



**STIPENDIUM
HUNGARICUM**



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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 main goal of the programme regarding the education policy is to support the internationalisation of Hungarian higher education and its constant development, to strengthen the international relations of the Hungarian academic and research community, to enhance the cultural diversity of higher education institutions and to promote the good reputation and competitiveness of Hungarian higher education throughout the world. The programme also aims to establish and encourage the personal and professional attachment of foreign graduates to Hungary and contribute to the promotion of Hungarian culture and language abroad.

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.

The programme is based on bilateral educational cooperation agreements signed between the Ministries responsible for education in the sending countries/territories and Hungary or between institutions.

The Programme is managed by Tempus Public Foundation (hereinafter referred to as TPF).

1.2. Background of the call for application

Stipendium Hungaricum scholarships are available for bachelor's, master's, one-tier master's, doctoral, and non-degree programmes (preparatory and specialisation courses).

In Hungary, the duration of doctoral programmes is 8 semesters. Doctoral programmes are divided into two different phases: the first phase (4 semesters) is for professional training and research, while the second phase (4 semesters) is for research and dissertation.

In compliance with the effective Hungarian legislation, scholarship holders can request the extension of their scholarship at the end of their bachelor's, master's and one-tier master's programmes. The doctoral programmes cannot be extended, not even if the scholarship holder has successfully obtained their absolutorium and the only step left for them is to acquire their doctoral title by the defense of their thesis. The aim of this call for application is to grant a chance to students completing their 4-year doctoral programmes within the framework of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme to acquire their doctoral degrees as scholarship holders.

2. The Stipendium Hungaricum Dissertation Scholarship

2.1. Eligibility

Only those Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship holders are eligible to apply who obtain their absolutorium in the 2019/2020 academic year but shall receive their doctoral degree after the end of their student status.

2.2. Non-Eligibility

Applications will not be considered if

- **any of the non-eligibility criteria of the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship programme applies to the Applicant**
- **the Applicant has not obtained their absolutorium by the end of their doctoral study programme**

2.3. Duration of the scholarship

The duration of the SH dissertation scholarship starts from the month following the last month of the semester in which the doctoral student obtains their absolutorium and lasts up to the time they acquire their doctoral degree.

The maximum duration of the SH dissertation scholarship is 12 months, but no longer than requested in the application.

The final duration of the awarded SH dissertation scholarship will be decided upon the recommendation of the higher education institution and the decision of the Board of Trustees of TPF. The duration of the awarded scholarship may be shorter than the Applicant applied for.

IMPORTANT NOTE: With regards to the special measures and the COVID19-emergency situation declared by the Government of Hungary on 11 March 2020, the SH dissertation scholarship will be available as follows for the current application round:

- a) the SH dissertation scholarship will be available for all eligible Applicants with the duration until 31 January 2021, provided that the higher education institution and the sending partner approves and recommends this length. For this, doctoral students in their final year of their studies will have to apply for the dissertation scholarship and in case the higher education institution approves, they will be automatically awarded with the scholarship for the requested duration, but no longer than the obtaining their degree, up to 31 January 2021. I
- b) if the Applicant applies for a dissertation scholarship that would end after 31 January 2021, they will be automatically awarded the scholarship for the period until 31 January 2021 in line

with the guidelines of section a) (see above), and the scholarship for the remaining period will be awarded upon the recommendation of the higher education institution and the decision of the Board of Trustees of Tempus Public Foundation.

2.4. Provisions Covered by the Scholarship

The scholarship holder shall receive the following provisions in the duration of the Scholarship:

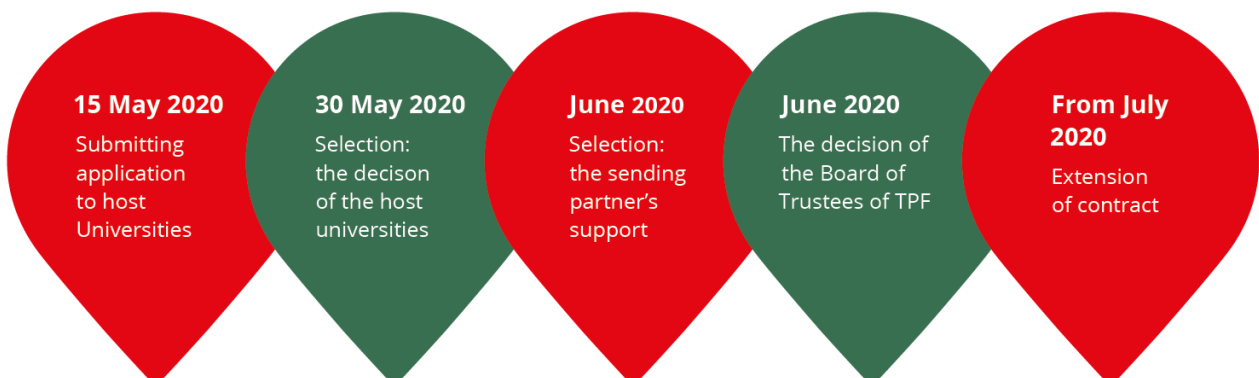
- **Monthly stipend**
 - HUF 180,000 months as a contribution to the living costs in Hungary.
- **Accommodation contribution**
 - free dormitory place or a contribution of HUF 40,000/month to accommodation costs in Hungary for the whole duration of the scholarship period
- **Medical insurance**
 - medical insurance for up to HUF 100,000

The monthly stipend and accommodation contribution (if applicable) shall be paid by the host institution on a monthly basis.

*Please bear in mind that these provisions are **only a contribution** to the living expenses of the scholarship holders in Hungary, meaning that they may **not fully cover all the costs of living** during the scholarship period.*

3. The Application Process

3.1. Preliminary Application Timeline



3.2. Application documents

The Applicant is required to submit the following documents to their host institution:

- **motivation letter**, containing the academic schedule for the scholarship period they applied to, and the reasons for an extension
- a **letter of approval** from their supervisor
- any further documents the host institution might require

The exact scope of the documents to be submitted, as well as the mode and platform of submitting the application will be determined by the host institution. The applicant does not have to send any documents directly to TPF.

The appointed contact person regarding the application process of the SH dissertation scholarship between the host institution and TPF is the current Stipendium Hungaricum programme coordinator at the host institution. The application deadline is 15 May 2020 23:59 (Hungarian time)

No applications or missing documents will be accepted after the deadline.

3.4. Selection Procedure

Submitted applications will be assessed by the host institutions on the basis of the applicant's study and research results and the documents received. The institution will send the list of applicants nominated for funding to the TPF Study in Hungary Department by 30 May 2020.

The Study in Hungary Department of TPF then proceeds to officially contact the relevant sending partners in order to seek their approval of scholarship extension for the list of nominees. In case the partner does not respond within 10 days of receiving the list from TPF, the list of nominees is considered to be approved. Applications not supported by the sending partner will automatically be rejected.

The list of scholarship awardees will be decided upon at the TPF Board of Trustees' meeting in June 2020.

Higher Education Institutions, the relevant scholarship holders and sending partners will be informed of the final results by the Study in Hungary Department of TPF until 15 July 2020.

In case the Applicant is due to obtain their absolutorium during the spring semester of the 2019/20 academic year (i.e: the absolutorium is expected after the decision of the TPF Board of Trustees), the dissertation scholarship will be awarded conditionally to the Applicant. In this case, the Letter of Award granting the scholarship will be issued by TPF after the higher education institution confirms the successful obtaining of the absolutorium.

3.5. Amendment of the scholarship contract

The scholarship agreement of all awarded applicants will be amended.

The amended scholarship agreement – among all mandatory points set out in the Operational Regulations of the Stipendium Hungaricum Programme – will contain the following:

- the start, duration and estimated end of the scholarship extension period
- the scope of provisions covered by the dissertation scholarship

4.3.4. Termination of Scholarship Status

The scholarship status automatically expires:

- a) at the end of the awarded period.
- b) in case the scholarship holder obtains their doctoral degree

Furthermore, the scholarship status is terminated in full accordance with the relevant provisions of the Operational Regulations of the programme.

Annex:

Operational Regulations of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme