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Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship

Call for Applications

for Hungarian Summer University Courses in the summer of 2026

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1. Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme

1.1. Mission of the Programme

The Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme (hereinafter: Scholarship Programme) was established by the Hungarian Government for those who live in a Hungarian diaspora – mainly outside of Europe – and wish to study at a Hungarian higher education institution to develop their personal, professional and cultural relations to Hungary. The Scholarship Programme aims to support the professional advancement of the scholarship holders with high-quality Hungarian higher education while improving their Hungarian language skills and strengthening their Hungarian identity.

The Scholarship Programme aims to strengthen the ties between Hungarian diaspora communities and Hungary by supporting 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 Scholarship Programme covers every country in the world, except the member states of the European Union, the Republic of Serbia, and the Zakarpatska Oblast region of Ukraine.

The operation of the Scholarship Programme is overseen by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade and coordinated by Tempus Public Foundation (hereinafter: TPF).

Please note that the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme is ONLY for applicants who have Hungarian roots, ancestors in their family. If you do not have such a connection to Hungary, please check other scholarship programmes managed by Tempus Public Foundation that might be suitable for you.

1.2. Available Scholarship Type: Hungarian Summer University Courses

This Call for Applications of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme is for Hungarian Summer University Courses. Tempus Public Foundation offers scholarships for Hungarian diaspora students, including high school graduates and university students who would like to deepen their knowledge through Hungarian summer university courses, in the field of Hungarian as a foreign language, Hungarian studies or thematic (non-linguistic) courses. The duration of the courses is 1—4 weeks. At the end of the course, Scholarship Holders get a certificate.

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, therefore other, long-term study opportunities are also selectable in the online application system. Please use the filters in the system; use the "Academic terms" filter and select "Summer (Diaspora Scholarship) 2026".

1.3. Provisions Covered by the Scholarship

- **Tuition-free education:** exemption from the payment of tuition fee
- **Accommodation**
- **Meals**
- **Travel insurance:** HUF 400/day contribution

For further details about the **accommodation and meals** provided by the Host Institution, please check the course descriptions in the online application system and/or contact your Host Institution directly.

The Scholarship Holder must have travel insurance that covers healthcare services in medical necessity during the whole length of their scholarship period in Hungary. The HUF 400/day contribution to travel insurance is provided for this purpose. The **travel insurance must be arranged by the Scholarship Holders themselves**, unless the Host Institution takes over the responsibility to arrange it. Please contact your Host Institution for details about their practice. The scholarship covers a HUF 400/day contribution only. The total amount depends on the length of the particular Hungarian Summer University Course (e.g. for a 2-week course, that is HUF 5600 in total). See Section 4.4. about travel insurance and healthcare services.

The application has no additional costs; therefore, we highly suggest not to apply through any agencies.

2. Eligibility

2.1. Eligible Citizenships

Applicants are required to be citizens of one of the countries or regions involved in the Scholarship Programme. The Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme **covers all countries and regions of the world EXCEPT**

- the member states of the European Union,
- the Republic of Serbia, and
- the Zakarpatska Oblast region of Ukraine.

2.2. Basic Eligibility Criteria for Applicants

A valid application may be submitted if the applicant meets the following criteria:

a) Applicant has **Hungarian roots and maintains a Hungarian identity**, and convincingly demonstrates this in a Diaspora Motivation Letter and declares it in the Statement for Application (Annex 2) that is a part of the application,
b) Applicant is a **citizen of one of the eligible countries** (see Section 2.1),
c) Applicant has made a statement that he/she has an **address outside of Hungary**,
d) Applicant holds a **recommendation** from a Hungarian diaspora organisation[1] or a Hungarian Diplomatic Representation, or an Honorary Consul accredited by Hungary, of the respective country (=Diaspora Recommendation Letter),

[1] *This refers to an organisation/association of the Hungarian community living outside of Hungary in diaspora.*

e) Applicant obtained his/her secondary school leaving certificate (e.g. **high school diploma) in a foreign country;** the applicant finished secondary education abroad, not in Hungary,
f) Applicant **turns 18 years old before the start date of the Hungarian Summer University Course.**
   - For your reference, the earliest Hungarian Summer University Course course starts on 21 June 2026.
   - Exemptions from the minimum age limit are those who turn 18 years old between the start date of the Hungarian Summer University Course and 31 December 2026, and the declaration of their legal representative is submitted as part of their application.
   - Please note that there is no upper age limit to apply for the Scholarship Programme.
g) Applicant undertakes to sign a **scholarship agreement**,
h) Applicant undertakes to give feedback about the scholarship experience in the form of an **online survey** at the end of the scholarship period.

Please note that this list covers the basic eligibility criteria. Please see section 2.3. about the cases of non-eligibility and make sure to carefully read all other parts of the Call for Applications for further requirements (such as application documents, deadline).

2.3. Non-eligibility

Applications **will not be considered** in the following cases:

a) The applicant does not meet the requirement for **citizenship**.
   - See Section 2.1 for the eligible foreign citizenships. If the applicant has dual or multiple citizenship, at least one of them must be included in the eligible foreign citizenships section.
b) The applicant is a **stateless person, refugee, protected individual, asylum-seeker, admitted individual, or has a long-term residence status**, or does not fall within the scope of Section 39 (1) a) of the Higher Education Act,
   - Please note that this requirement is not only for applicants but for Scholarship Holders as well; this means that, e.g., if you obtain refugee status during your studies in Hungary, you automatically lose your scholarship status.
c) Applicants who do not meet the **requirements related to age** listed in Section 2.2;
   - the applicant turns 18 years old between the start date of the Hungarian Summer University Course and 31 December 2026 but does not have the declaration of their legal representative,
   - all applicants born after 31 December 2008.
d) The applicant is applying for a Hungarian Summer University Course in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme while they still have a **scholarship status** in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship or in other scholarship programmes established by the Hungarian Government at the time of application. (Exemptions are listed in the Programme's regulations.)
e) The applicant had been a Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Holder at a **Hungarian Summer University Course previously**.
f) The applicant is a **former Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Holder** who was awarded the scholarship in the 2023/24, 2024/25 or 2025/26 application round, but after accepting the scholarship offer, he/she did not travel to Hungary and did not start the scholarship studies, nor did he/she notify Tempus Public Foundation of this fact until the deadline set in the

regulations of the Programme. This also includes those who postponed the start date of the scholarship studies and failed to get enrolled.

Note for Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Holders and new applicants:

Former Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Holders at study programmes other than Hungarian Summer University Courses are eligible, as well as applicants applying currently for study programmes other than Hungarian Summer University Courses (for partial/semester studies, full degree studies) in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme, **in case the scholarship periods do not overlap in time**. The applicant can thus be granted a second scholarship if there is no time overlap between the two and if the budgetary allocations make it possible.

2.4. Available Host Institutions and Study Programmes

For the year 2026, 12 Hungarian Summer University Courses are available at 7 Host Institutions for diaspora applicants. Host institutions offer Hungarian as a foreign language, Hungarian culture and various thematic (non-linguistic) courses for participants.

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

2.5. Implementation of the Scholarship

Scholarships have to 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(s).

Scholarship Holders must reside in Hungary during the entire period of their studies.

2.6. Order of Selected Study Programmes

Each applicant can apply for **up to TWO different Hungarian Summer University Courses** in the online application system (at https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/), **in order of preference.** These two courses can be at the same Host Institution or at different Host Institutions, it is the applicants' decision. However, the scholarship allows Scholarship Holders to participate only in one course.

Please note that **after the application deadline**, the selected courses **and the order of preference cannot be changed by the applicant**!

The chances of receiving the scholarship can be increased by applying for not only one but two courses in total.

The first priorities will be considered first. In this way, the chances of receiving the scholarship are relatively higher for the courses selected as first choices. However, the allocation of the applicants depends on the capacity of the Host Institutions too; therefore, applicants may be placed in either of the Host Institutions they selected previously, regardless of their order of preference.

2.7. Language of Study Programmes

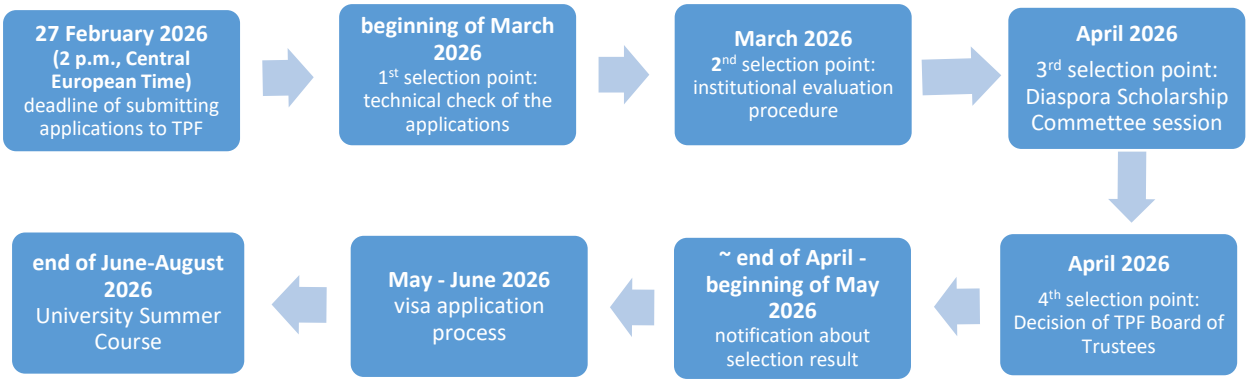
Applicants are eligible to apply only if they meet the minimum language criteria set by the chosen Host Institution. Hungarian language and culture courses are available at any level of knowledge of the Hungarian language, however – depending on the level of the course – the bridge language ("lingua franca") of these courses is usually English. Thus, an intermediate, B2 level[2] proficiency of the English language is usually required in these cases. Thematic courses are usually also taught in English, thus a B2 level proficiency of English is usually required in the case of these courses, too.

Visit the **online application system** (https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/) to see the **exact language criteria** of the Host Institutions for each study programme.

3. The Application Process

3.1. Application Timeline

Please note that the dates are indicative.



3.2. Application Documents to be submitted to Tempus Public Foundation

3.2.1. Basic Application Documents

The submission of the application is entirely online: https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/.

All of the following documents are compulsory and need to be submitted in the online application system by **all applicants** until the application deadline, 27 February 2026, 2 p.m. (Central European Time).

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

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

Application Documents	Detailed Requirements
Online Application Form	- 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)
Diaspora Motivation Letter	- minimum 1 page, typed in Times New Roman 12-point letters - written in English or in Hungarian - the Diaspora Motivation Letter is evaluated and scored by the Host Institutions using a standard system of criteria. These scores are taken into account when deciding on the application. - the Diaspora Motivation Letters are evaluated based on the following criteria: » whether the applicants confirm that they have Hungarian roots by describing their connection to Hungary, » whether the applicants demonstrate that they have done work for the Hungarian diaspora community and/or that they have been engaged in activities related to the Hungarian culture, arts, science or on other fields related to Hungary, » whether the applicants convincingly describe their professional choice and explain why they wish to receive the scholarship, » whether there is a link between the Diaspora Motivation Letter and the Professional Letter of Recommendation.
Diaspora Recommendation Letter (issued by a Hungarian Diaspora Organisation or the Hungarian Diplomatic Representation of the respective territory)	- minimum 1 page, typed in Times New Roman 12-point letters - written in English or Hungarian - it could be (but does not have to be) issued on the sample form available on the Scholarship Programmes's website - the Diaspora Recommendation Letter has to be issued by » a **Hungarian diaspora organisation** (=organisation/association of the Hungarian community living outside of Hungary in diaspora) » or the **Hungarian Diplomatic Representation** (or Honorary Consuls) of the respective territory - it must declare that the applicant has a real connection to the diaspora of their country/town and their studies will contribute to the prosperity of the community - the recommendation letter **must meet the following criteria**: it must » contain the 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 comes, an explanation is required in the Diaspora Recommendation Letter on how the applicant relates to the country issuing the recommendation. » have the official signature and (if they have) a stamp of the authorised representative of the organisation/mission on it, » contain - in printed form - the name and capacity/position of the authorised representative of the organisation/mission who signs the document, » prove that the applicant is linked to the country in which the organisation/mission issuing the recommendation is established, » contain the date of issue.

	Please note that the content of the uploaded Diaspora Recommendation Letters is checked. If the Diaspora Recommendation Letter is not a valid document issued by a valid Hungarian diaspora organisation or a Hungarian Diplomatic Representation, or if the Diaspora Recommendation Letter does not meet the other requirements as well, **the whole application is rejected**. As the purpose of the Diaspora Recommendation Letter is to confirm the Hungarian roots of the applicant, the application will be rejected based on false statement if it turns out that the applicant does not have a Hungarian background.
Professional Letter of Recommendation	- minimum 1 page, typed in Times New Roman 12-point letters - written in English or in Hungarian or in the language of the selected course - the Professional Letter of Recommendation has to be issued by » a teacher of the applicant's current/previous higher education institution, or » if the applicant has not previously participated in higher education, the recommendation can be from the applicant's current/previous secondary school teacher, orthe applicant's current/previous employer » regarding the summer course in Hungary, discussing the applicant's skills and qualities, motivation, and the potential benefits of the scholarship period. - the Professional Letter of Recommendation **must meet the following criteria**. It must » contain the applicant's personal data (full name, country of his/her residence, date and location of birth), » have the official signature and (if they have) a stamp of the authorised representative of the institution/company on it, » contain - in printed form - the name and capacity/position of the authorised representative of the institution/company who signs the document, » contain the date of issue.
Transcript of Records OR School Certificates (e.g. diploma) AND its translations in Hungarian or English or in the language of the selected course	- **for higher education students** (=enrolled at the time of application): copy of the original transcript of records regarding the last semester completed. If the applicant is a first-year university student who has not obtained the transcript of records for the first semester yet, then the secondary school leaving certificate (e.g. high school diploma) can be uploaded instead. - **for graduated higher education students** (=already graduated and finished university or college): copy of the degree certificate/diploma of higher education obtained at the highest level of education that the applicant has participated in. - **for applicants who have not started their higher education studies or have not completed their first semester** until the application deadline: copy of the secondary school leaving certificate (e.g. high school diploma). If the applicant is in the final year of secondary school and has not obtained the school leaving certificate yet, then the transcript of records of the last school year/term completed can be uploaded instead. - translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected course or in Hungarian or English

Proof of language proficiency AND its translations in Hungarian or English or in the language of the selected course	- scanned copy of the original proof of language proficiency in accordance with the language of the selected course, with a minimum level determined by the Host Institution AND its translation - see section 2.7. for further details! - unless the Host Institutions requires it otherwise (see course descriptions in the online application system), any kind of certificate can be accepted, for example language exam certificate or a certificate issued by a language department, the department of foreign languages, a Hungarian Cultural Institute written in Hungarian or English - 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 have to be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected course or in Hungarian or English
Copy of Identification Document(s)	- copy of Identification Document(s) **regarding the citizenship that makes the applicant eligible to participate in the Scholarship Programme (see Section 2.1. for countries)!** For example, Canadian-Hungarian citizens have to upload the Canadian passport/ID card. - 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 valid national ID card - that page has to be uploaded which contains both the personal data and the photograph of the applicant
Statement for Application	- there is a compulsory template to use, which is available here (and also Annex 2). - after carefully reading, then signing the document, the scanned version must be uploaded to the application system - the application can only be accepted if the applicant uploads this document to the relevant Task in the online application system - the applicant's name and signature must be on the statement. It has to be properly signed by the applicant; it should be **signed with a pen** and not typed!

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. Translations have to be submitted together with a copy of the original document to the corresponding Task in the online application system. (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 in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in European Union law, you need to give your consents regarding data protection and accept the Privacy Notice in order to be able to submit your application. These consents appear in the system after registration, including the Privacy Notice (Annex 3).

Please note that, in some cases, the Host Institutions might ask for additional documents as well. If the Host Institution requires any additional documents, it is listed in the description of the summer university course in the online application system. Please click on the name of the summer university course in the online application system and check the information there.

3.2.2. Additional Documents for Applicants Under the Age of 18

Besides the documents listed in Section 3.2.1, applicants under the age of 18 need to upload the following document as well via the online application system until **27 February 2026** (2 p.m., Central European Time), in the following cases.

Those applicants who **turn 18 years old on or after the start date of the Hungarian Summer University Course** need the declaration of their legal representative in order to apply. For your reference, the earliest Hungarian Summer University Course course starts on 21 June 2026.

However, those who were **born after 31 December 2008** are not eligible to apply even if they have the declaration of their legal representative.

Application Document	Detailed Requirements	Required to be uploaded by
Declaration of legal representative	- the compulsory template must be used. Click here to download it. - the declaration must be read and signed by the applicant and the legal representative of the applicant (e.g. parent), and the scanned copy must be uploaded to the relevant Task in the online application system (if the Task does not appear, check the date of birth entered in the system again).	all applicants who turn 18 years old between the start date of the Hungarian Summer University Course and 31 December 2026

3.3. Submitting the Application

All applications shall be submitted through the online application system of Tempus Public Foundation. Applications can be submitted in English. After registration, the applicants are able to access the application system and upload the required documents. **Applications must be submitted by clicking the Submit button**. Applications only saved 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 www.diasporascholarship.hu website.

The applicant should not submit more than one application for the same Call for Applications (in the case of multiple applications, the last one will be considered as valid).

The deadline for submitting the complete application package:
27 February 2026 –14:00 (2 p.m., Central European Time)

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

All applicants are highly advised to carefully read the Application Guide and the Privacy Notice (Annex 3) that they need to consent to in order to submit the application. Please also read the Statement for Application (Annex 2) really carefully before signing and uploading it. Providing any false information during the application process, including making a false statement, results in getting automatically excluded from the Scholarship Programme.

It is strongly recommended to register with an e-mail address that works properly and that the applicant reads frequently. Unless the applicant is under 18 years old, the **email address provided must be the email address of the applicant itself** (not a parents' email address). Upon submitting their e-mail address, the Applicant/Scholarship Holder also assumes the liability for being the sole user of the e-mail address provided, and thus, any entry from the provided e-mail address shall be attributed solely to the Applicant/Scholarship Holder. In case there is a change in the email address – including during the study period in Hungary – the Host Institution and Tempus Public Foundation should be immediately informed and be provided with the new e-mail address by the applicant/scholarship holder. It is always the responsibility of the applicant and the Scholarship Holder to manage their own email account and to read the letters regularly. Tempus Public Foundation is not responsible for the malfunctioning of the registered e-mail account. Please avoid using for example a Hotmail or a Yahoo account because in that case letters from Tempus Public Foundation usually go to the Spam folder. We strongly advise against using any current institutional email addresses which may change after the start of the scholarship.

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

The applicant can withdraw his/her application in the online application system at any stage of the process. However, this decision is final, there is no possibility to cancel the withdraw.

3.4. Selection Procedure

3.4.1. First Round of Selection: technical check (beginning of March 2026)

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 technically checked first. The technical check is done by Tempus Public Foundation. During this step, TPF checks the basic eligibility criteria; for example, the age, citizenship, the previous scholarships, and

checks whether the applicant has applied for a scholarship type and/or study programme that is available within the framework of the Scholarship Programme.

Applicants will be automatically rejected if they:

- do not successfully submit their application in the online system until 27 February 2026 (2 p.m., Central European Time);
- do not have a foreign (non-Hungarian) citizenship of one of the countries involved in the Scholarship Programme (Citizenship must be verified by uploading a scanned copy of the passport or identity card);
- are a stateless person, refugee, protected individual, asylum-seeker, admitted individual, or has a long-term residence status or does not fall within the scope of Section 39 (1) a) of the Higher Education Act;
- do not have an address of residence outside of Hungary;
- were born after 31 December 2008;
- turn 18 years old between the start date of the Hungarian Summer University Course and 31 December 2026 and did not upload the declaration of their legal representative as part of their application;
- do not upload the signed Statement for Application (Annex 2) on the appropriate template form in the online system;
- apply for the Hungarian Summer University Course while they still have a scholarship status at the time of the application in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme or in any other scholarship programmes established by the Hungarian Government, and will not receive their degree/certificate until the start of the chosen Hungarian Summer University Course or withdraw their previous scholarship before the deadline to accept the scholarship offer for the Hungarian Summer University Course;
- do not have a valid Diaspora Recommendation Letter issued by a Diaspora Organisation or a Hungarian Diplomatic Representation (or Honorary Consul);
- did not upload a Diaspora Motivation Letter;
- have not finished their secondary education in a foreign country, thus did not obtain their secondary education certificate in a foreign country (not in Hungary);
- if multiple applications are submitted by the same applicant (e.g. from different accounts) in the same application round, only the application submitted last can be considered valid, and all previous applications shall be rejected;
- have provided any false information during the application process;
- were Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Holders at a Hungarian Summer University Course previously,
- were awarded the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship in previous application rounds or were awarded within any other scholarship programmes established by the Hungarian Government in cases described in Section 2.3. about non-eligibility.

Some of these criteria are checked during the technical check, some are checked at later phases of the selection process (e.g. during the formal check run by the Host Institutions where the Host Institutions check whether certain uploaded files and their quality can be accepted or not).

The application may be rejected at any stage of the selection process if it is found that the submitted application materials do not provide evidence of a Hungarian background.

3.4.2. Second Round of Selection: the institutional evaluation (March 2026)

The application materials of the applicants whose application pass the technical check are forwarded to the Host Institutions for professional evaluation. The institutions also run a **formal check** first to see if 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 evaluation.

At this stage, the Host Institutions assess the relevance of the application, the quality and relevance of the Diaspora Motivation Letter and the Professional Letter of Recommendation, the language skills of the applicant, and they evaluate how well-prepared the applicant is overall.

The applications are evaluated on a 100-point scale.

Scoring system:

Evaluation criteria	Maximum scores
Quality and relevance of Diaspora Motivation Letter » the applicant has Hungarian roots, » the applicant has done work for the Hungarian diaspora community, and/or has been engaged in activities related to Hungarian culture, arts, science or on other fields related to Hungary, » the applicant convincingly describes their professional choice and explains why they wish to receive the scholarship, » there is a link between the Diaspora Motivation Letter and the Professional Letter of Recommendation	**50**
Quality and relevance of Professional Letter of Recommendation » the applicant's skills and qualities, » the applicant's motivation, and the » the potential benefits of the scholarship period.	**30**
Sufficient skills, qualities and professional background » The applicant’s previous studies, professional record that make them prepared for the chosen Hungarian Summer University Course.	**20**
Total:	**100**

Applicants will be notified of the results by the Host Institutions. A positive result only means that the applicant met the minimum entrance requirements of the study programme. This is not a decision about the scholarship.

At the end of the institutional evaluation phase, the final examination results and the examination points given by the Host Institutions are then forwarded to Tempus Public Foundation.

3.4.3. Allocation of Admitted Applicants (April 2026)

Tempus Public Foundation is responsible for the allocation of the applicants. In general, the principles at this stage are as follows:

1. the preference order of the selected study programmes on the application form,
2. the capacity (minimum and maximum number of available places) of the university's specific course,
3. the evaluation results and scores (maximum 100 points) given by the Host Institutions.

3.4.4. Third Round of Selection: Diaspora Scholarship Committee's Nomination List (April 2026)

Tempus Public Foundation forwards the allocation list of the applicants to the Diaspora Scholarship Committee. The Committee's task is to select those applicants whose study goals are most closely connected to the interest of the respective local Hungarian diaspora community. Based on this, the Committee may decide on priorities of regions/countries where the support of the local Hungarian community is needed the most. Similarly, priorities might be set based on academic fields or other study programme-related specifics.

3.4.5. Application Results (April-May 2026)

Applicants can expect to be informed of the final result of the application (awarded scholarship/waiting list/rejection) electronically by Tempus Public Foundation in April-May 2026 (end of April is the earliest).

Tempus Public Foundation informs the Host Institutions about the final decision, as well. Successful applicants will be provided with information concerning their stay in Hungary (e.g. accommodation, administrative issues) by the Host Institutions.

Please note that applicants can expect only one email from Tempus Public Foundation about the results. Depending on the allocation results, applicants can expect this letter anytime throughout April-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.

The decision is made by the Board of Trustees of Tempus Public Foundation.

The decision is made based on the available budget.

3.5. 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, the acceptance deadline is within one or two weeks after receiving the notification e-mail about the application decision, it was one week in the last application rounds, please prepare accordingly. Those who do not accept their scholarship until the deadline, are automatically considered withdrawn from the scholarship.

4. Studying in Hungary

Any possible changes in the entry and enrolment process due to unforeseen reasons will be posted on our website: https://diasporascholarship.hu.

4.1. Visa Applications

The Scholarship Holder status does not automatically guarantee a visa.

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.

More information:

- Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade: https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en
  - https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/embassies#hungarian-embassies-abroad
- Directorate-General for Aliens Policing: http://oif.gov.hu/index.php?lang=en

The citizens of some countries (such as the United States of America) do not need a visa to enter Hungary due to the **Visa Waiver Agreements**. In the case of certain countries, the exemption from the visa requirement applies only to holders of biometric passports. Visit the Consular Services website for up-to-date information about visa-free entry, the list of countries and further details: https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/visa-free-travel-hungary

According to current information, summer university scholarship holders who do not have a citizenship that entitles them for visa-free entry can apply for a C type visa for studies if their stay in Hungary is no longer than 90 days (within a period of 180 days). Further details must be discussed with the respective Hungarian consulates.

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.

Successful applicants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to Hungary. 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.

Scholarship Holders are expected to obtain their visa, arrive in Hungary and **register at the Host Institution no later than** the date set by the Host Institutions.

It is **not possible to postpone the start of the scholarship studies** to another semester or academic year.

4.3. Withdrawal

The Scholarship Holder is obliged to immediately inform **BOTH** the Host Institution and Tempus Public Foundation of their withdrawal (diasporascholarship@tpf.hu) by email. The withdrawal must be **made in the online application system too**. This decision is final, there is no possibility to cancel the withdraw later on. 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.

4.4. Travel Insurance and Healthcare Services

The Scholarship Holder must have travel insurance that covers healthcare services in medical necessity during the whole length of their scholarship period in Hungary. For this purpose, the scholarship covers a HUF 400/day contribution to travel insurance. According to Section 1.3, the **travel insurance must be arranged by the Scholarship Holders themselves**, unless the Host Institution takes over the responsibility to arrange it. Please contact your Host Institution for details about their practice. The scholarship covers a HUF 400/day contribution only. The total amount depends on the length of the particular Hungarian Summer University Course (e.g. for a 2-week course, that is HUF 5600 in total).

When arranging the travel insurance that covers medical expenses, **keep in mind** that

- a specific travel medical insurance (e.g. urgent medical attention, emergency hospital treatment) might be required if you apply for certain type of **visa to Hungary**. According to current legislation, such is the case with the Schengen Visa Type C (see Section 4.1. about visa application),
- depending on your citizenship, you might be able to obtain a **European Health Insurance Card** (see note below).

Note about European Health Insurance Card:

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 has to cover the costs of those services that are provided by a private healthcare provider that has no contractual relation with NEAK.

4.5. Rights and Obligations

4.5.1. Operational Regulations, GDPR and Scholarship Contract

All Scholarship Holders are bound by the Operational Regulations of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme. Please make sure to read it carefully (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 or at the end of the Operational Regulations).

Within the framework of the Scholarship 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. Apart from the above-mentioned costs, Tempus Public Foundation cannot ensure any other allowance or support.

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 Scholarship 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 Operational Regulations of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme 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 Notice (see Annex 3) in order to be able to submit an application. These consents appear in the online application system after registration.

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

4.5.2. Staying in Hungary

Scholarship Holders are obliged to stay in Hungary for the period of the scholarship; otherwise their scholarship holder status will be terminated.

4.5.3. Other Scholarships and Double Financing

Applicants are not eligible to receive the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship in case they have another concurrent scholarship from the Hungarian central budget for studies in Hungary, for the same time period or same purpose. If the Scholarship Holder was awarded more than one scholarship, they have to choose one of the scholarships and withdraw from the other one(s). See further details in Section 2.3. about non-eligibility. Despite this, the Host Institutions are allowed to provide additional financial support for the students on a social, performance-related, or other basis.

As highlighted in Section 2.3, former Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Holders at study programmes other than Hungarian Summer University Courses are eligible, as well as applicants applying currently for study programmes other than Hungarian Summer University Courses (for partial/semester studies, full degree studies) in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme, **in case the scholarship periods 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.

5. Contact Details

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

Contact Tempus Public Foundation	
Website of the Scholarship Programme	www.diasporascholarship.hu
E-mail	diasporascholarship@tpf.hu
Phone	+36 1 236 5045
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/hungariandiasporascholarship/ https://hu-hu.facebook.com/studyinhungaryofficial/
X	https://x.com/RebootYourRoots
Information about Hungary	www.studyinhungary.hu
Costs of Living calculator	http://www.studyinhungary.hu/living-in-hungary/menu/your-cost-of-living.html

Contact the Hungarian higher education institutions	
Contact details of institutional coordinators	https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/higher-education-institutions/

6. Related documents

1. Annex 1 - Operational Regulations of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme
2. Annex 2 – Statement for Application (mandatory template document)
3. Annex 3 – Privacy Notice

Please note that the Call for Applications of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme can be subject to change in the future and the Operational Regulations of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme in force takes precedence over it. Therefore, we suggest that all applicants follow the website of the Scholarship Programme.

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