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1. The Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme

1.1. Mission of the Programme

The Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme was launched in 2013 by the Hungarian Government. The core mission of the programme is to increase the number of foreign students in Hungary and to encourage Hungarian higher education institutions to attract top foreign students; currently 41 sending partners are engaged in the programme.

Thousands of students from all around the world apply for higher educational studies in Hungary each year. In the academic year 2016/2017 approximately 3000 students can begin their studies in Hungary in the framework of the Stipendium Hungaricum Programme.

The Programme is managed by Tempus Public Foundation.

1.2. Available Scholarship Types

Stipendium Hungaricum scholarships are available for bachelor, master, one-tier master, doctoral and non-degree programmes (preparatory and specialisation courses). Both full time and part time study modes are available in case of bachelor, master, one-tier master and doctoral studies.

Available Scholarship Types		Duration		Qualifications at the end of programme		Available study modes
		full time	part time	full time	part time	
Bachelor programmes		2-4 years	1 or 2 semesters	BA or BSc degree	certificate of completion	full and part time
Master programmes		1,5-2 years	1 or 2 semesters	MA or MSc degree	certificate of completion	full and part time
One-tier master programmes ¹		5-6 years	1 or 2 semesters	MA or MSc degree	certificate of completion	full and part time
Doctoral programmes		2+2 years	1 or 2 semesters	doctoral degree	certificate of completion	full and part time
Non-degree programmes	Preparatory courses	0,5-1 year	-	certificate	-	full time
	Specialisation courses	0,5-1 year	-	certificate	-	full time

¹ In the Hungarian education system, one-tier master programmes are offered in the following study fields: general medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, architecture, law, veterinary surgery, forestry engineering, etc.

1.3. Provisions Covered by the Scholarship

- **Tuition-free education:** exemption from the payment of tuition fee
- **Monthly stipend**
 - non-degree, bachelor, master and one-tier master level: monthly HUF 40 460 (cca EUR 130) contribution to the living expenses, for 12 months a year, until the completion of studies
 - doctoral level: according to the current Hungarian legislation, it is monthly HUF 100 000 (cca EUR 325) at present - for 12 months a year, until the completion of studies - but the legislation is to be changed, consequently the amount is expected to be raised.
- **Accommodation**
 - dormitory place or a contribution of HUF 30 000 to accommodation costs for the whole duration of the scholarship period
- **Medical insurance**
 - health care services according to the relevant Hungarian legislation (Act No. 80 of 1997, national health insurance card) and supplementary medical insurance

2. Eligibility

2.1. Eligible Sending Partners

The Stipendium Hungaricum Programme is based on effective bilateral educational cooperation agreements between the Ministry of Human Capacities of Hungary and the partner's Ministry responsible for higher education. Applications will be considered eligible if the applicant is nominated by the responsible authorities of the sending partner.

For full time programmes, students can apply from the following sending partners: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Belarus, Cambodia, China (including the Hudec scholarships), Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, India, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Kurdistan Regional Government/Iraq, Laos, Lebanon, Macedonia, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Palestine, The Philippines, Russia, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uruguay, Vietnam, Yemen

For part time programmes, students can apply from the following sending partners: Belarus, Cambodia, China (only Hudec applicants), Georgia, India, Iran, Japan, Korea, Laos, Lebanon, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Turkey

2.2. Available Host Institutions and Study Programmes

27 Hungarian higher education institutions are engaged in the Stipendium Hungaricum Programme for the 2016/2017 academic year with a total of 420 study programmes. Study programmes are generally available in English and Hungarian languages, with some programmes offered in German and French as well. The list of available study programmes and host institutions is accessible on our website (*see Annex 2 or [click here](#)*).

Each applicant is entitled to apply for up to three different study programmes, in order of preference. After submitting the application, the order of preference cannot be changed by the applicant.

Applicants are eligible to apply for those scholarship types and study fields that are determined in the educational cooperation programmes in effect between Hungary and the specific sending partner (*see Annex 1 or [click here](#)*).

2.3. Language Proficiency

Applicants are eligible to apply only if they meet the minimum language criteria set by the chosen host higher education institution (*see Annex 2 or [click here](#)*).

Study programmes in English language: students shall have a level of English proficiency required by the host institution.

Study programmes in Hungarian language: students shall participate in a one-year preparatory Hungarian language course before starting their higher education studies. In addition to the Hungarian language, subjects related to the chosen field of studies will also be taught in Hungarian.

Study programmes in other languages: students shall have a level of proficiency in the language of the study programme required by the host institution.

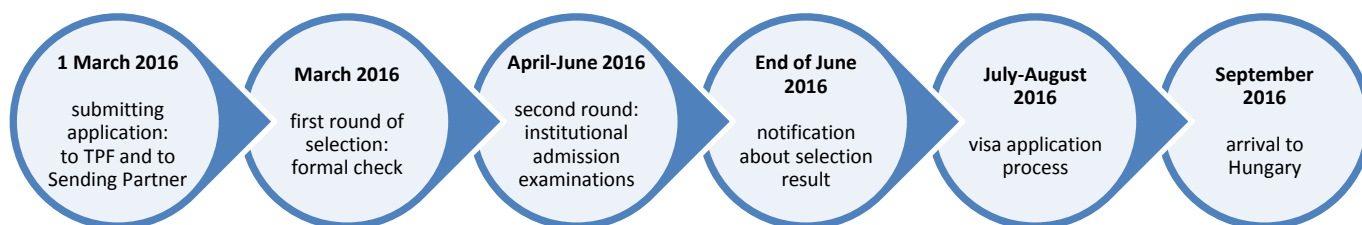
2.4. Non-eligibility

Applications will not be considered in the following cases:

- Hungarian citizens (including those with dual citizenships)
- former Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship holders, who are re-applying for studies in the same cycle of education (e.g. bachelor, master, doctoral)

3. The Application Process

3.1. Application Timeline



3.2. Application Documents to be submitted to Tempus Public Foundation

NOTE: No hard copies are required from any of these documents by Tempus Public Foundation at the time of application. The Sending Partners might require hard copies.

Application Documents	Detailed requirements	Required to be uploaded by
Online application form	- completed in the language of the selected study programme or in English	all applicants
Curriculum Vitae	- only CVs in Europass format are accepted - the CV must include a photo of the applicant - written in the language of the selected study programme or in English	all applicants
Motivation Letter	- minimum 1 page, typed with Times New Roman 12 point font size letters - written in English or Hungarian	all applicants
Language proficiency	- for study programmes in Hungarian language: proof of Hungarian language proficiency, with a minimum level determined by the host institution (<i>see section 2.3.</i>) - for study programmes in other languages: proof of language proficiency, with a minimum level determined by the host institution (<i>see section 2.3.</i>)	all applicants
School certificates <u>and</u> their notarized English or Hungarian translations	- bachelor level: copy of secondary school graduation certificate or equivalent - master level: copy of bachelor degree certificate or equivalent - one-tier master level: copy of secondary school graduation certificate or equivalent - doctoral level: copy of master degree certificate or equivalent - non-degree level: certificate according to the institutional requirements	all applicants
Medical certificate	- medical certificate of satisfactory health condition (issued not earlier than 1 month, a written certificate	all applicants

	from a physician to prove that the applicant does not have the following illnesses: AIDS, Hepatitis A, B, C or any other epidemic conditions)	
Copy of passport	-copy of that page of the passport which contains the personal data of the applicant	all applicants
Research Plan	- minimum 2 pages, typed with Times New Roman 12 point font size letters, written in the language of the selected study programme	applicants of doctoral programmes
Letters of Recommendation	- two Letters of Recommendation from the applicant's former or current academic tutor or supervisor - written in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian	applicants of doctoral programmes
Portfolio	- photographs of three works of art / sketches (indicating the date of creation)	applicants of Painter, Graphic artist and Sculptor study programmes
Audio Portfolio	- audio track of three works (indicating the date of the creation)	applicants of study programmes in the field of Music

3.3. Missing Documents

Certain missing documents are accepted after the application deadline, provided that the applicant could not possibly obtain the document by the deadline of application. The following missing documents can be submitted after the application deadline, but no later than 15th August:

- **high school certificate:** only for applicants registered for the last semester of their secondary school studies
- **bachelor degree certificate:** only for applicants registered for the last semester of their bachelor programme
- **master degree certificate:** only for applicants registered for the last semester of their master programme
- **certificate of language proficiency:** only for applicants awaiting their language test results at the time of application

3.4. Submitting the Application

a) Tempus Public Foundation

All applications shall be submitted through the online application system of Tempus Public Foundation. After registration, the applicants are able to access the application surface and upload the required

documents. Please note that no applications will be accepted without the online submission and after the deadline. No hard copies are required.

The online application system opens in January 2016. The deadline for submitting the complete application package: 1 March 2016.

b) Sending Partner

All applications shall also be submitted to the responsible authority of the Sending Partner. Each Sending Partner might have different deadlines and requirements for submitting the application material. **Applicants are strongly advised to contact the responsible authority at their Sending Partner as soon as possible and inquire about the exact procedures.** For contact details of the responsible authority of the Sending Partner, please visit our website or [click here](#).

The responsible authority of the Sending Partner will review and pre-select the applications based on the formally correct applications. A nomination list, including a reserve list will be forwarded to Tempus Public Foundation by the Sending Partner no later than 25 March 2016. **Applications will be considered only if the applicant is nominated by the Sending Partner. No other applications will be considered.**

3.5. Selection Procedure

a) First round of selection: the formal check (March 2016)

Applications are considered formally eligible if all criteria are met:

- applicant is eligible for participation in the Stipendium Hungaricum Programme
- applicant has applied for a scholarship type available within the framework of the Stipendium Hungaricum Programme and available for applicants of the Sending Partner
- applicant has applied for a study programme and a host institution participating in the programme and available for applicants of the Sending Partner
- applicant has submitted the application and all documents as required no later than the application deadline (except for cases listed in section 3.3.)
- applicant has proved his/her language proficiency (Please note that the institutional language requirements will be checked during the institutional examination process.)

The list of formally eligible applications is forwarded to the responsible authority of the Sending Partner for review and pre-selection. A nomination list, including a reserve list will be forwarded to Tempus Public Foundation by the Sending Partner no later than 25 March 2016.

Applicants are informed about the result of the first round of selection no later than 5 April 2016.

b) Second round of selection: the institutional evaluation (April-June 2016)

Applicants who have submitted an eligible application to both Tempus Public Foundation and the Sending Partner and have been nominated (including reserve list) by the responsible authorities of the Sending Partner, proceed to the second selection point: the **institutional entrance examinations**. Based on the

application form and the formal check, each applicant can participate in up to three institutional entrance examinations.

The exact date and method of the entrance examination varies by institutions. The methods of examination are available on our website (*see Annex 2 or [click here](#)*). **Each applicant will be informed about further details directly by the host institutions.**

The final decision about the application is made based on the application preferences, the entrance exam results, the capacities of the host institutions involved in the programme, and the educational cooperation agreements in effect between Hungary and the Sending Partner.

Applicants are informed about the final result of application no later than 22 June 2016.

3.6. Arrival and Studying in Hungary

In order to gain a Scholarship Holder status, successful applicants must **accept their scholarship and its regulation in the online application system until 15th August 2016**. Those who do not accept their scholarships until the deadline are considered withdrawn from the scholarship. The scholarship regulation can be found on our website, www.stipendiumhungaricum.hu.

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. Scholarship Holders are expected to **obtain their visa and arrive to Hungary no later than 1st September 2016** (for study programmes starting in the Autumn Semester) – **or the date set by the host institutions**. No visa, administrative services or additional contribution is given to family members or accompanying persons.

The applicant who is granted the scholarship **must enrol to the host institution** in the semester in which he was granted admission. If s/he does not enrol within one month after the beginning of the academic year/semester or the deadline provided by the host institution, s/he will be excluded from of the scholarship programme. In justified cases, the applicant can ask for postponing his/her studies for up to 1 year before the end of September.

Scholarship Holders are required to sign a **scholarship contract with the host university** including study-related details and the rights and obligations of the Scholarship Holders (*see sample on our website*).

The Scholarship Holders are expected to observe 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.

The Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship entitles scholarship holders to carry out studies only in Hungarian higher education institutions, therefore scholarship holders **may not apply for any other scholarship programmes outside Hungary**. (e.g. Erasmus+, CEEPUS). No other Hungarian scholarships can be awarded parallel to the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship.

At the end of their study period or academic year as Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Holders, students are obliged to submit a **Student Report** to Tempus Public Foundation until the given deadline.

4. Contact Details

Please contact our website for more details about the programme and for frequently asked questions. Please contact the Stipendium Hungaricum Unit of Tempus Public Foundation in one of the following ways in case you need any further information.

- Website of the Programme www.stipendiumhungaricum.hu
- Frequently Asked Questions [click here](#)
- Skype: "stipendiumhungaricum"
- E-mail: stipendiumhungaricum@tpf.hu
- Phone: +36-1-236-5040

We recommend all applicants to visit the Study in Hungary website (www.studyinhungary.hu) for detailed information about life and education in Hungary.

5. Annex

- Annex 1: List of eligible study programmes determined in the educational workplans in effect between Hungary and the specific Sending Partner – [click here to download](#)
- Annex 2: List of eligible host institutions, study programmes, institutional language criteria and institutional methods of examinations – [click here to download](#)