

Extension of the scholarship period

We have summarised the most important and useful information on extension requests that applies to all scholarship holders.

- **Who can apply for an extension of their scholarship period and when?**

Requests can be submitted in the last semester of the scholarship period. The student status must be active in this semester.

The scholarship can be extended in the following cases:

- a full-time bachelor programme
- a full-time master programme
- a full-time one-tier master programme

The scholarship cannot be extended in the following cases:

- partial/semester studies
- a doctoral programme
- a preparatory course
- a specialization course after bachelor or master studies
- postgraduate specialist training courses
- short intensive courses

- **How many semester extensions can a scholarship holder apply for?**

The scholarship holder may extend their scholarship period by a **total of two semesters** (requesting one extra semester at each time) in Hungarian bachelor's, master's, and one-tier master's programmes.

If a scholarship holder requested an extension for two semesters during his/her bachelor studies, then if he/she later was awarded a scholarship for a master's studies, he/she can no longer request an extension of the master studies. If a scholarship holder received a 1-semester extension for his/her bachelor studies, he/she can request a 1-semester extension for his/her master studies.

- **Which institution should the scholarship holders apply for an extension?**

A request for the extension of scholarship status must be submitted to their host institution.

- **What is the role of the host institutions?**

The institution collects the requests and sends the list of those who receive approval to the Tempus Public Foundation. The institution approve the extension request of those scholarship holders who have a realistic chance of being able to complete their studies with the help of the extension and whose requests are reasonable.

- **What documents must the scholarship holders submit to the host institution? What is the deadline for submitting an extension request?**

It is the competence of the institution to decide which documents must be submitted and the deadline for submitting extension requests to them. The host university may give more criteria; therefore, the scholarship holders should contact their host university directly about the exact procedure and rules for submitting an extension request.

Institutional contacts are available on our website: <https://stipendiumhungaricum.hu/study-finder/> under 'Institutional Stipendium Hungaricum Coordinators'.

- **What is the role of the sending partner?**

The Tempus Public Foundation forwards the list of scholarship holders whose extension request has been approved by their host institution to the Sending Partners concerned for their opinion.

- **Should the requests also be submitted to the sending partner?**

It is not compulsory, but we recommend that the scholarship holders also notify the sending partners about their intention to extend the scholarship period.

The contacts of the sending partners are available on our website: <https://stipendiumhungaricum.hu/partners/>

- **Does Tempus Public Foundation check the missing credit numbers that are necessary to complete the studies during the evaluation?**

Yes. If the scholarship holders lack more than the number of credits determined by Tempus Public Foundation in one or two semesters to complete their studies, their requests for an extension will be rejected.

- **What happens if the host institution does not approve the extension request?**

If the host institution does not approve the extension request, the scholarship holder can finish his/her studies as a fee-paying student.

- **When is the decision regarding the extension request considered final? Who issues the decision on the extension request?**

The extension can only be considered as final if it is approved by the Tempus Public Foundation. Tempus Public Foundation will notify the scholarship holders of the final and formal decision on the extension requests by email.

- **When will the scholarship holders receive the decision on their extension request?**

The scholarship holders will receive the decision on the extension request for the fall semester by the end of June, or by the end of January in the case of the spring semester.

- **Is it possible to appeal against the decision?**

It is not possible to appeal after the decisions are made on these requests.

- **Will the scholarship holders receive a scholarship and housing allowance during the extension period?**

If their scholarship status started in or after the 2020/2021 Academic year, they will not receive a scholarship and housing allowance during the extension.

- **How long will the scholarship holders receive scholarship and housing allowance if they started in 2020/2021 or later and submitted an extension request for the fall semester?**

If the scholarship holders request an extension of their studies for the fall semester, they may receive the scholarship and the housing allowance until 31 July, not until 31 August.

- **What happens if the scholarship holder has a passive status during the extended period?**

In case the request for an extension study period is accepted by the Tempus Public Foundation and the scholarship holders have a passive status during the extended period, in the semester when their student status is active again, the previously approved extension can be used without submitting a new request. In this case, after registering for an active semester again, they should contact Tempus Public Foundation regarding an updated Letter of Award.

- **How does the scholarship period change if a scholarship holder has a professional foundation semester/year, preparatory course, or they previously had a passive semester(s)?**

If a scholarship holder participates in a foundation semester/year or preparatory course or has had a passive semester(s) before, the scholarship period will be automatically changed according to the duration of the foundation semester/year, preparatory course, or the passive semester(s). In this case, the scholarship holder does not need to submit an extension request; only contact Tempus Public Foundation regarding an updated Letter of Award.

- **If they previously changed institution, study programme, and/or language, how does that affect the end of their scholarship period?**

The remaining semesters are calculated as follows: active semesters already used are deducted from the number of semesters of the new study programme.

- **What is the procedure if a scholarship holder submits a new Stipendium Hungaricum application for a higher level in the new round and simultaneously submits an extension request?**

If they have simultaneously requested an extension of the study period and submitted an application in the new application cycle, the following procedure applies: if they accept the new scholarship, their

extension request will be rejected; if they withdraw the new scholarship, the request for the extension will be approved.

- **What happens if the scholarship holder's request for extension is accepted by the Tempus Public Foundation, but in the meantime, the student's scholarship status is terminated for academic or other reasons?**

In this case, the decision on the extension request is revoked. Therefore, the extension request is not relevant and will not be taken into consideration for the next semester.