Guide for the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship applicants for Hungarian Summer University Courses 2026

The Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme is available for higher education studies in Hungary, for those who have Hungarian roots and live in the diaspora. There are two separate Calls for Applications, with different application deadlines:

- Call for Applications for **summer university courses** (short-term, generally 2 to 4-week-long courses). Application deadline: 27 February 2026 14:00 (2 p.m., Central European Time).
- Call for Applications for bachelor's, master's, one-tier master's, doctoral, postgraduate specialist training courses and for other non-degree programmes as well such as a 1-year Hungarian language preparatory course. This includes both **long-term studies leading to a degree** and 1 to 2-semester-long **exchange studies**. Application deadline for studies starting in Academic Year 2026/27: 02 February 2026 14:00 (2 p.m., Central European Time).

This guide is about the application for summer university courses 2026.

1. Important links and useful tips

You can find the most important information about the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programmes on our website: https://diasporascholarship.hu/.

You can find detailed information about the summer university courses on these pages, including the Call for Applications:

- **English page: https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/summer-courses**
- **Hungarian page: https://diasporascholarship.hu/hu/nyari-egyetemek**

The most important document is the **Call for Applications for summer university courses**. It contains all the relevant information regarding the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme, the eligibility criteria, and the documents to be submitted.

- **English version: https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/call_for_application_summer_courses.pdf**
- **Hungarian version: https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/palyazati_felhivas_nyari_egyetemek.pdf**

You can find the **list and details about the particular summer university courses offered** within the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme in the online application system: https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/.

- **Click on 'Find programmes'** in the menu on the left of the screen. Please be extra cautious when selecting your preferred courses in the online application system as there is another type of Hungarian Diaspora Call for Applications running until the beginning

of February (see above), therefore other, long-term study opportunities are also selectable in the online application system. Please use the filters in the system; use the **"study modes" filter and select "summer courses"**. To select summer courses within the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme, use the **"academic terms" filter as well; select "Summer (Diaspora Scholarship) 2026" only**!

» If you still have some questions about specific summer courses you wish to apply for, please do get in touch with the institutional summer course coordinators directly (see contact details in the online application system, included in the course descriptions) or – depending on your question – contact the coordinator of the whole institution (see their contact details here: https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/higher-education-institutions/).

Apart from the Call for Applications and its annexes, please keep these pieces of general advice in mind while preparing your application for summer courses.

Please make sure that

» **you read and understand all parts of the Call for Applications, especially the eligibility criteria (e.g. age, citizenship requirements, Hungarian roots) and the application documents to be uploaded,**

» **you check all the details and requirements of summer university courses in the online application system (DreamApply) and in the Call for Applications.** If it applies, please also check your chosen Host Institution's website for details about the summer course,

» **you contact a Hungarian diaspora organisation or a Hungarian diplomatic mission as soon as possible, but at least 1 or 2 months prior to the application deadline in order to ask for a Diaspora Recommendation Letter.** Acquiring this document is an important prerequisite to applying. Please note that the content of the uploaded Diaspora Recommendation Letter is checked and if it does not meet the requirements, **the whole application is rejected**. On the website of the Scholarship Programme, there is a list of diaspora organisations. This might provide guidance for this: https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/programme-countries/. If you already know a Hungarian diaspora organisation in your area, please contact them,

» you leave enough time for yourself to write your Diaspora Motivation Letter as the content and quality of this document counts towards the overall evaluation of your application,

» you provide precise contact details and make sure your e-mail address (and any other information) is not mistyped on your application form because all information – including the selection results – will be sent there. Please provide an e-mail address that works properly and which you read regularly; try to avoid using a Hotmail or Yahoo account because in that case letters from Tempus Public Foundation usually go to the Spam folder. The e-mail you provide has to be your own e-mail address (not e.g. your parent's),

» you do not accidentally mix up the application to summer university courses and the other types of studies. When browsing the courses, make sure you **use the "study modes" filter and select "summer courses".** To select summer courses within the

Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme, make sure use the **"academic terms" filter as well; select "Summer (Diaspora Scholarship) 2026" only**!

- » the documents with the correct file formats are uploaded, none of the files are larger than 4 MB, and all **your files can be opened**. Please refrain from using file formats that only specific devices (e.g. iPhones) can read,
- » you submit your application until the deadline,
- » you did ***submit*** your application because saving your application will only save the content, but the application will not actually be submitted,
- » you write down and remember your login information, password and your e-mail address used when you submitted your application because you will need this information later (e.g. for accepting the scholarship), and
- » you write down and remember your application registration number because this is how we will be able to identify your application later and this is the number that Scholarship Holders will need to use during their scholarship studies too.

We suggest you to

- » increase your chances of getting admitted by applying for two different summer courses (in order of preference) instead of only one,
- » carefully decide on the order of the selected courses as it cannot be changed later, and it is very much considered during the allocation process,
- » not to apply through any agencies and pay for their services regarding the application because the application has no additional costs.

2. Double-check your eligibility and the name of the scholarship programme in the application system

Please note that in the https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu application system, some of the summer university courses are offered within both the Hungarian State Scholarship Programme and the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme. In the application system, next to the name of the summer course, you can see which scholarship programme the particular summer course belongs to. **Depending on your citizenship, you might see the same summer course twice; one offered within the Hungarian State Scholarship Programme and another one within the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme. In this case, it is very important that you select your courses carefully!**

- » The **Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme** is for applicants who have Hungarian roots in their family (e.g. their grandparents were Hungarian citizens). Having a Hungarian background is the cornerstone of this scholarship programme. Please only select these summer courses if you do have Hungarian roots.
- » The **Hungarian State Scholarship Programme** is available for other international applicants too. Depending on their citizenship, applicants can select these summer courses even if they do not have Hungarian roots.

Please add your selected summer courses according to this information. It is very important because **the application form, the application documents and therefore the evaluation procedure are different for the two scholarship programmes**.

To select summer courses within the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme, use the **"Academic terms" filter when browsing the courses; select "Summer (Diaspora Scholarship) 2026".**

It might happen that you are eligible to apply for both scholarship programmes (do read the eligibility requirements in the Calls for Applications!). In this case, you have the option to choose summer courses from both scholarship programmes, the application system is going to assist you in creating a separate application form for each scholarship programme (e.g. you can copy the information you already provided). Please note that while it might be possible for you to apply for both programmes, this does not mean that you can be awarded both. See the Call for Applications for details.

3. The online application system: https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/

If you have already checked our Call for Applications and you confirmed that – in accordance with the Scholarship **Programme's eligibility criteria** – you are eligible to apply and that your sending country is part of the Scholarship Programme, then you can proceed to the next step, which is the **online application**.

The courses you may choose from are only going to appear if you selected an eligible citizenship. It means that if you have **dual/multiple citizenship**, you need to be careful when selecting your citizenship at the beginning of the online registration.

» You need to select the citizenship that makes you eligible to participate in the Scholarship Programme. For example, if you hold Canadian-Hungarian citizenship, please select your Canadian citizenship during the registration process. Similarly, in **"Profile"** section of the online application form), please indicate your foreign citizenship in the **"Citizenship"** field, not the Hungarian one.

Now, you have already registered in the online application system and created a new application.

There are two main parts of the online application system:

» filling out basic information about yourself, your previous education, your activities, choosing the summer courses and the host institutions you wish to attend etc.
» uploading the required documents in the **Checklist/Task section** of the application form.

The list of all of the required application documents, as well as the specific requirements and templates for each of them, can be found in the Call for Applications (documents listed in section 3.2.). You can also find all information about the translations of these documents in the Call for Applications.

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Apart from filling out the online application form, you are required to upload:

- Diaspora Motivation Letter
- Diaspora Recommendation Letter
  (issued by a Hungarian Diaspora Organisation or the Hungarian Diplomatic Representation or Honorary Consul of the respective territory)
- Professional Letter of Recommendation
- Transcript of Records OR School Certificates (e.g. diploma)
- Proof of Language Proficiency
- Copy of Identification Document(s) regarding the citizenship that makes the applicant eligible to participate in the Scholarship Programme
- signed Statement for Application (using the compulsory template)
- + those applicants who only turn 18 years old on or after the start date of the summer course need the declaration (consent) of their legal representative to apply (using the compulsory template)

All the required documents (and translations) are very important to upload. However, there are three documents which especially need your attention.

- **the Diaspora Motivation Letter in which you are required to describe your Hungarian roots and indicate your link to the Hungarian diaspora community**
  - **Read section 3.2. of the Call for Applications for the detailed and specific requirements!**

- **the Diaspora Recommendation Letter from a Hungarian Diaspora Organisation or the Hungarian Diplomatic Representation of your respective territory** (including Honorary Consuls)
  - For the Diaspora Recommendation Letters, please contact your local Diaspora Organisation that you are a member of or please check our webpage for contact details: https://diasporascholarship.hu/programme-countries/
  - This template can be used (it is optional): click here to download
  - Please indicate the name and details of the Diaspora Organisation that issues you the Diaspora Recommendation Letter by filling out the "Recommending organisation" section of the online application form.
  - **Read section 3.2. of the Call for Applications for the detailed and specific requirements!**

- **and the Statement for Application** that you need to print, sign, scan and upload to the relevant Task to the online system in the mandatory template document (click here for the English version). Do not forget to properly sing it (with pen, not in a typed format).
  - Make sure you use the **proper template** as it is different for different scholarship programmes. The document will not be accepted if the template's wording is altered by the applicant.
  - **Read section 3.2. of the Call for Applications for the details!**

4. Checking and finalising your application

Please check that you filled out all the compulsory fields marked with a **red star** and that you have uploaded all the required documents and **submit** (not only save) your application until the deadline.

The application deadline:
27 February 2026, 2 p.m. (Central European Time)

IMPORTANT NOTES!

- We kindly advise you to **„Save"** your application frequently and press the **„Submit"** button only if you filled out all the fields and uploaded the right and relevant documents.
- **„Save"** does not mean **„Submitted"**. Please make sure to submit your application until the above-mentioned deadline.
- If, during the application process, you have submitted your application, but you wish to edit it before the deadline, then you can do so by **„Reopening"** your application. **However, after editing it, please make sure to „Resubmit" it as well.**

+ 1. Contact us and the institutional coordinators

In case you have questions about **the specific host institution and need further details about the specific summer course** (including e.g. the accommodation), please directly turn to the institutional summer course coordinators. You can see the names and contact details of each summer course coordinator in the online application system, included in the course descriptions.

In more general questions about the **institution**, you can contact the coordinator of the whole institution. You can find their contact information here: https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/higher-education-institutions/.

In **general questions about the application process**, please feel free to contact us, Tempus Public Foundation anytime you need support during the application process, we are more than happy to give you guidance.


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