to confirm that they will upload the Statement of Supervisor until 15 March 2025 . | |
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All applicants of doctoral programmes are required to visit <http://www.doktori.hu> before they submit their application. The website provides information about the Hungarian doctoral schools, available research fields and research topics as well as the possible supervisors of doctoral students in English and Hungarian language. Proposed research topics for aspiring doctoral students are available at <http://www.doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=115&lang=EN>.

Doctoral applicants are also required to contact their chosen Host Institution(s) and Doctoral School(s) in advance in order to discuss the available research topics in the institution as well as the possible supervisors for those topics. All students applying for a doctoral programme must have a supervisor at their selected Host University. The list of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship coordinators at the Host Institutions is available at the Programme's website: <https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/higher-education-institutions/>. These pieces of information need to be considered when preparing the application materials (e.g. research plan) and whilst choosing a doctoral programme and research area.

Note about supervisors:

Some Doctoral Schools request students applying for their doctoral programmes to have a supervisor at the Host Institution, who, in the case of a successful application process, will undertake the supervising of the student's doctoral education and research activities within the frameworks of the doctoral programme chosen by the applicant. In case it is required by the doctoral programme you are applying for, a statement of acceptance issued by the supervisor (=Statement of the Supervisor) must be attached to the application. **Please make sure whether the doctoral programme you are applying for requires this statement or not. Naturally, if you choose two study programmes that require a Statement of the Supervisor, two different statements signed by two different professors must be attached to the application.**

3.2.4. Additional Documents for Arts and Music Applicants

Beside the documents listed in Section 3.2.1, applicants applying for studies in the **field of Arts and/or Music** need to upload the following documents as well via the online application system until 31 January 2025 (2 p.m., Central European Time).

| Application Documents | Detailed requirements | Required to be uploaded by |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Portfolio | works of art (indicating the date of creation), as required by the Host Institution | applicants of study programmes in the field of Arts and Music |

It is very important to check the specific requirements of the particular study programme(s) about the portfolio. The **type and number of the works** that should be uploaded is set by the Host Institution, as well as the **required file formats** (photographs, audio or video files, etc). Applicants can check this

information by clicking on the name of the study programme in the online application system. If you have any questions about the portfolio requirement, please contact the Host Institution.

The file(s) have to be submitted in the Media Files section of the online application form. Please note that only files with a maximum size of 4 MB can be uploaded in the system. If the size of the art portfolio or the audio portfolio is larger than 4 MB, please upload a document that contains the link(s) where the portfolio file(s) can be downloaded from.

3.2.5. Additional Documents Required by the Host Institution

Please note that, in some cases, the Host Institutions might ask for additional documents as well. For example, the applicant might need to upload a portfolio even if the chosen study programme does not officially belong to the field of Arts and Music (see Section 3.2.4.) but to other creative fields such as Architecture. The Host Institution might also ask for a (professional) motivation letter specifically addressed to them (see the note at the end of Section 3.2.1. on different types of motivation letters).

If the Host Institution requires any additional documents, it is listed in the description of the study programme in the online application system. Please click on the name of the study programme and check the entry requirements there. Pay close attention to the “Other requirements” section here but make sure to read the whole text!

3.2.6. Additional Documents for Self-financed Applicants who Continue their Studies as a Scholarship Holder

Those applicants who are registered self-financed / fee-paying students of a Hungarian higher education institution at the time of the application deadline AND who are now re-applying for the same study level are only eligible to apply for the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme in cases described in Section 2.3. about non-eligibility.

Apart from the requirements about the average performance of the applicant, they need to be recommended by their Hungarian higher education university where they are studying at the time of application. Therefore, we recommend all of these applicants to contact their universities and discuss whether the university wishes to recommend them for the scholarship.

In case the applicant is to be recommended, he/she needs to ask for a recommendation letter issued by the Hungarian higher education institution where he/she is studying at the time of application. This Recommendation Letter for self-financed students is required to be uploaded **by the applicant** to the online application system **until 15 March 2025**.

Please read the end of Section 3.2.1. that helps you differentiate between different types of recommendation letters.

3.3. Missing Documents

Certain documents are accepted to be uploaded even after the application deadline, **provided that** the applicant could not possibly obtain the document by the deadline of application.

In this case, the applicants need to upload **a signed declaration** stating that they will obtain and upload the missing document(s) until 1 August 2025 the latest. Please note that there is no form provided by Tempus Public Foundation for this declaration, it should be written by the applicant. No missing document will be accepted if the declaration is not uploaded until 31 January 2025 (2 p.m., Central European Time) and/or if the missing documents are not uploaded until 1 August 2025, thus such applications will be rejected automatically.

The following missing documents can be submitted after the application deadline, but **no later than 1 August 2025**.

| Which documents can be uploaded as missing documents until 1 August 2025? | | Who can upload these documents as missing documents? | What has to be uploaded until 31 January 2025 (2 p.m., Central European Time) |
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| School certificates and their translations | secondary school certificates | only applicants registered for the last semester of their secondary school studies | declaration signed by the applicant |
| | bachelor's degree certificate | only applicants registered for the last semester of their bachelor programme | declaration signed by the applicant AND high school certificate and translation |
| | master's degree certificate | only applicants registered for the last semester of their master programme | declaration signed by the applicant AND bachelor degree with translation |
| Certificate of language proficiency | | only applicants awaiting their language test results at the time of application | declaration signed by the applicant |
| Copy of the valid passport | | only applicants awaiting their passport to be issued | declaration signed by the applicant AND copy of national ID |

In case of doctoral-level applicants, please read 3.2.3. about the cases and deadline to upload the Statement of the Supervisor (if required) as a missing document.

3.4. Submitting the Application

3.4.1. Application to Tempus Public Foundation

All applications shall be submitted through the online application system of Tempus Public Foundation. Applications can be submitted either in English or in Hungarian. Applicants can choose and change the suitable language on the starting webpage of the online application system. After registration, the

applicants are able to access the application system and upload the required documents. **Applications must be submitted by clicking the Submit button.** Applications only saved will not be considered. Please note that no applications will be accepted without the online submission and after the deadline. No hard copies are required. A guide for the online system is available to download from the www.diasporascholarship.hu website.

Note to Hungarian dual citizens: at the beginning of registration, you need to choose your citizenship first. Please make sure you choose your non-Hungarian citizenship as this citizenship is what makes you eligible for the Scholarship Programme.

**The deadline for submitting the complete application package:
31 January 2025 – 14:00 (2 p.m., Central European Time)**

The online application system can be accessed here:

apply.diasporascholarship.hu

All applicants are highly advised to carefully read our Application “Dos and Don'ts” document (please [click here](#) to access) as well as the [Privacy Statement](#) (Annex 3) that they need to consent to in order to submit the application. Please also read the Statement for Application (Annex 2) really carefully before signing and uploading it. Providing any false information during the application process, including making a false statement, results in the getting automatically excluded from the Scholarship Programme.

It is strongly recommended to register with an e-mail address that works properly and that the applicant reads frequently. Unless the applicant is under 18 years old, the **email address provided must be the email address of the applicant itself** (not a parents' email address). As highlighted in the Privacy Statement, upon submitting their e-mail address, the Applicant/Scholarship Holder also assumes the liability for being the sole user of the e-mail address provided, and thus, any entry from the provided e-mail address shall be attributed solely to the Applicant/Scholarship Holder. In case there is a change in the email address – including during the study period in Hungary – the Host Institution and Tempus Public Foundation should be immediately informed and be provided with the new e-mail address by the applicant/Scholarship Holder. It is always the responsibility of the applicant and the Scholarship Holder to manage his/her own email account and to read the letters regularly. Tempus Public Foundation is not responsible for the malfunctioning of the registered e-mail account. Please avoid using for example a Hotmail or a Yahoo account because in that case letters from Tempus Public Foundation usually go to the Spam folder. We strongly advise you not to give your current institutional email address which may change after the start of your scholarship.

The information provided on the application – including the study programmes and their order of preference – cannot be changed after the application deadline. By submitting the application, the applicant declares that all information provided in the online application system of Tempus Public Foundation – including the content of all uploaded documents – are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

The applicant can withdraw his/her application in the online application system at any stage of the process. However, this decision is final, there is no possibility to cancel the withdraw.

3.4.2. Flow Chart of Application Process

Please note that the dates are indicative.



3.5. Selection Procedure

3.5.1. First Round of Selection: technical check (beginning of February 2025)

Applications that are only saved in the online system, but not submitted, will be automatically rejected. The applications successfully submitted in Tempus Public Foundation's online application system are technically checked first. The technical check is done by Tempus Public Foundation. During this step, TPF checks the basic eligibility criteria; for example, the age, citizenship, the previous scholarships, checks whether the signed Statement for Application (Annex 2) is uploaded, and check whether the applicant has applied for a scholarship type and/or study programme that is available within the framework of the Scholarship Programme.

Applicants will be automatically rejected if they:

- » do not successfully submit their application in the online system until 31 January 2025 (2 p.m., Central European Time);
- » do not have a foreign (non-Hungarian) citizenship of one of the sending countries involved in the Scholarship Programme (Citizenship must be verified by uploading a scanned copy of the passport or identity card);
- » are a stateless person, refugee, protected individual, asylum-seeker, admitted individual, or has a long-term residence status, or does not fall within the scope of Section 39 (1) a) of the Higher Education Act;
- » do not have an address of residence outside of Hungary;
- » were born after 31 December 2007 (except those applying for Dance study programmes);
- » were born between 1 September 2007 and 31 December 2007 (or in case of those applying for Dance study programmes; born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2009) and did not upload the declaration of their legal representative as part of their application;
- » do not upload the signed Statement for Application (Annex 2) on the template form in the online system;
- » are currently enrolled as self-financed students in Hungary and are now applying for a lower study level;
- » apply for the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme for any levels of education while they still have a scholarship status at the time of the application in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme or in any other scholarship programmes established by the Hungarian Government, and will not receive their degree until 31 August 2025 or withdraw their previous scholarship;
- » do not have a valid Diaspora Recommendation Letter issued by a Diaspora Organisation or a Hungarian Diplomatic Representation (including Honorary Consul);
- » did not upload a Diaspora Motivation Letter;
- » have spent less than 5 years abroad (that is, not in Hungary) prior to submitting the application, and the final date of this 5-year period is earlier than 1 year before the date of submitting the application, or, in the case of those involved in fee-paying study programmes in Hungarian higher education, the final date of this 5-year period is earlier than 1 year before commencing the self-financed studies; in this respect, the participants of the programmes specified in Section 2 (2) of Government Decree 241/2016 (16 August) are equated to students transferring from fee-paying study programmes;
- » did not obtain their secondary education certificate in a foreign country (not Hungary);
- » have submitted multiple applications;
- » have provided any false information during the application process;

- » if an application was submitted for a doctoral level study programme and an other, lower or non-doctoral level study programme, the application submitted for a lower/non-doctoral level is considered invalid;
- » were awarded the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship in previous application rounds, were awarded any other scholarship programmes established by the Hungarian Government in cases described in Section 2.3. about non-eligibility.

Some of these criteria are checked during the technical check, some are checked at later phases of the selection process (e.g. during the formal check run by the Host Institutions where the Host Institutions check whether certain uploaded files and their quality can be accepted or not).

3.5.2. Second Round of Selection: validation of Diaspora Recommendation Letters (February 2025)

The successfully submitted applications that meet the basic eligibility criteria are forwarded to the Hungarian Diplomatic Representations for validation. At this stage, the content of the uploaded Diaspora Recommendation Letters is checked by the Hungarian Diplomatic Representation of the respective territory. If the Diaspora Recommendation Letter is not a valid document issued by a valid Hungarian diaspora organisation or a Hungarian Diplomatic Representation, or if the Diaspora Recommendation Letter does not meet the other requirements as well, the whole application is rejected. As the purpose of the Diaspora Recommendation Letter is to confirm the Hungarian roots of the applicant, the application will be rejected based on false statement if it turns out that the applicant does not have a Hungarian background.

3.5.3. Third Round of Selection: the institutional evaluation (middle of March – middle of May 2025)

The application materials of the applicants whose Diaspora Recommendation Letters proved to be valid are forwarded to the Host Institutions for professional evaluation. The institutions also run a **formal check first** to see if the documents submitted by the applicants meet the requirements of the Call for Applications and the minimum entry requirements of the selected study programme(s).

Applicants with a valid, formally correct application that meet the **minimum entry requirements** can proceed to the institutional entrance examinations. As a general rule, each applicant can participate in up to two institutional entrance examinations – in accordance with their submitted application.

The exact date and method of the entrance examination vary by institutions. **Each applicant will be individually informed about further details (e.g., date of examination) directly by their selected Host Institution(s).**

As applicants can apply for up to two study programmes, **institutional examinations are conducted in two rounds.**

1. Applications for the first selected study programmes are considered first by the universities. The examination process for the first selected programmes can be expected from the middle of March to the end of April 2025, however, the dates are indicative.
2. Applications for the second selected study programmes are considered afterwards. The examination process for the second selected programmes can be expected until the beginning of May 2025, however, the date is indicative.

Depending on the selected Host Institution's schedule of examinations, it is possible that there will be no entrance examinations for the second study programme selected by the applicant – in case the applicant is already approved for admission for the first selected study programme. Also, in rare cases, it might happen that the applicant is admitted not as a first-year student, but as a higher-year student - due to previous studies. In this case, the length of the scholarship period is shorter accordingly.

If the applicant participated in the entrance examination process but failed to meet the entry requirements of all study programmes selected, the applicant might be offered the opportunity to choose a Hungarian language preparatory course in addition to the previously indicated study programme(s). This extra opportunity is NOT an automatic process and depends on the number of eligible applicants in the particular application round. If this opportunity is offered and the applicant decided to select a Hungarian language preparatory course, the additional entrance examination for it can be expected to take place around the second half of the institutional evaluation period.

Note for applicants for Medical programmes: the field of Medical studies is one of the most popular study fields in the Scholarship Programme. As a result, most of the Host Institutions are expected to fill all their medical scholarship places during the examination of those who applied for their programme as a first choice. As a consequence, applicants for Medical programmes can expect that the Host Institutions will not consider them if the programme is selected only as a second choice.

Note for applicants applying to a study programme taught in the Hungarian language: If the applicant applies for a full-time degree study programme in the Hungarian language, the applicant may be transferred to a Hungarian language preparatory programme if the Host Institution does not find the Hungarian language proficiency sufficient during the entrance examination process.

Important note: The applicants are evaluated on a 100-point scale. No applicants shall receive a scholarship offer with an examination result below 56 points.

Applicants will be notified of the results by the universities. A positive result only means that the applicant met the minimum entrance requirements of the study programme. This is not a decision about the scholarship.

At the end of the institutional evaluation phase, the final examination results and the examination points given by the Host Institutions are then forwarded to Tempus Public Foundation.

3.5.4. Fourth Round of Selection: Evaluation of Diaspora Motivation Letters (April 2025)

The Diaspora Motivation Letters are evaluated in parallel with the institutional entrance examinations. The Diaspora Motivation Letters are evaluated by independent experts of Tempus Public Foundation. The letters are scored using a standard system of criteria. These scores are taken into account when deciding on the application. Evaluation criteria are listed in section 3.2.1.

3.5.5. Allocation of Admitted Applicants (May-June 2025)

Tempus Public Foundation is responsible for the allocation of the applicants. The allocation of the applicants and the selection of Scholarship Holders depend on the allocation principles described in the Operational Regulations (https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/hds_or.pdf) of the Scholarship Programme. In general, the principles at this stage are as followed:

1. the preference order of the selected study programmes on the application form (please read Section 2.5 carefully),
2. the capacity (minimum and maximum number of available places) of the university's specific study programme (you can check it in the online application system: <https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/>),
3. the examination results (maximum 100 points) given by the Host Institutions
4. of the scores given by experts for the Diaspora Motivation Letter.

In order to support student diversity, and due to the limited number of places offered (e.g. limited institutional capacity on certain study fields such as Medical Science), the number of applicants who can be awarded the scholarship may be limited based on citizenship.

3.5.6. Fifth Round of Selection: Diaspora Scholarship Committee's Nomination List (end of May 2025)

Tempus Public Foundation forwards the allocation list of the applicants to the Diaspora Scholarship Committee. The number of forwarded applications is determined in the following way: number of applications that can be supported + 50%.

The Committee's task is to select those applicants whose study goals are most closely connected to the interest of the respective local Hungarian diaspora community. Based on this, the Committee may decide on priorities of regions/countries where the support of the local Hungarian community is needed the most. Similarly, priorities might be set based on academic fields or other study programme-related specifics.

3.5.7. Application Results (first half of June 2025)

Applicants can receive one of the following statuses:

- » awarded Scholarship Holder,
- » conditionally awarded Scholarship Holder (in case any missing documents need to be uploaded),
- » awarded on waiting list (can only be approved if other Scholarship Holders withdraw),
- » rejected.

Applicants can expect to be informed about the application results in June 2025 (most possibly in the first half of June, but this is an indicative date) by an email from Tempus Public Foundation. Please note that applicants can expect only one information email from Tempus Public Foundation about the results. Depending on the allocation results, applicants can expect this letter anytime throughout June and July; therefore, we would like to ask for your patience. Please note that we are not able to reply to individual requests asking for the results and all applicants will be informed via the online system.

The decision is made by the Board of Trustees of Tempus Public Foundation. Exceptions are made for applicants who previously achieved first, second or third place at the National Scientific Student Conference with the unique consent of the minister for foreign affairs, in case they are admitted to a study programme on a higher study level.

The decision is made based on the available budget.

3.6. Acceptance of the Scholarship

After receiving the notification e-mail about the application results, both approved and conditionally approved applicants need to accept their scholarship offer in the online system in order to enter the Scholarship Programme. Those who do not accept their scholarship within the time frame specified in the notification e-mail, are automatically considered withdrawn from the scholarship.

Applicants who are awarded the scholarship shall not receive a scholarship holder status if they:

- » withdraw from the scholarship in writing (sent to both Tempus Public Foundation and the Host Institution) or via the application system, or
- » fail to upload their missing application documents until 1 August 2025 or the uploaded documents are not accepted by the Host Institution, or
- » fail to accept their scholarship offer by the given deadline, or
- » do not hold a secondary school graduation certificate until 1 August 2025, or
- » withdraw their data protection (GDPR) consents, including the Privacy Statement, or
- » provided false information during the application process.

3.6.1. Acceptance of Scholarship for Awarded Scholarship Holders

In order to gain a scholarship holder status, approved applicants must accept their scholarship offer in the online application system **within the time frame written in the notification e-mail about the application result**, but no later than 1 August 2025. **Usually, the acceptance deadline is within one or two weeks after receiving the notification e-mail** about the application decision, it was one week in the last application round, please prepare accordingly.

3.6.2. Acceptance of Scholarship for Conditionally Awarded Scholarship Holders

If the applicant is conditionally approved because they have any missing documents that could be uploaded after the application deadline, all these missing documents need to be uploaded via the online system immediately after receiving all documents, but no later than 1 August 2025. Please note that you do not have to wait for receiving the application decision, you are able to upload the missing document any time before the 1 August deadline. Please see details in Section 3.3. about missing documents.

Conditionally awarded applicant must accept their scholarship offer in the online application system **within the time frame written in the notification e-mail about the application result**, but no later than 1 August 2025. **Usually, the acceptance deadline is within one or two weeks after receiving the notification e-mail** about the application decision, it was one week in the last application round, please prepare accordingly.

4. Studying in Hungary

Any possible changes in the entry and enrolment process due to unforeseen reasons will be posted on our website: <https://diasporascholarship.hu>.

4.1. Visa Applications

The scholarship holder status does not automatically guarantee a visa.

Scholarship Holders are requested to **start your visa application process immediately** after receiving the positive decision about the scholarship. Officially, it may take 30 days until a visa is issued. In order to apply for visa to Hungary, Scholarship Holders need to contact the competent consular office.

More information:

- » Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade: <https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en>
- <https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/embassies#hungarian-embassies-abroad>
- » Directorate-General for Aliens Policing: <http://oif.gov.hu/index.php?lang=en>

The citizens of some countries (such as the United States) do not need a visa to enter Hungary due to the **Visa Waiver Agreements**. In the case of certain countries, the exemption from the visa requirement applies only to holders of biometric passports. Visit the Consular Services website for up-to-date information about visa-free entry, the list of countries and further details: <https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/visa-free-travel-hungary>

4.2. Arrival and Enrolment

We highly recommend all applicants to visit our Study in Hungary website (www.studyinhungary.hu) for detailed information about life and education in Hungary. As mentioned in Section 1.3, please also check the expected living expenses with our [Cost of Living Calculator](#).

Scholarship Holders are required to inform the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship coordinator of their Host Institution (please see contact details [on our website](#)) about their expected date of arrival 30 – but not less than 15 – days before arrival.

Successful applicants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to Hungary – the Scholarship Programme provides contribution to these travel expenses only in the cases indicated above in Section 1.3. and only if it was requested in the application system. Under current legislations, Scholarship Holders are entitled to be exempt from the payment of any fees related to their admission to Hungary. No visa, administrative services or additional contribution is given to family members or accompanying persons. Please note that under the current legislation, a third-country national holding or applying for a residence permit for the purpose of studies, a student mobility residence permit or a student mobility certificate shall not be granted a residence permit for the purpose of family reunification.

Please note that the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship does not fully cover all upcoming costs of the Scholarship Holder. It means that the students need to add their own financial resources in order to cover all living expenses in Hungary. All applicants are highly advised to check the expected living expenses both in Hungary and in the city that they wish to live in before applying; please do check our Cost of Living Calculator by clicking here: <http://www.studyinhungary.hu/living-in-hungary/menu/your-costs-of-living.html>

Scholarship Holders are expected to obtain their visa, arrive in Hungary and **register at the Host Institution no later than 30 September 2025** (for study programmes starting in the Autumn Semester) – or the date set by the Host Institutions. The applicant who is granted the scholarship must enrol to the Host Institution in the semester in which she/he was granted admission.

It is **not possible to postpone the start of the scholarship studies** to another semester or academic year – except for very special, unforeseeable, vis maior cases described in the Operational Regulations, with the special approval of Tempus Public Foundation. Therefore, in principle, if the Scholarship Holder does not enrol until 30 September 2025 or the date set by the Host Institutions, or does not withdraw the scholarship in the online system until 30 September, they will be automatically excluded from the Scholarship Programme.

Please note that Scholarship Holders will have to take part in a mandatory medical examination organised by the Host Institution upon their arrival. The examination is free of charge for the Scholarship Holders.

4.3. Rights and Obligations

4.3.1. Operational Regulations, GDPR and Scholarship Contract

All Scholarship Holders are bound by the Operational Regulations of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme. Please make sure to read it carefully (Annex 1; https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/hds_or.pdf). The following text contains extracts from the Operational Regulations; however, all Scholarship Holders must read the full text of the regulations.

Scholarship Holders are required to sign a scholarship contract with the Host Institution including study-related details and the rights and obligations of the Scholarship Holders (see sample on our website or at the end of the Operational Regulations).

The scholarship is a contribution to the living costs of the Scholarship Holder only, therefore – within the framework of the Scholarship Programme – visa-related assistance, additional allowance and administrative services are not provided for any accompanying people or family members. The legal entity of the scholarship contract is exclusively the Scholarship Holder and the Host Institution.

The Scholarship Holders are expected to follow the regulations of the Host Institution and continue their studies in good faith, to the best of their abilities, in order to meet the academic requirements of the study programme and thus finish the programme successfully. By accepting the scholarship, the Scholarship Holders agree to participate in the Alumni system of the Scholarship Programme that

supports the maintenance of relationships with the Scholarship Holders and facilitates the flow of information – such as the alumni website, alumni events and surveys about the satisfaction of students, career monitoring, and the evaluation of research activities.

Please note that the Scholarship Holder students generally complete 30 credits in a semester; therefore, we suggest completing at least 30 credits in total in a semester. Please also note that if the Scholarship Holder does not complete at least a total of 36 credits (18 credits on average per semester) during the last two semesters with an active student status, their scholarship status shall be terminated. This is checked in each academic year.

Please carefully read the Diaspora Scholarship Holders' obligations regarding the attendance of the Hungarian language and culture course, the Hungarian language exam as well as the community work for a 2-year long period (see Section 2. as well, further information on the Scholarship Programme's website too:

- » <https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/learning-hungarian/>
- » <https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/community-work/>

Please note that the Operational Regulations of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme can be subject to change, and the Scholarship Holders are always bound by the prevailing regulations at any given time.

Please note that, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in European Union law, all applicants need to give consents regarding data protection and accept the [Privacy Statement](#) (see Annex 3) in order to be able to submit an application. These consents appear in the online application system after registration.

4.3.2. Staying in Hungary

Scholarship Holders are obliged to live and study in Hungary; therefore, they are not allowed to live habitually in any other country during the study period, otherwise their scholarship holder status will be terminated. An exception is made in the case of Scholarship Holders in doctoral training, who may participate at student mobility abroad with the purpose of research for the duration of maximum one semester in both phase of doctoral studies. Read the Operation Regulations for details about exceptions.

The Scholarship Holders must register in person at the international office of the Host Institution at the beginning of each semester.

4.3.3. Other Scholarships and Double Financing

Considering that the aim of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme is to support higher education studies in Hungary, if the Scholarship Holder receives a scholarship that aims to support studies outside Hungary for more than 30 days, the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Agreement will be terminated. Study-related professional programmes (conferences, study trips etc.) with a maximum duration of 30 days can be supported within the framework of other scholarship programmes (e.g. Erasmus +, CEEPUS). The European Solidarity Corps is an exception as it is not compatible with studies for Scholarship Holders.

Applicants are also not eligible to receive the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship in case they have another concurrent scholarship from the Hungarian central budget for studies in Hungary. If the Scholarship Holder was awarded more than one scholarship, she/he has to choose one of the scholarships and withdraw from the other ones. However, the Host Institutions are allowed to provide additional financial support for the students on a social, performance-related, or other basis.

In accordance with the regulations of Government Decree 51/2007. (III. 26.), Scholarship Holders are entitled to be awarded with the National Higher Education Scholarship ("nemzeti felsőoktatási ösztöndíj").

4.3.4. Termination of Scholarship Status

The details and cases when the scholarship status is terminated are listed in the [Operational Regulations](#) of the Scholarship Programme (Annex 1). It is important to highlight that– after the consultation with Tempus Public Foundation and in case the university does not have other interior regulations about this – the Host Institution is obliged to terminate the scholarship status of the student **if the student does not complete at least a total of 36 credits (18 credits in average per semester) during the last two finished semesters** when she/he had an active student status.

In accordance with the Operational Regulations of the Scholarship Programme, the scholarship status is terminated if:

- » the student status of the Scholarship Holder is terminated by the Host Institution,
- » the Scholarship Holder does not complete at least a total of 36 credits (18 credits on average per semester) during the last two semesters with an active student status,
- » the Scholarship Holder does not attend the obligatory Hungarian as foreign language and culture course,
- » the Scholarship Holder withdraws from the scholarship in writing (sent to both Tempus Public Foundation and the Host Institution),
- » after accepting the scholarship, the Scholarship Holder does not travel to Hungary and does not start his/her studies (If he/she does not notify Tempus Public Foundation of this fact, he/she cannot re-apply in the following 3 application rounds.)
- » the Scholarship Holder had obtained his/her degree (or completed non-degree studies) at the study programme supported by the scholarship,
- » the Scholarship Holder has used up all their awarded scholarship semesters and had not submitted an extension request; or if he/she is not entitled for extension,
- » the Scholarship Holder does not comply with the regulations of the Scholarship Programme regarding the obligation of living habitually in Hungary,
- » as a result of institutional disciplinary or criminal proceedings against the Scholarship Holder, the Scholarship Holder is expelled, and for this reason Tempus Public Foundation asks the Host Institution to terminate the scholarship status, the Scholarship Holder does not fulfil their obligation to participate in medical screenings, and the additional obligations set out in the healthcare protocol, or he/she is deemed unfit during the obligatory medical examination,
- » in any other cases described in the Operational Regulations of the Scholarship Programme in effect.

5. Contact Details

Please visit our www.diasporascholarship.hu and www.studyinhungary.hu websites for more details about the Scholarship Programme and Hungarian higher education and for frequently asked questions. Please contact Tempus Public Foundation's Directorate for Study in Hungary in one of the following ways in case you need any further information.

| Contact Tempus Public Foundation | |
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| Website of the Scholarship Programme | www.diasporascholarship.hu |
| Frequently Asked Questions | https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/faq/ |
| Skype | "diasporascholarship" |
| E-mail | diasporascholarship@tpf.hu |
| Phone | +36 1 236 5045 |
| Facebook | https://www.facebook.com/hungariandiasporascholarship/ https://hu-hu.facebook.com/studyinhungaryofficial/ |
| Twitter | https://twitter.com/RebootYourRoots |
| Information about Hungary | www.studyinhungary.hu |
| Costs of Living calculator | https://studyinhungary.hu/living-in-hungary/menu/your-costs-of-living.html |

| Contact the Hungarian higher education institutions | |
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| Contact details of institutional coordinators | https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/higher-education-institutions/ |

6. Related Documents

1. Annex 1 - [Operational Regulations of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme](#)
2. Annex 2 - [Statement for Application](#) (mandatory template document)
3. Annex 3 - [Privacy Statement](#)

Please note that the Call for Applications of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme can be subject to change in the future and the Operational Regulations of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme in force takes precedence over it. Therefore, we suggest that all applicants follow the website of the Scholarship Programme.