

Call for applications for foreigners for Hungarian state scholarships

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Hungarian Scholarship Board



Call for applications for foreigners for Hungarian state scholarships to conduct studies or research in Hungarian institutions of higher education and research in the academic year 2009/2010 and for summer university courses in the summer of 2009.

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CALL FOR APPLICATION

The Hungarian Minister of Education and Culture offers scholarships for foreign students and professors of higher education institutions as well as research fellows who intend to gain further professional experience in Hungarian institutions of higher education or research. Scholarships can be applied for under two systems:

BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

The Hungarian Scholarship Board (hereinafter HSB) welcomes applications by citizens of countries that have a valid/effective educational co-operation programme with Hungary, or a bilateral agreement signed by the Ministry of Culture and Education of Hungary and the relevant ministry of the given country. Assessment and shortlisting of applications is conducted by the relevant home country scholarship authority or Ministry of Education, as well as dissemination of all information regarding the application procedure and deadlines. Although the Hungarian Scholarship Board accepts applications from these countries submitted directly to its Office, please note that the applications evaluated and forwarded by the home country authorities *always take precedence*.

COUNTRIES WHOSE CITIZENS MAY APPLY ONLY ON THE BASIS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

Afghanistan, Yemen, Mongolia, Palestine, Ukraine, and Vietnam.

SCHOLARSHIP POOL

In 2005 the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Hungary established a „scholarship pool”, a scholarship system of various types of scholarships, allowing for applications from the following countries:

Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korean Republic, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, The Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Russia, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom.

Citizens of Austria can also apply for Hungarian scholarships through *the Stiftung Aktion Österreich-Ungarn* (www.oma.elte.hu).

GENERAL INFORMATION ON APPLICATION (VALID FOR BOTH TYPES)

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES¹

The following scholarships are available for in the Academic Year 2009/2010:

A. - semester / partial studies (3-10 months)

Can be applied for by: undergraduate (BA/BSc) and graduate (MA/MSc) students majoring in Hungarian Language and Literature, as well as graduating students working on their theses, and students enrolled in „single track” university programmes (in General Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacology, Veterinary Studies, Architecture and Jurisprudence).

¹ Applicants can apply for all scholarship types in the “scholarship pool” system. The scholarships offered in the bilateral agreements announced by the foreign partners are also categorized according to these scholarship types. In some cases the co-operation programme/ bilateral agreement does not contain all the scholarships listed under the pool programme, hence they may not figure among the scholarships announced by the partner office. For citizens of countries that have a bilateral agreement and a partner scholarship office it is recommended to submit their applications directly to HSB, in the pool system, in case the bilateral agreement does not allow for a specific type of scholarship listed in the pool programme.

B. - postgraduate studies (3-21 days or 1-10 months)

Can be applied for by: students holding a Master's degree or an equivalent university degree.

C/1. - doctoral studies: full PhD programme (36 months)

Only students proficient in Hungarian can apply², the scholarship is conditional upon successful entrance exam / admission to the respective doctoral school.

C/2. - doctoral studies: partial PhD studies or studies for the purpose of writing a dissertation (12 months)

Applicants must submit a letter of invitation issued by an accredited doctoral school in Hungary and must be enrolled in a PhD programme at an accredited institution of higher education.

D. - postdoctoral studies / research (1-10 months)

Applicants must have a PhD or an equivalent degree.

E. - research stay (3-21 days or 1-10 months) for associate or higher ranking professors or for researchers with a PhD or an equivalent degree

F. - summer courses in the summer of 2009 (2-4 weeks)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

These scholarships allow for study or research in any field of arts and sciences during the granted period at an accredited Hungarian higher education or research institution to be determined in advance.

Type A (semester /partial studies) and type C1/C2 (full PhD and partial PhD studies) scholarships may not be extended. Type B (postgraduate studies), D (postdoctoral studies) research, and E (research stay) scholarships may be extended exceptionally, only under special circumstances, on one occasion. The scholarships are valid only for studies and research purposes in Hungary. The scholarship holder must stay in Hungary for the whole duration of the scholarship.

CASES OF NON-ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ Foreign citizens with a residence permit or in the course of applying for a residence permit in Hungary cannot apply.
- ▶ All workers, men and women, who have an employment contract or employment relationship as defined by the law in Hungary cannot apply
- ▶ Students applying for part-time or correspondence study programmes cannot apply.
- ▶ Students applying for non state universities cannot apply.
- ▶ Students admitted to tuition fee-paying institutions of higher education cannot apply.

AGE LIMITS FOR APPLICANTS

- ▶ 30 years for scholarships for semester studies (A)
- ▶ 40 years for scholarships for postgraduate studies (B)
- ▶ 35 years for scholarship for PhD scholarships (C1/C2)
- ▶ 45 years for postdoctoral scholarships (D)

There are no age limits for the following types of scholarships:

- ▶ research stay (E)
- ▶ summer courses (F)

² Applicants are exempt who gained admission to a tuition-free program at an institution of higher education (state university, full-time program), where the working language is different from Hungarian.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Every application must contain **two (2) copies** of the documents listed below in one of the following languages: English, French or German³ in the order given.

A. - semester /partial studies

- Application form of the Hungarian Scholarship Board
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of secondary school leaving examination certificate
- Transcript of the last completed semester at the home institution
- Letter of interest
- Certificate of proficiency in Hungarian – unless there is another agreed upon working language for the proposed course/programme (to be attached to the letter of invitation)
- Copy of enrolment at the applicant's home institution
- Letter of invitation by the future host institution in Hungary.
- Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition.

B. - postgraduate studies

- Application form of the Hungarian Scholarship Board
- Curriculum Vitae
- List of publications
- Copy of highest degree/diploma
- Precise and detailed work plan – maximum of two pages
- Certificate of proficiency in Hungarian – unless there is another agreed upon working language for the proposed course/programme (to be attached to the letter of invitation)
- Two letters of recommendation from two recognized experts in the relevant discipline
- Letter of invitation by the future host institution in Hungary
- Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

C/1. - doctoral studies: full PhD programme

- Application form of the Hungarian Scholarship Board
- Curriculum Vitae
- List of publications
- Copy of highest degree /diploma
- Precise and detailed work plan – maximum of two pages
- Certificate of proficiency in Hungarian – unless there is another agreed upon working language for the proposed course/programme (to be attached to the letter of invitation)
- Two letters of recommendation from two recognized experts in the relevant discipline
- Letter of invitation by the director of an accredited doctoral school in Hungary. Applicants have to hand in the positive admission decision to the PhD programme of the respective Hungarian University's Doctoral Council by 31st of August 2009 at the latest.
- Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

³ In case one of the documents submitted (certificate of the highest degree/diploma, proof of enrolment, supporting documents) is not in one of these languages, it is requested to submit a translation thereof.

C/2. - doctoral studies: partial PhD studies or studies for the purpose of writing a dissertation

- Application form of the Hungarian Scholarship Board
- Curriculum Vitae
- List of publications
- Copy of highest degree/diploma
- Precise and detailed work plan – maximum of two pages
- Certificate of proficiency in Hungarian – unless there is another agreed upon working language for the proposed course/programme (to be attached to the letter of invitation)
- Two letters of recommendation, one by the applicant's home institution, one by the supervisor in Hungary
- Letter of invitation by the director of an accredited doctoral school in Hungary
- Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

D. - postdoctoral studies / research (1-10 months)

- Application form of the Hungarian Scholarship Board
- Curriculum Vitae
- List of publications
- Copy of highest degree/diploma
- Precise and detailed work plan – maximum of two pages
- Certificate of proficiency in Hungarian – unless there is another agreed upon working language for the proposed course/programme (to be attached to the letter of invitation)
- Two letters of recommendation from two recognized experts in the relevant discipline
- Letter of invitation by the future host institution in Hungary.
- Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

E. - research stay (3-21 days or 1-10 months)

- Application form of the Hungarian Scholarship Board
- Curriculum Vitae
- List of publications
- Copy of highest degree/diploma (supporting document of associate or higher ranking professorship)
- Precise and detailed work plan – maximum of two pages
- Certificate of proficiency in Hungarian – unless there is another agreed upon working language for the proposed course/programme (to be attached to the letter of invitation)
- Two letters of recommendation from two recognized experts in the relevant discipline
- Letter of invitation by the future host institution in Hungary.
- Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

F. - summer courses in the summer of 2009 (2-4 weeks)

- Application form of the Hungarian Scholarship Board
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of highest degree/diploma
- Letter of interest
- One (1) letter of recommendation
- Certificate of proficiency in Hungarian to participate at the courses – (For information on the language requirements please consult the website of the respective universities or the programme coordinators.)
- Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

Incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be considered!

Application documents shall not be returned!

ART/MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants for music/arts scholarships have to attach the following documents **in addition**:

- ▶ For painters, graphic artists and sculptors: photographs of three (3) works of art / sketches (with date)
- ▶ For performing artists (musicians) and conductors: high quality recordings of three (3) different styles of music, conductors have to submit three (3) original scores.

Applicants for graphic and fine arts as well as music may be require to take additional exam in the relevant Hungarian host institution before being granted a scholarship.

Applicants who wish to study at the Liszt Academy of Music must **also** submit their applications directly to the academy by 1st March each year, and play an audition. Candidates should not forget to indicate on these applications that they are simultaneously applying for a bilateral scholarship at the Hungarian Scholarship Board. For further information please contact the International Department of the Liszt Academy of Music, e-mail: international@lfze.hu, phone: +36 1 462 4615, +36 1 462 4616.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

The HSB provides a monthly payment of:

A. - semester /partial studies (3-10 months)

HUF 40 460 stipend per month⁴, and an additional HUF 11 900 student stipend per month (per capita social aid, which **may be** paid by the higher education institution and entitlement to aid is subject to filing of an application), as well as student hostel accommodation in a university residence hall paid by the scholarship-holder⁵

B. - postgraduate studies (3-21 days or 1-10 months)

HUF 79 200 stipend per month and HUF 70 000 accommodation allowance per month, for scholarships 21 days or shorter, accommodation allowance and a stipend of HUF 3000/day.

C/1. - doctoral studies: Full PhD programme (36 months)

HUF 93 000 per month, and student hostel accommodation in a university residence hall paid by the scholarship-holder⁶

C/2. - doctoral studies: partial PhD studies (12 months)

HUF 93 000 per month, and student hostel accommodation in a university residence hall paid by the scholarship-holder.⁷

D. - postdoctoral studies/research (1-10 months)

HUF 118 800 per month and HUF 80 000 accommodation allowance per month.

E. - research stay (3-21 days or 1-10 months)

HUF 118 800 per month, and HUF 80 000 accommodation allowance per month, for scholarships 21 days or shorter, accommodation allowance and a stipend of HUF 3000/day.

F. - summer courses in 2009 (**2-4 weeks**)

Tuition-free courses, free accommodation and meals.

⁴ Scholarship holders from Russia, the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia who were granted their scholarship based on a bilateral agreement receive their stipend from the sending Party, the amount thereof is set by the respective scholarship offices. The host institution provides them with accommodation in a university residence hall, and when applicable, pays the per capita social aid.

⁵ The accommodation capacity of the university residence halls is limited, hence it is well-advised to inquire into the accommodation possibilities in advance)

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Scholarships of the HSB cannot be awarded concurrently with other scholarships. If a scholarship holder has another scholarship or other financial support (salary) he has to turn down the HSB scholarship.

The scholarship is meant to cover the living expenses of one person only, so there is no available financing or visa exemption for accompanying members of the family or any other persons. Neither visa related fees nor any other costs related to the grantee's stay in Hungary shall be compensated for.

Travel Expenses

Travel expenses to Hungary and back to the country of origin are not covered by the Hungarian Scholarship Board.

Health insurance

According to the European Union Council Regulations 1408/71 (EC) and 574/72 (EC), scholarship holders who are citizens of a European Union member country or EFTA member country with the exception of Switzerland are covered in Hungary by the European Health Insurance Card. The card must be collected at the home country prior to the arrival in Hungary. Citizens of all other countries staying in Hungary for more than 1 month are covered for medical treatment in case of sudden illness. Except emergency cases none of the costs of dental care are covered. Scholarship-holders staying in Hungary for less than 1 month are required to make their own arrangements for insurance coverage.

PROCEDURE:

Application deadline of HSB is: 15th April 2009. (as per postmark).

Applications should be sent to:

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1519 BUDAPEST PF. 385
HUNGARY

Attention! Applications past the deadline will not be accepted and will not be forwarded to be reviewed.

For the application form and the list of foreign partner scholarship offices, as well as for the summer courses please consult the website of HSB at www.scholarship.hu. The scholarships are granted by the Minister of Education and Culture based on the decisions of the HSB. The list of successful applicants will be published on the webpage of the HSB in July 2009.