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Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship

Call for Applications

for bachelor's, master's, one-tier master's, doctoral
and non-degree programmes

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1. Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship

1.1. Mission of the Programme

Hungary provides high quality education in the heart of Europe. Today, there is a growing demand of international students to study in Hungary. Besides the quality of education and degrees recognised throughout Europe and beyond, students are attracted by the affordable living costs with an extremely favourable cost-to-value ratio, a safe and friendly living environment with convenient public transportation, the central location of the country in Europe, and the unspoiled natural beauties combined with a 1000 year-old, rich Hungarian history and several UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Hungary is also within the top countries with the highest number of scientific Nobel Prize Winners per capita and numerous scientific inventions from Vitamin C to Rubik's cube and so on.

The core mission of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship is to strengthen the ties between Hungarian diaspora communities and Hungary by giving access for young people living in Hungarian diasporas to study programmes in Hungary. The application for the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship will be announced for the first time in November 2020, in order to apply for the admission process of the 2021/2022 academic year. The scholarship programme starts in the academic year 2021/2022. Its main goal is to support 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 programme is: every country in the world, except of the countries of the European Union, the Republic of Serbia and the Zakarpatska Oblast part of Ukraine.

The operation of the Scholarship Programme is controlled by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade and is managed by Tempus Public Foundation.

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, and non-degree programmes (preparatory and specialisation courses).

Important note: applications are only 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).

Available Scholarship Types		Duration		Qualifications at the end of programme		Available study modes
		full time	partial (exchange)	full time	partial (exchange)	
Degree programmes	Bachelor programmes	3-4 years	1 or 2 semesters	BA or BSc degree	certificate of completion	full time and partial (exchange)
	Master programmes	1-2 years	1 or 2 semesters	MA or MSc degree	certificate of completion	full time and partial (exchange)
	One-tier master programmes	5-6 years	1 or 2 semesters	MA or MSc degree	certificate of completion	full time and partial (exchange)
	Doctoral programmes	2+2 years	1 or 2 semesters	doctoral degree	certificate of completion	full time and partial (exchange)
Non-degree programmes ¹	Preparatory course in Hungarian language	1 year	-	certificate	-	full time
	Specialisation courses	up to 1 year	-	certificate	-	full time

Note about one-tier master's 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 programme that results in a master 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 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 3.2.2. about the details of application for doctoral programmes.

¹ Please see section 2.6. for details about preparatory and specialisation courses!

1.2.2. Study Mode

In the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship, 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 (or *one-year programmes*) do not lead to a degree but provide a preparatory course, before a degree programme or a specialisation course after a degree programme.

Partial (exchange) studies are one- or two-semester long exchange studies that are part of the students' degree studies in their sending higher education institutions. Therefore, 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 case of partial (exchange) studies, applicants can only apply to those study levels (bachelor's, master's) that they are attending in their sending, home institutions. Partial (exchange) studies are not available for preparatory and specialisation courses. Partial (exchange) studies are available for up to one academic year 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 submitting your application!

1.3. Provisions Covered by the Scholarship

- **Tuition-free education**
 - exemption from the payment of tuition fee
- **Medical insurance**
 - health care services according to the relevant Hungarian legislation (Act 122/2019, Eligibility for Social Security Benefits and the Funding for These Services) and supplementary medical insurance for up to HUF 100,000 (cca EUR 275) 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 EUR 120) contribution to the living expenses in Hungary, for 12 months a year
 - **doctoral level programme:** according to the current Hungarian legislation, the monthly amount of scholarship is HUF 140,000 (cca EUR 390) for the first phase of education (4 semesters) and HUF 180,000 (cca EUR 500) for the second phase (4 semesters) - for 12 months a year, until completion of studies. The scholarship holder in the doctoral programme grant only one-time amount of subsidy HUF 400,000 (cca. EUR 1110) 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 or a contribution of HUF 40,000/month 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.)

Please note that monthly stipend and accommodation contribution is awarded upon extra request (in the first academic year if the claim has been made in the application it will be awarded automatically, in the next academic years the request will be examined upon academic achievement and financial situation, etc.).

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 we highly suggest you not to apply through any agencies.

2. Eligibility

2.1. Eligibility Criteria for Applicants

Applicants should comply with the following criteria:

- Applicant maintains his/her Hungarian identity, which he/she convincingly demonstrates in a motivation letter and declares in a statement that is a part of the application,
- Applicant is a citizen of one of the eligible countries (see Section 1.1) and has an address outside of Hungary,
- Applicant holds a recommendation from a Hungarian diaspora organisation or a Hungarian Diplomatic Representation of the respective country,
- Applicant has made a statement that he/she has lived minimum 10 years outside Hungary before the submission of his/her application.
- Applicant has completed the last 4 years of his/her secondary education in a foreign country (not Hungary). If in the applicant's country secondary education lasts less than 4 years, the last period of primary education will be considered, too.
- Applicant was born before 31 August 2003 (except those applying for Dance study programmes),
- Applicant undertakes to sign a scholarship agreement and learn Hungarian as a foreign language and culture during his/her whole study period. Applicant undertakes to pass a Hungarian as a foreign language exam at least at B2 level as well at the end of his/her studies but no later than within 1 year after obtaining the diploma. The obligation to pass a Hungarian as a foreign language exam does not apply for students taking part in short study programmes (1 or 2 semesters) or in partial studies.
- Applicant undertakes to do 2 years voluntary work after graduation in a foreign country in favour of the local Hungarian diaspora community.

Please note that in the case of non-Hungarian language study programmes, prior knowledge of the Hungarian language is not required.

2.2. Non-eligibility

Applications will not be considered in the following cases:

- a) Applicant has only a Hungarian citizenship or is a person granted a refugee status (“menekült”) or person enjoying temporary protection (“menedékes”), or person admitted for subsidiary protection (“oltalmazott”) or person granted humanitarian protection (“befogadott”),
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.
- b) Applicant was born after 31 August 2003 (= applicants under 18 years old as of 31 August 2021 except applicants applying for Dance study programmes),
- c) Applicant has a permanent address in Hungary (except for those who are self-financed students already studying in Hungary, see next paragraph). In this respect, participants of the programme specified in Section 2 (2) a) of the Government Decree 241/2016 (16 August) are subject to the same assessment as self-financed student studying in Hungary
- d) Applicants applying for a doctoral programme has submitted an application for another study level, as well, in the same application round of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship. In this case, the application for the lower study level will not be considered.
- e) 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-finances studies. It means that:
 - self-financed master students of a Hungarian higher education institution cannot apply for bachelor studies.

In this respect, participants of the programme specified in Section 2 (2) a) of the Government Decree 241/2016 (16 August) are subject to the same assessment as self-financed student studying in Hungary.

- f) Applicant has been a Scholarship Holder in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship or in any other Hungarian governmental scholarship programme on the same or higher study level.

If the applicant has been a Scholarship Holder in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship or in any other Hungarian governmental scholarship programme on the same or higher study level in partial studies, he/she can be awarded the scholarship for the study period reduced by the duration of partial studies.

- g) Applicant is applying for the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship for any cycles of education while he/she still has a scholarship status in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship or in any other Hungarian governmental scholarship programme at the time of application (unless he/she withdraws their former scholarship before the application deadline) and will not receive his/her degree until 31 August 2021,
- h) Applicant has postponed the start date of his/her scholarship studies in the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship or in any other Hungarian governmental scholarship programme and did not withdraw his/her scholarship before the current application deadline,
- i) Applicant does not fulfil the entry requirements determined by the Host Institution.

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 if

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

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 optional application documents in Section 3.2.3. of the Call for Applications.

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

2.3. Available Host Institutions and Study Programmes

At non-degree, bachelor’s, master’s and one-tier master’s level, 27 Hungarian higher education institutions are engaged in the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship for the 2021/2022 academic year with more than 1000 study programmes mostly in English and Hungarian languages.

At doctoral level, 17 Hungarian higher education institutions are engaged in the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship for the 2021/2022 academic year, with almost 180 study programmes, mostly in English and Hungarian languages.

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

2.4. Order of Selected Study Programmes

In addition to the first choice of study programme, there is an opportunity to apply for an additional, second study programme. Therefore, 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. The first priorities will be considered first and then, **only the remaining free places will be filled with those applicants who are not approved for their first choice of programmes**. Hence if after the first examination process there are no more free places available, the second examination round may not take place. In this way, the chances of receiving the scholarship are relatively higher for the study programmes selected as first choices because there are more free places at that time.

Please note that **after submitting the application**, the selected programmes (including the study language and study mode!) **and the order of preference cannot be changed by the applicant!** We strongly advise all applicants to carefully check the minimum entry requirements of the study

programmes and take time to decide on the order of the two programme preferences. We also highly encourage the applicants to increase their chances of receiving the scholarship by applying for not only one but two study programmes in total.

2.5. 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 studies	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 as part of the institutional admission 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

Note about language choice in the online application system:

The study programmes are listed as foreign language programmes in the online application system by default. However, if you wish to study in Hungarian language, you need to answer the “Do you speak Hungarian and plan to perform your studies in Hungarian?” question on the application form with “Yes, I speak Hungarian and I would like to study in Hungarian.” If you select this, you can only be considered for studies in Hungarian language, therefore please be cautious when filling out the online application form.

2.5.1. Studies in English or Other Foreign Language

Students shall have a level of proficiency in the language of education as required by the Host Institution. The applicants need to directly apply for the study programmes in the online application system.

2.5.2. Studies in Hungarian Language

Those applicants that do not have at least an intermediate (B2) level knowledge of Hungarian shall complete an obligatory one-year preparatory language course of Hungarian before starting their degree courses. For this, the applicants are usually required to have at least 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 that have at least intermediate (B2) level knowledge of Hungarian can apply to Hungarian study programmes directly. The applicant is required to prove his/her language skills: a copy of the proof of at least a 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 accepts the demonstrated language skills as sufficient.

2.5.3. Hungarian as foreign language and culture

Scholarship Holders who attend study programmes in English or any other foreign languages are required to attend a Hungarian as foreign language and culture course offered by the host university, during their whole study period. In case this obligation is not fulfilled, their scholarship holder status will be terminated.

Scholarship Holders are required to pass a Hungarian as a foreign language exam at least at B2 level at the end of their studies but no later than within 1 year after obtaining the diploma. In case this obligation is not fulfilled, applicant undertakes to pay back his/her scholarship. This obligation does not apply for students taking part in short study programmes (1 or 2 semesters) or in partial studies.

2.6. Preparatory and Specialisation Courses (not applicable at doctoral level)

Besides full-time degree programmes, full-time non-degree programmes are also available within the programme in certain cases, for up to one year. **Please read this section if you are applying for study programmes in the field of Music, Engineering, Informatics or Dance.**

Preparatory courses are non-degree programmes before starting a bachelor or master level degree programme at a Host Institution (both with the scholarship). Specialisation courses are non-degree programmes after completing a bachelor or master level degree programme, therefore it is for those who already have a degree.

Regarding the preparatory courses, applicants can ONLY apply for Hungarian language preparatory programmes. Even these preparatory courses can ONLY be applied for if the student wishes to continue his/her degree studies at a Hungarian language programme after the preparatory year. After completion, it is not possible to continue the studies in English or other foreign languages. Please see Section 2.5.2. for further details about this.

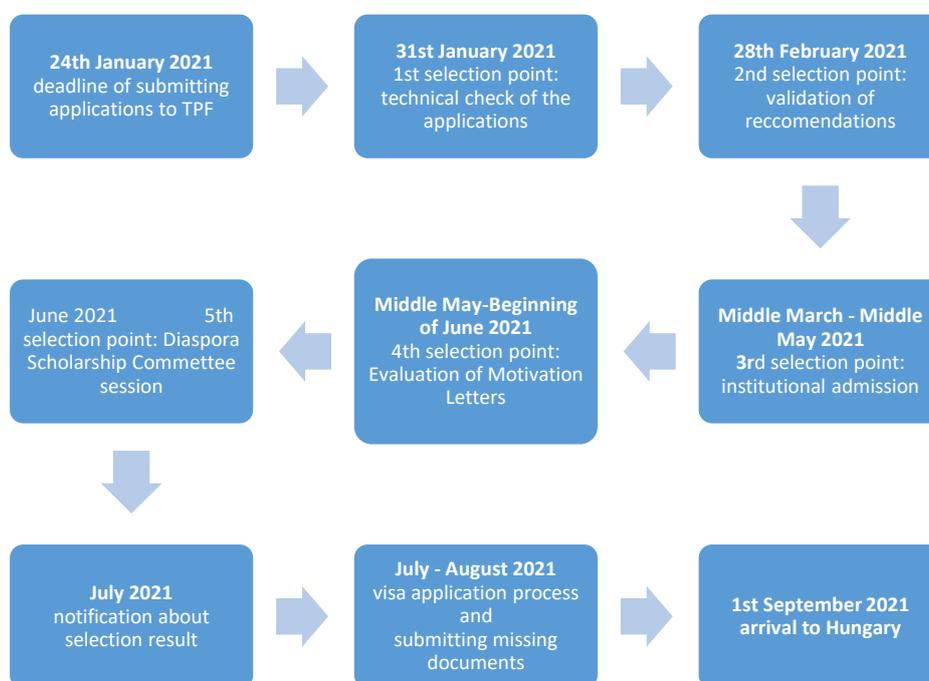
However, ONLY in case of English language full degree study programmes in the field of Music, Engineering, Informatics or Dance, during the institutional entrance examination process or at the beginning of student's studies, based on the professional evaluation of the applicant/student, the Host

institutions have the right to make the decision to admit the applicant for a preparatory course (up to 1 year) before they can actually start their full degree programmes. This is only available for a preparatory course before bachelor and master level programmes in the field of Music, Engineering, Informatics or Dance. Applicants, therefore, cannot directly apply for preparatory courses in English language; it is always the Host Institutions' decision if a professional preparation year is necessary or not.

Specialisation courses conducted in the English language are ONLY available in the field of Music. Applicants should directly apply for these in the online application system. To see the specialisation courses and entry requirements, please check the online application system (<https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/>)

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!

No hard copies of any of these documents are required by Tempus Public Foundation at the time of application.

- a) See Section 3.2.1. for application documents that need to be uploaded by all applicants.
- b) See Section 3.2.2. for additional documents that need to be uploaded by doctoral applicants
- c) See Section 3.2.3. for additional documents that need to be uploaded only by Art & Music applicants.
- d) See Section 3.2.4 for additional requirement for self-financed applicants.

- e) 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 24 January 2021.

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

Application Documents	Detailed Requirements	Required to be uploaded by
Online Application Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applicants must fill out and save all requested information on the online application form - a recent photo of the applicant (taken not earlier than 2 years before the submission of the application) 	all applicants
Motivation Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum 1 page, typed in Times New Roman 12 point letters - written in the language of the selected study programme, in English or in Hungarian - the motivation letter will be evaluated on the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Link between the motivation letter and the recommendation letter, the recommendation letter has to confirm the facts written in the motivation letter. o Applicant convincingly describes his/her professional choice. o Demonstrated work for the Hungarian diaspora community of the applicant. o Demonstrated activity on field of Hungarian culture, art, science or on other field. o Applicant convincingly demonstrates that after his/her studies in Hungary he/she contributes to the strengthening of the Hungarian identity of his/her diaspora community. o Applicant convincingly demonstrates that after his/her studies in Hungary he/she contributes to the strengthening of the relationship between Hungary and the diaspora community of a foreign country 	all applicants
Recommendation letter from a Diaspora Organisation or the Hungarian Diplomatic Representation of the respective territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum 1 page, typed in Times New Roman 12 point letters - the recommendation letter has to be issued by a Hungarian diaspora organisation or the Hungarian Diplomatic Representation of the respective territory, it must declare that the applicant has a real connection to the diaspora of his/her country/town and his/her studies will contribute to the prosperity of the community. - A recommendation letter must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contains 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 	all applicants

	<p>comes, an explanation is required in the recommendation letter on how the applicant relates to the country issuing the recommendation,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it supports what is written in the Applicant’s motivation letter, • the official signature of the authorized representative of the organisation, • it contains the name and capacity in printed form of the authorized representative of the organisation, • Applicant is linked to the country in which the organization issuing the recommendation is established, • it contains the date of issue. 	
<p>Secondary school certificates 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 certificates that prove that Applicant has completed the last 4 years of his/her secondary education in a foreign country (not Hungary) - in case in the applicant’s country secondary school lasts less than 4 years, the last period of primary education will be considered, too, so a proof of the last 4 years of completed education (secondary and primary school years count together) should be uploaded 	<p>all applicants</p>
<p>Proof of language proficiency 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 2.5. 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>
<p>School certificates 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 or equivalent AND its translation - master level full time programmes: scanned copy of the original bachelor degree certificate or equivalent AND its translation - one-tier master level full time programmes: scanned copy of the original secondary school graduation certificate or equivalent AND their translations - non-degree, Hungarian language preparatory programmes: scanned copy of the secondary school graduation certificate AND its translation - non-degree, specialisation programmes: scanned copy of the degree certificate required by the Host Institution AND its translation - partial (exchange) study programmes on all study levels: scanned copy of the original certificate about student status issued by the current higher education institution where the applicants is registered in AND its translation - doctoral programmes: scanned copy of the original master degree certificate or equivalent AND its translation 	<p>all applicants</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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>Transcript of Records 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 have 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 	all applicants
<p>Copy of Identification Document</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 citizenship both passports'/ID cards' scanned copy is required 	all applicants
<p>Acceptance of Statement for Application in the online system</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all applicants need to accept the "Statement for Application" (see https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/statement_en.pdf for a sample) - Applicant states the following facts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o he/she has a Hungarian identity o he/she has an address in a foreign country (not in Hungary) o he/she does not have a permanent address in Hungary (except of those self-financed students who are already studying in Hungary and participants of the programme specified in Section 2 (2) a) of the Government Decree 241/2016 (16 August) - see paragraph 2.2.) o he/she has lived minimum 10 years outside Hungary before the submission of the application - the statement can only be accepted in the online system, therefore scanned and signed copies should not be uploaded - the statement appears in the online application system after registration – all applicants need to click on accepting it in order to be able to submit their applications. 	all applicants
<p>Medical Certificate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - scanned copy of a medical certificate of satisfactory health condition issued not earlier than 15 November 2020 - please note that there is no form provided by Tempus Public Foundation for this certificate, it can be any certificate that a particular hospital uses or a particular physician issues (you can find a sample of the medical certificate on our website: https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/medical.pdf) 	applicants for study programmes where the medical certificate is a requirement

	<p>- certificates have to be issued and signed by a physician to prove that the applicant does not have the following illnesses: AIDS, Hepatitis A, B, C, or any other epidemic conditions</p> <p>It is not mandatory to submit this document for those applying for study programmes where this is not a requirement.</p> <p>Scholarship holders will take part in medical examinations organized by universities upon their arrival.</p>	(optional for other applicants)
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All documents 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 our [Privacy Statement](#) in order to be able to submit your application. These consents appear in the system after registration

3.2.2. 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 24 January 2021.:

Application Documents	Detailed Requirements	Required to be uploaded by
Research Plan	- minimum 2 pages, typed in Times New Roman 12 point font size letters, written in the language of the selected study programme	applicants applying for doctoral programmes
Letters of Recommendation and Statement of the Supervisor	<p>- two signed Letters of Recommendation from the applicant's former or current academic tutor(s) or supervisor(s), written in the language of the selected study programme, in English or in Hungarian - the two letters cannot be issued by the same person</p> <p>- one of which is a statement by the supervisor at the proposed Host Institution declaring that the supervisor undertakes to supervise the student's work within the doctoral programme (if by the Host Institution required)</p>	applicants applying for doctoral programmes

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 required to contact their chosen Host Institutions and doctoral schools 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 our web site. 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.

If the Host Institution, as a condition of the application for a doctoral programme, requests a **statement of acceptance** issued by the supervisor who, in the case of the 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, it must be attached to the application.

3.2.3. Additional Documents for Art 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. All of the following documents are required and need to be submitted via the online application system by **Art and Music applicants** until 24 January 2021.

Application Documents	Detailed requirements	Required to be uploaded by
Portfolio	photographs of three works of art / sketches (indicating the date of creation)	applicants of study programmes in the field of Arts
Audio Portfolio	audio track of three works (indicating the date of the creation)	applicants of study programmes in the field of Music

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.

3.2.4. Additional documents for self-financed applicants who wish to continue their studies with the scholarship

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 in cases listed in Section 2.2. about non-eligibility.

Apart from the requirements about the average performance of the applicant, they need to be recommended by their Hungarian host 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 you are recommended, please ask for a recommendation letter issued by the Hungarian Host Institution. This letter will be uploaded in the online application system by the university.

3.3. Missing Documents

All documents listed in Section 3.2. are **mandatory** application documents. However, 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 2021 the latest. No missing document will be accepted if the declaration is not uploaded until 24 January 2021 and/or if the missing documents are not uploaded until 1 August 2021, thus such applications will be rejected automatically.

The following missing documents can be submitted after the application deadline, but no later than 1 August 2021:

Which documents can be uploaded as missing documents?		Who can upload these documents as missing documents?	What has to be uploaded until 24 January 2021	What has to be uploaded until 1 August 2021 (TBC)?
School certificates and their translations	high school certificate	only applicants registered for the last semester of their secondary school studies	declaration signed by the applicant	high school graduation certificate
	bachelor degree certificate	only applicants registered for the last semester of their bachelor programme	declaration signed by the applicant AND high school certificate and translation	bachelor degree certificate
	master degree certificate	only applicants registered for the last semester of their master programme	declaration signed by the applicant AND bachelor degree with translation	master degree certificate
Certificate of language proficiency		only applicants awaiting their language test results at the time of application	declaration signed by the applicant	certificate of language proficiency
Copy of the valid passport		only applicants awaiting their passport to be issued	declaration signed by the applicant AND a copy of national ID	copy of passport
Medical Certificate		applicants for study programmes where the medical certificate is a requirement (optional for other applicants)	declaration signed by the applicant	medical certificate

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 the suitable language on the starting webpage of the online application system before registration. After registration, the applicants are able to access the application system and upload the required documents. **Applications should be submitted;** only saved applications 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 will be available to download from the www.diasporascholarship.hu website.

**The deadline for submitting the complete application package:
24 January 2021 – 23:59 (Central European Time)**

The online application system can be reached 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 (see https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/privacy_statement_en.pdf) that they need to consent to in order to submit the application.

The information provided on the application – including the study programmes and their order of preference – cannot be changed after the application is submitted. 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.

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 (until end of January 2021)

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 checked first. This is called a technical check and it is done by Tempus Public Foundation. During this step, we check the basic eligibility criteria; for example the age, citizenship, the previous scholarships, and check if the applicant has applied for a scholarship type and/or study programme that is available within the framework of the programme. Also, we will formally check if the required documents are uploaded in the application system or not, and check if the Statement for Application is accepted in the system. However, it is the Host Institution that checks whether the uploaded files and their quality can be accepted and whether these documents meet their entry requirements or not.

Applicants will be automatically rejected during the technical check if they:

- do not successfully submit their application in the online system until 24 January 2021
- only have a Hungarian citizenship or are persons granted refugee status ("menekült") or persons enjoying temporary protection ("menedékes"), or persons admitted for subsidiary protection ("oltalmazott") or persons granted humanitarian protection ("befogadott")
- were born after 31st August 2003 (except those applying for Dance study programmes),
- do not accept the Statement for Application (please see https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/statement_en.pdf for sample) in the online system, or they are self-financed students or participants of the programme specified in Section 2 (2) a) of the Government Decree 241/2016 (16 August) at a Hungarian higher education institution in cases described in Section 2.2. about non-eligibility.

3.5.2. Second Round of Selection: validation of recommendations (February 2021)

These eligible and successfully submitted applications are forwarded to the Hungarian Diplomatic Representations for validation. At this stage the recommendations are checked if they have been issued by an existing diaspora organisation or a Hungarian Diplomatic Representations of the respective territory and if they meet the requirements listed in 3.2.1. section. If the recommendation is not an original one issued by a diaspora organisation or a Hungarian Diplomatic Representation or the recommendation letter does not meet the other requirements as well, the application will be rejected.

3.5.3. Third Round of Selection: the institutional evaluation (middle March – middle May 2021)

The application materials of the applicants whose recommendation letter is proved to be valid are forwarded to the Host Institutions for professional evaluation. The institutions will also run a formal check first to see if all 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. Each applicant can participate in up to two institutional entrance examinations – in accordance with their submitted applications.

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 in May 2021, however, the date is indicative.
2. Applications for the second selected study programmes are considered afterwards. The examination process for the second selected programmes can be expected in June 2021, however, the date is indicative.

Depending on the selected Host Institutions' 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 the scholarship for the first selected study programme.

Note for applicants for Medical programmes: the field of Medical studies is one of the most competitive study fields in the Scholarship Programme for the Hungarian Diaspora due to the very high number of applications and the limited number of scholarship places. 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.

The applicants are evaluated on a 100 point scale. The final examination results and the examination points given by the Host Institutions are then forwarded to Tempus Public Foundation.

Important note: the required minimum to be achieved is 56 points (on a 100 point scale). No applicants shall receive a scholarship offer with an examination result below 56 points.

3.5.4. Fourth Round of Selection: Evaluation of Motivation Letters (middle May – beginning of June 2021)

The evaluation of the motivation letter of those candidates who have successfully completed the institutional examinations rounds will be carried out by independent experts of by the Tempus Public Foundation. Evaluation criteria are listed in section 3.2.1.

3.5.5. Allocation of Admitted Applicants (June 2021)

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 (see https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/hds_or.pdf) of the programme. In general, the principles are in the following priority order:

1. the preference order of the selected study programmes on the application form (please read Section 2.4 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 and the
4. results of the examination of motivation letter.

In the case of medical programmes, the number of eligible applicants from the same country may be limited due to the limited number of places offered by the medical universities participating in the Scholarship Programme for the Hungarian Diaspora.

3.5.6. Fifth Round of Selection: Diaspora Scholarship Committee makes its nomination list (June 2021)

Tempus Public Foundation forwards the allocation list of the best applicants to the Diaspora Scholarship Committee. The number of forwarded applications is determined by 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 likely linked with the interest of the respective local Hungarian diaspora community. An important factor is to give possibility to applicants from all over the world and from those territories where special support is needed the most.

3.5.7. Application Results

Applicants can receive one of the following statuses:

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

Applicants will be informed about the application results around July 2021 (please see timeline at Section 3.4.2). Please note that applicants can expect only one information email from Tempus Public Foundation about the results. Depending on the allocation results and the selection of the Diaspora Scholarship Committee, applicants can expect this email anytime throughout 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.

3.6. Acceptance of the Scholarship

Those who do not accept their scholarship until the deadlines below are automatically considered withdrawn from the scholarship.

Applicants who are awarded the scholarship shall not receive 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 2021, or
- fail to accept their scholarship until the given deadline, or
- do not hold a secondary school graduation certificate until 1 August 2021, or
- withdraw their data protection (GDPR) consents, 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, awarded applicants must accept their scholarship and consent to the Operational Regulations of the programme (see https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/hds_or.pdf for the Operational Regulations) in the online application system **within two weeks after receiving the notification e-mail about the application decision, but no later than 1 August 2021.**

3.6.2. Acceptance of Scholarship for Conditionally Awarded Scholarship Holders

If the applicant is conditionally awarded 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 (and after receiving the notification about the conditional status), and no later than 1 August 2021. Please see details in Section 3.3. about missing documents.

The conditional Scholarship Holders are only able to accept their scholarship in the online system if all missing documents are uploaded first.

After uploading all missing documents, conditionally awarded Scholarship Holders must accept their scholarship and consent to the Operational Regulations of the programme (https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/hds_or.pdf for the Operational Regulations) in the online application system **within two weeks after uploading the missing documents, but no later than 1 August 2021.**

4. Studying in Hungary

4.1. Visa Applications

You 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, you need to contact the competent consular office. For more information please contact the website of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/missions) and <http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/en>) and the Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (<http://oif.gov.hu>).

Please note that the citizens of some countries do not need a visa to enter Hungary due to the Visa Waiver Agreements.

Please make sure to visit the Consular Services website for up-to-date information about your country: <http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/visa-waiver-agreements>.

Please note that the Scholarship Holder status does not automatically guarantee a visa.

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 – no financial provisions will be provided for travel expenses by the Hungarian side. In accordance with 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 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 2021** (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.

In principle, 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 2021 – or the date set by the Host Institutions, she/he will be automatically excluded from the scholarship programme.

Please note that the Host Institutions have the right to require the students to take a medical test at the time of enrolment; however, it 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. Please make sure to read it carefully in 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).

The scholarship is a contribution to the living costs of the Scholarship Holder only, therefore – within the framework of the 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 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 to register courses with at least 30 credits in total. Please also note that if the Scholarship Holder does not complete at least 18 credits on the average during the last two semesters with an active student status (in total 36 credits), their scholarship status shall be terminated. This is checked at the end of the spring semester of each academic year.

Please note that the Operational Regulations of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship 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. The student 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

As the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship covers the entire period of the studies, the Scholarship Holders are not entitled to use financial support for getting enrolled in full time or partial (exchange) study programmes outside Hungary (e.g. Erasmus+, CEEPUS, Campus Mundi). They can only participate in conferences or research activities that are professionally relevant for their studies. These activities should not exceed 10 days or in any way prevent the student from habitually living in Hungary.

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.

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 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 has the right to terminate the scholarship status of the student **if the student does not complete at least 18 credits on the average during the last two semesters** (in total 36 credits) when she/he had an active student status.

In accordance with the Operational Regulations of the programme, the scholarship status is terminated if

- the student status of the Scholarship Holder is terminated by the Host Institution,
- if the Scholarship Holder does not complete at least 18 credits on the average during the last two semesters (in total 36 credits) with an active student status,
- if the Scholarship Holder does not take part in the obligatory Hungarian as foreign language and Hungarian Studies lessons,
- the Scholarship Holder withdraws from the scholarship in writing (sent to both Tempus Public Foundation and the Host Institution),
- the Scholarship Holder had obtained their degrees (or completed their non-degree studies) at the study programme supported by the scholarship,
- the scholarship holders have used up all their awarded scholarship semesters and had not submitted an extension request; or if they are not entitled for extension,
- the Scholarship Holder does not live in Hungary habitually, and the Host Institution terminates their scholarship status for this reason.
- in other cases described in the Operational Regulations of the programme in effect.

5. Contact Details

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

Contact Tempus Public Foundation	
Website of the Programme	www.diasporascholarship.hu
Frequently Asked Questions	click here
Skype	"diasporascholarship"
E-mail	diasporascholarship@tpf.hu
Phone	+36 1 236 5045

Facebook	https://hu-hu.facebook.com/studyinhungaryofficial/
Information about Hungary	www.studyinhungary.hu
Costs of Living calculator	click here

Contact the Hungarian higher education institutions	
Contact details of institutional coordinators	click here
Details of available study programmes	click here

6. Related documents

1. Annex 1 - [Operational Regulations of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship](#)
2. Annex 2 - [Statement for Application](#) (sample)
3. Annex 3 - [Privacy Statement](#)
4. Annex 4 – [List of available programmes](#)

Please note that the Call for Applications of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship can be subject to change in the future; therefore, we suggest that all applicants follow our website and social media accounts.