

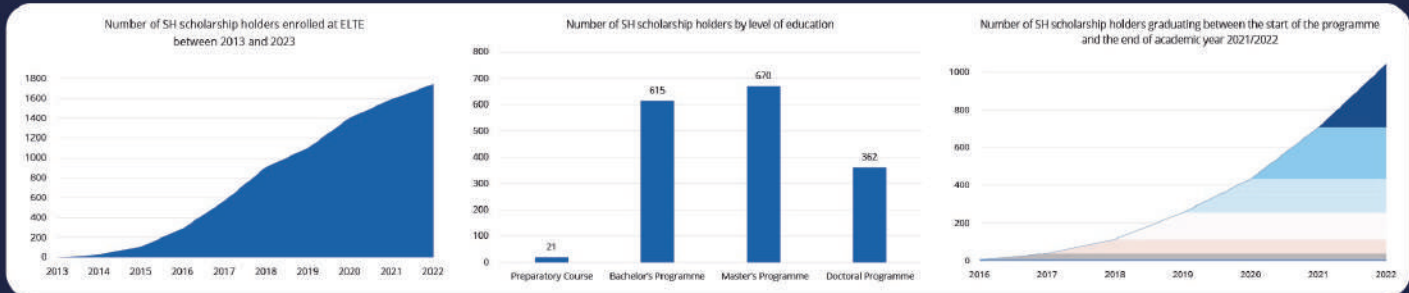
THE FIRST DECADE OF THE STIPENDIUM HUNGARICUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME AT EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY

From the very beginning, ELTE has been strongly committed to the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship programme. Even before its launch, ELTE had already been involved in several inter-institutional agreements and exchange programmes, but Stipendium Hungaricum gained decisive importance, bringing about a fundamental change in the life of the university.

IN THE FIRST YEAR, ONLY A FEW SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS ARRIVED AT OUR UNIVERSITY. CONVERSELY, THIS YEAR, THEIR NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO BE OVER 2000.

Almost half of the international students studying full-time at ELTE come under the framework of the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship programme, which represents about 5% of the total university population of 36,000 students. The programme has given a significant boost to internationalisation at an institutional level, and it has now become an integral part of daily life at the university.

THE CONTINUOUS AND DYNAMIC INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS FROM THE VERY FIRST DAY HAS NECESSITATED THE LAUNCH OF COMPLEX DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AT VARIOUS LEVELS AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THOSE IN PROGRESS.



The most popular study programmes among SH scholarship holders during academic year 2022/2023 were the following:

Computer Science BSc	284 sts
Computer Science MSc	178 sts
International Relations BA	96 sts
Doctoral School of Linguistics	63 sts
International Business Economics BA	61 sts
International Relations MA	59 sts
Psychology BA	58 sts
Doctoral School of Education	54 sts

The number of students is growing rapidly at the institution, with nearly 2000 students currently studying at ELTE with Stipendium Hungaricum scholarships.

There are scholarship holders from 83 partner countries. Most of them come from Turkey (90 students), followed by Jordan (87 students), Mongolia (85 students), Russia (80 students), Kyrgyzstan (75 students), and Tunisia (70 students).

As a result of the growing interest, more and more courses have become available to scholarship holders over the past decade: a total of 81 courses are currently offered, including 2 preparatory, 23 undergraduate, 41 graduate, and 14 doctoral courses.

By the end of the first semester of academic year 2022/2023, a total of 1104 scholarship holders will have graduated from ELTE with bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.



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Accommodation services for international students at ELTE were launched in September 2016 as the number of Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship holders suddenly increased, and it has been renewed several times since then. Currently it consists of two complementary areas, which also work in synergy at the level of student administration:

PROVIDING DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION AND HOUSING SERVICES.

dormitories owned and rented by ELTE since 2021, only high-standard, renovated, private, and on-suite rooms have been offered	partners in the real estate market (private dormitories, rental houses, other private rental providers, real estate agencies, advertising portals)
In Budapest generally 400 students, and in Szombathely approx. 50 students can have accommodation per academic year	offering accommodation places for about 2000 students
internationalisation and integration activities (e.g. bi-lingualism) is widely used in both formal and informal communication	we help our students conclude a rental agreement and understand the Hungarian legal environment by providing them with a rental agreement template
dormitory programmes (students may as well be organisers)	a pilot project in 2023 / additional services: roommate search, welcome packages of the students' choice (e.g. bedlinen, toiletries), and ordering cleaning services
future first-year SH scholarship holders are given priority	
consultations, surveys, monitoring	

Applications in both areas are already accepted from May, before university admission. Based on the decision about the scholarship, the dormitory places can already be distributed in the first half of July. Accepted students will be provided with a temporary accommodation certificate including the address of the dormitory in the admission letter. This makes applications for visa much faster and less stressful for students.

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