



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR HUNGARIAN STATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2026/2027

Call for applications for foreigners
for **summer university courses** in the summer of 2026

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AIM OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Based on the financial support of the Hungarian Government, Tempus Public Foundation offers scholarships for foreign higher education students, graduates and professionals who would like to gain further knowledge in Hungarian summer university courses, in the field of Hungarian as a foreign language, Hungarian studies and thematic (non-linguistic) courses.

ELIGIBILITY

Hungarian State Scholarships are based on the bilateral agreement of the two countries, signed by the Hungarian Government or relevant ministry and the relevant ministry of the given country or territory. Such applicants are entitled to apply for scholarships defined in the agreement.

Hungary has a bilateral agreement with many countries thanks to which you may pursue a scholarship activity in Hungary as a nominee of your sending home country. Information regarding the application procedure, internal deadlines and the pre-assessment and shortlisting of applications is in the scope of duties of Tempus Public Foundation and the responsible department of the national/territorial ministry of education. Applicants need to apply to the sending country, as well as to Tempus Public Foundation. Applications nominated by the sending country take *priority*.

If there is no such agreement between the two countries, in case of many sending countries it is possible to apply individually, independently from your country. The list of the possible sending home countries can be found below.

Applications may be submitted in two ways:

- 1) **As a nominee** of the sending country's national scholarship organisation, you may apply from the following **countries**:

Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine.

- 2) **Independently, without being nominated**, the **citizens** of the following countries may apply individually, directly to Tempus Public Foundation:

Albania, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korean Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, UK, USA.

NON-ELIGIBILITY

The following are not entitled to apply or are not eligible for a scholarship:

- ▶ Hungarian citizens (except those with dual citizenships), persons granted a refugee status (“menekült”), persons enjoying temporary protection (“menedékes”), persons admitted for subsidiary protection (“oltalmazott”) and persons 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 Hungarian citizenship or refugee status during your studies in Hungary, you automatically lose your scholarship status.

- ▶ Foreign citizens with an immigration/ settlement permit or in the course of applying for such a permit in Hungary,
- ▶ Foreign citizens with permanent residence in Hungary,
- ▶ Foreign citizens employed as defined by the Hungarian Labour Law,
- ▶ Foreign citizens residing/living in Hungary,
- ▶ Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship holders or other **Hungarian-state or EU scholarship holders for the same purpose and time period**
- ▶ Self-financed/fee-paying students of a Hungarian higher education institution already studying in Hungary
- ▶ Applicants under 18 years of age **at the time of submitting** the application. There is no age limit.
- ▶ Those former Hungarian State Scholarship holders who were awarded scholarships in the 2023/24 or in the 2024/25 or in the 2025/26 application rounds, but after accepting their scholarship, did not travel to Hungary and did not start their studies, nor did they notify Tempus Public Foundation and the organizing Higher Education Institution of this fact.

ORDER OF SELECTED COURSES

2026 summer courses (2-4 weeks)

Organizer institutions offer Hungarian as a foreign language, Hungarology and thematic (non-linguistic) courses for foreign (non-native Hungarian speaker) participants.

Applicants may select **2 options in order of preference** from the list provided in the appendix of this Call for application (Annex 1) and on <https://tk.hu/international-programmes/4133/information-for-applicants>. However, the scholarship allows scholarship holders to participate only in one course. The

placement of the applicants depends on the capacity of the receiving institutions; therefore, applicants may be accepted in either of the institutions they selected previously, independently from their order of preference. Please note that after the application deadline, the selected courses and the order of preference cannot be changed by the applicant! We also highly encourage the applicants to increase their chances of receiving the scholarship by applying for not only one but two courses in total.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships must be implemented during the summer of 2026. The duration and length of summer university courses are predefined and cannot be changed. The scholarship can only be used within the implementation period, it cannot be postponed to the following academic year.

At most one application can be submitted for summer courses (in case of several applications, the last one will be considered as valid). Students may submit another application for partial/semester studies, full degree studies¹ or for study visits in case they do not overlap in time. The applicant can thus be granted with a second scholarship if there is no time overlap between the two and if the budgetary allocations make it possible.

Scholarship holders must stay in Hungary during the entire period of their studies.

PROVISIONS COVERED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is the participation fee which includes the classes, accommodation and meals. Travel expenses to Hungary, within Hungary and back to the country of origin are not covered by Tempus Public Foundation.

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

Applicants should submit their applications **in the online application system** of Tempus Public Foundation. 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 is available to download from the <https://tka.hu/international-programmes/4133/information-for-applicants> website.

¹ In case an application for full degree studies is submitted, too, summer courses can only be attended before the start of the full degree studies.

Please note that we can only accept complete applications submitted before the deadline through the online system. Applications submitted via post or e-mail will not be accepted.

Before starting the online procedure, please read our Application Guide (see Annex 2) carefully and do not wait until the last few days to apply.

**The deadline for submitting the complete application:
Friday, 27 February 2026, 5 pm (Central European Time)**

**The online application system can be reached here:
apply.diasporascholarship.hu**

Please, keep your PASSWORD or APPLICANT CODE used for registration as you will need them later.

In case of several applications, the last one will be considered as valid.

Please note that the applications will be evaluated professionally based on the documents submitted, so please make sure to provide all the necessary information and attachments listed in this call.

Please note, that applicants applying (being nominated) under the bilateral agreement system must submit their applications and required documents to the organization responsible for scholarships in the sending relation, too. These scholarship offices or responsible ministries work with individual deadlines. Applicants are advised to contact the responsible organisation of their sending country as soon as possible so that the given relation can officially rank and nominate the applications to Tempus Public Foundation.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Applications must include the below-listed documents.

The language of the documents can be Hungarian, English, or the language of the course. If they are not written in either of these languages, their **official Hungarian or English translations** must also be attached. (Documents with the stamp and signature of the issuing institution on letterhead can be considered as official, there is no need to have it translated by a translator office.)

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

| Application Documents | Detailed Requirements |
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| Application form | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applicants must fill out and save all requested information on the online application form in English - a recent photo of the applicant (taken not earlier than 2 years before the submission of the application) |
| Signature | -the applicant must sign the application in the "Signature" section confirming that all the submitted data are correct. |
| Motivation Letter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum 1 page, typed in Times New Roman 12-point letters - written in Hungarian, English or the language of the selected course. |
| Proof of language proficiency (Hungarian, English or the language of the selected course) | <p>A In case of Hungarian language courses</p> <p>1) if the applicant has a Hungarian knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it can be any type of Hungarian language exam certificate, or a formal certificate (in Hungarian or English) issued by the sending institution/workplace, foreign Hungarian Institute or a Hungarian consul, marking the level of the knowledge. <p>2) without a Hungarian knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any kind of certificate of an at least B2-level English knowledge² (for example language exam certificate or a certificate issued by a language department or lectorate, foreign Hungarian Cultural Institute written in Hungarian or English) because the mediatory language is English in the courses. <p>B In case of thematic courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - scanned copy of the original proof of proficiency of the working language of the selected course. - 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 course that the applicant is now applying for - translations only must be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected course or in Hungarian or English |

² Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR): <https://www.coe.int/en/web/commoneuropean-framework-reference-languages/table-1-cefr-3.3-common-reference-levels-global-scale>

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| Transcript of Records OR Diploma <u>AND</u> its translations in Hungarian or English or in the language of the selected course | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for higher education students: copy of the original transcript of records regarding the last completed semester - for graduates: copy of the highest degree/diploma of higher education - translations only must be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected course or in Hungarian or English |
| Letter of Recommendation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - issued by a teacher of the sending higher education institution/employer, for self-employed persons issued by a former teacher or employer, a current professional contact, regarding the summer course in Hungary, discussing the applicant's preparation skills and qualities, motivation, and the usefulness, potential benefits of the scholarship period. (dated, stamped and signed on institutional letterhead with contact details, for self-employed persons indicating the relationship with the applicant)- written in Hungarian, English or the language of the selected course. |
| Copy of Identification Document | <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 the applicants do not yet have a passport, they should upload the scanned copy of their national ID card - that page must be uploaded which contains both the personal data and the photograph of the applicant |
| Acceptance of Statement for Application <u>AND</u> Privacy Statement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all applicants need to accept the "Privacy Statement" in the online application system - all applicants need to accept "Statement for Application" by downloading and signing the document, and uploading the scanned copy to the application system. The applicant's name and signature must be on the Statement for Application. It must be properly signed by the applicant; it should be signed with a pen and not typed! (See Annex 3 and Annex4 for the template.) |

Please note that, in accordance with the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** in European Union law, you need to give your consent regarding data protection and accept our statements in order to be able to submit your application. These consents appear in the system after registration.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application Timeline:

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| 27 February 2026 (5 p.m. CET) | deadline of submitting applications to TPF |
| Beginning of March 2026 | 1st selection point: technical check of the applications |
| March-April 2026 | 2nd selection point: institutional evaluation procedure |
| End of April 2026 | 3rd selection point: TPF's Board of Trustees Session |
| May 2026 | notification about selection result |
| May – July 2026 | visa application process |
| June – August 2026 | University Summer Courses |

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 that is available for the applicants of the particular sending country/territory.

Also, we will formally check if the required documents are uploaded in the application system or not, and check if the Statement for Application (Annex 3) 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. They consider the relevance of the application, the quality and relevance of the letter of motivation/recommendation, the language skills of the applicant and the overall impact of the application.

Scoring system:

| Evaluation requirements | Maximum scores |
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| Quality and relevance of motivation Preference will be given to the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- is learning Hungarian on his/her own- is a Hungarian-major university student- speaks Hungarian as his second mother tongue- the theme of the course is related to his/her studies- is connected to Hungarian culture- has Hungarian ancestors | 50 |
| Quality and relevance of recommendation Recognizes the applicant's preparation, motivation, and the usefulness of the Scholarship | 30 |
| Overall impressions | 20 |
| Total: | <u>100</u> |

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.

Preference is given to applicants **nominated by their sending relation under the bilateral agreement scheme and to new applicants (who have not received a Hungarian summer university course scholarship in the last 3 years)** in the selection procedure.

Any kind of undue influence on the professional evaluation or the application procedure cause immediate exclusion from the selection procedure.

Based on the results of the evaluation procedure, the Board of Trustees of Tempus Public Foundation makes a decision about the applications. Scholarships are granted by the Board of Trustees of Tempus Public Foundation in the name of the Minister responsible for education in Hungary.

All applicants (and in case of nomination, the national/territorial partner offices, too) will be informed of the final result of the application (awarded scholarship/waiting list/rejection) electronically by Tempus Public Foundation in May 2026.

At the same time successful applicants will be provided with information concerning the terms and conditions needed to organise their stay in Hungary. Tempus Public Foundation informs the host institute about the final decision, as well.

There is no appeal to the decision.

Objection³ to the decision may be sent to bilateral@tpf.hu within 30 days of the date of notification of the decision.

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 May; 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 **Ávr. 102/D.** § (1) In the case of budget aid granted by means of a call for proposals, the applicant for aid or the beneficiary - where a management entity is designated or an operating entity is used or intermediate body is designated - may lodge an objection with the managing entity, operating entity or intermediate body or, in the absence thereof, with the grantor, if the procedures relating to the application procedure, the grant approval decision, the award of the grant or the closure of the grant contract, the payment of the grant or the repayment of the grant are illegal or infringe the provisions of the call for proposals or the grant contract.

This article shall apply to applicants or beneficiaries outside the state budget system in case of budgetary support financed exclusively from domestic resources and provided through a grant procedure by means of call for proposals.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

In order to gain a Scholarship Holder status, approved applicants must accept their scholarship in the online application system within the time frame written in the notification email (usually this is within two weeks after receiving the notification email about the application decision, but it can be a shorter period). Those who do not accept their scholarship until the deadline, are automatically considered withdrawn from the scholarship.

IMPORTANT

Should there be **any changes in personal data** (especially change of permanent address, e-mail address, phone number), the applicant must notify Tempus Public Foundation immediately by email (bilateral@tpf.hu).

VISA APPLICATION

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 (<https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en>) and the Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (<http://oif.gov.hu/index.php?lang=en>).

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: <https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/visa-free-travel-hungary>

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

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND DOUBLE FINANCING

In case of receiving any **other Hungarian-state or EU-financed scholarships** for the same purpose and/or time period, applicants are not eligible for the Bilateral State Scholarship. In case scholarship holders are granted another scholarship or get any other financial support (wage) for the same scholarship period and activity, they must withdraw their state scholarship.

The scholarship is meant to contribute to the living expenses of only one person, it does not necessarily cover all expenses during the scholarship period. There is no financial support for visa fees and any allowance for accompanying persons. Apart from the above-mentioned costs, Tempus Public Foundation cannot ensure any other allowance or support.

RESIGNATION

The scholarship holder is obliged to inform immediately the Host Institution and Tempus Public Foundation of their resignation by email (bilateral@tpf.hu) and in the online application system as well. In case the applicant cannot or does not want to use the scholarship within the period approved by the decision of Tempus Public Foundation, it can be granted for the following academic year only by submitting a new application.

ENTITLEMENT TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES

According to the rules of the European Parliament and Council Regulations 883/2004 (EC) and 987/2009 (EC), scholarship holders who are citizens of either the European Union, EEA member countries or Switzerland are entitled to healthcare services in medical necessity during their stay in Hungary.

Healthcare services in medical necessity during their stay in Hungary are available for scholarship holders with the European Health Insurance Card (E111). Medical necessity is determined by the physician who considers the given circumstances. Scholarship holders should obtain the European Health Insurance Card in their home country prior to the arrival to Hungary.

Further important information: healthcare services can only be provided – according to the equal treatment principle of the European Union - by those healthcare providers that have contractual relations with the National Health Insurance Fund (NEAK). The scholarship holder must cover the costs of those services that are provided by a private healthcare provider that has no contractual relation with NEAK.

Citizens of all other countries who are scholarship holders and staying in Hungary for less than 1 month are required to make their own arrangements for insurance coverage.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact Tempus Public Foundation in one of the following ways in case you need any further information:

Contact Tempus Public Foundation

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| Address: | 1077 Budapest, Kéthly Anna tér 1. |
| Postal address: | 1438 Budapest 70, Postafiók: 508 |
| Web: | https://tka.hu/international-programmes/4133/information-for-applicants |
| Email address: | bilateral@tpf.hu |

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| Phone: | (+36 1) 237-1300 |
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Please contact the Hungarian higher education institutions in one of the following ways for more details about the summer courses:

Contact the Hungarian higher education institutions

| Institution | Contact of the Institution |
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| Debrecen Summer School | Ms Hajnalka Katona, Educational Officer phone: +36 52 532 594 email: debrecen@nyariegyetem.hu website: http://www.nyariegyetem.hu/ ; http://www.summerschool.hu/ |
| Eszterházy Károly Catholic University | Ms Györgyi Kovács, Head of Center phone: +36 30 985 2332 email: majorosne.kovacs.gyorgyi@uni-eszterhazy.hu website: https://uni-eszterhazy.hu/cflts |
| KKM Magyar Diplomáciai Akadémia Kft. | Ms Flóra Dóczi, Education Coordinator, phone: +36-70 400 0484 email: sumuni@mdakft.hu website: https://balassieducation.hu/en/study-programmes/balassi-summeruniversity/ |
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ANNEXES

Annex 1

List of summer courses (organizer institutions and short description of the courses)

https://tka.hu/docs/palyazatok/1_list_of_summer_courses_2026.pdf

Annex 2

Application Guide

https://tka.hu/docs/palyazatok/2_application_guide_2026.pdf

Annex 3

Statement for Application (mandatory template document)

https://tka.hu/docs/palyazatok/3_statement_for_application.pdf

Annex 4

Privacy Statement

https://tka.hu/docs/palyazatok/4_privacy_statement.pdf