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STIPENDIUM HUNGARICUM SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Call for Applications

**for bachelor's, master's, one-tier master's, doctoral
programmes, non-degree programmes and postgraduate
specialist training courses**

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1. The Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Programme

1.1. Mission of the Programme

The Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Programme was established by the Government of Hungary in 2021. The purpose of the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Programme (hereinafter: SHS) is to provide priority support for the studies of international students with internationally recognised sporting achievements in Hungarian higher education institutions and their participation in competitive university sports and non-university competitive sports, as well as to assist the development of sports life of Hungarian higher education.

The scholarship programme is managed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary and coordinated by the Tempus Public Foundation. The programme is based on bilateral cooperation agreements between participating international sports federations and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. **Currently, two international sports federations are engaged in the programme: World Aquatics (hereinafter: AQUA), formerly FINA, and the International Judo Federation (hereinafter: IJF).**

The geographical scope of the programme is every state in the world, except for the states of the European Union, states of the European Economic Area, as well as states that are not party to the Agreement on the European Community and its member states and the European Economic Area, but based on the international treaty concluded with them their citizens possess the same legal status as the citizens of a state that is party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area in terms of the right to free movement and residence.

Considering the above, submitting a valid application for the citizens of the following countries is only possible if the applicant also holds the citizenship of a country eligible for application in the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship.

List of non-eligible citizenships: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

The scholarship program offers full-degree study opportunities in the three-cycle degree structure (bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programmes), mainly in English; however, other foreign language study programmes are also available. Students can also apply for a one-year Hungarian language preparatory training course, following which they can pursue their higher education studies in the Hungarian language at the bachelor level or in the framework of a one-tier master's programme. Postgraduate specialist training courses, which provide the opportunity to obtain a specialised qualification after a bachelor's or master's degree, are also available.

Stipendium Hungaricum Sports scholarship holders are encouraged to focus on their academic and sports advancement during their stay in Hungary. All their tuition fees are covered, and their accommodation and living costs are also supported. Upon finishing their studies, a European degree provides graduates with a wide range of opportunities in the global job market.

1.2. Available Scholarship Types

1.2.1. Study Levels

Stipendium Hungaricum Sports scholarships are available for bachelor's, master's, one-tier master's, doctoral degree programmes, and non-degree programmes such as preparatory or postgraduate specialist training courses. Degree programmes lead to a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree. Non-degree programmes do not lead to a degree but provide a preparatory course before a bachelor's or one-tier master's degree programme or a specialisation course after a degree programme. Only sport-related postgraduate specialist training courses are available within the scholarship programme framework.

Important note: applications are only accepted for bachelor's, master's, one-tier master's, non-degree programmes and postgraduate specialist training courses OR for doctoral programmes. This means that in the case of selecting a programme at the doctoral level, it is not possible to choose lower-level study programmes at the same time; therefore, please consider your selected programme(s) carefully.

Only full-time study modes are available within the SHS framework (see section 1.2.2 below).

Available Scholarship Types		Duration	Qualifications at the end of the programme	Available study modes
Degree programmes	Bachelor programmes	3-4 years	BA or BSc degree	full time
	Master programmes	1-2 years	MA or MSc degree	full time
	One-tier master programmes	5-6 years	MA or MSc degree	full time
	Doctoral programmes	2+2 years	PhD or DLA degree	full time
Non-degree programmes	Preparatory course in the Hungarian language	1 year	certificate	full time
	Postgraduate specialist training courses	1 -2 years	certificate	full time

Note about one-tier master's programmes, preparatory and postgraduate specialist training courses:

In the Hungarian education system, one-tier master's programmes cover both the bachelor's and the master's level of studies; they result in a master's degree. These one-tier programmes are offered in specific study fields such as general medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, architecture, law, veterinary surgery, forestry engineering, etc.

Preparatory courses in the Hungarian language can only precede bachelor's and one-tier master's training courses.

Postgraduate specialist training courses provide the opportunity to obtain a specialised qualification after a bachelor's or master's degree.

Note about doctoral programmes:

In Hungary, the duration of doctoral programmes is eight semesters. Doctoral programmes are divided into two phases: the first phase (4 semesters) is for professional training and research, while the second phase (4 semesters) is for research and dissertation. At the end of the first four semesters, doctoral students are obliged to take a complex exam, where the educational and research progress of the student is evaluated. Doctoral students can only continue with the second phase of their studies upon passing the complex exam. The amount of the monthly stipend is different in the two phases of doctoral programmes. Please see section 1.3 about financial details and section 3.3.2 about application details for doctoral programmes.

1.2.2. Study Modes

In the framework of SHS, **only full-time study mode is available for applicants; partial (exchange) studies are not supported.**

1.3. Provisions Covered by the Scholarship

- **Tuition-free education**
 - exemption from the payment of tuition fee
- **Medical insurance**
 - health care services according to the relevant Hungarian legislation (Act 122/2019, Eligibility for Social Security Benefits and the Funding for These Services) and supplementary medical insurance for up to HUF 65,000 a year/person
- **Monthly stipend**
 - **non-degree, bachelor's, master's and one-tier master's level and in case of postgraduate specialist training courses:** monthly amount of HUF 43,700 contribution to the living expenses in Hungary, for 12 months a year, until the completion of studies
 - **doctoral level programme:** according to the current Hungarian legislation, the monthly amount of scholarship is HUF 140,000 for the first phase of education (4 semesters) and HUF 180,000 for the second phase (4 semesters) - for 12 months a year until completion of studies. The scholarship holder in the doctoral programme is granted a one-time subsidy of HUF 400,000 after obtaining the diploma in case the scholarship holder receives a monthly allowance during the last semester of his/her studies.
- **Accommodation contribution**
 - free dormitory place or a contribution of HUF 40,000/month to accommodation costs for the whole duration of the scholarship period (please note that if the student does not live in a dormitory, he/she will instead get a contribution of HUF 40,000/month to rental costs, which in bigger cities – especially in the capital city – would not cover the total amount of rental costs)
- **Sports related contributions**
 - the national sports federations create the possibility for the scholarship holder to train and participate in Hungarian competitive sports, including the provision of the necessary human conditions and organisational structure, as well as the provision of related services, in particular team doctors, team physiotherapists and psychologists.
 - *World Aquatics (AQUA)* undertakes to supplement the monthly allowance of the Athletes with an additional amount per semester to be determined by AQUA in the

given year. International travel expenses of the scholarship holders shall either be provided by AQUA or be borne by scholarship holders as decided discretionally by AQUA.

- The *International Judo Federation (IJF)* undertakes to supplement the monthly allowance of the Athletes with the amount of 100 EUR per month per Athlete at bachelor, master, and one-tier master level, and with an amount of 200 EUR per month per Athlete in case of studies at the doctoral level. Furthermore, international travel expenses of the scholarship holders shall be provided by IJF.
 - Besides the above, the international sports federations might provide the scholarship holders with further assistance or additional financial support.
- **Academic contributions**
- an assigned academic mentor employed by the host institution who assists the studies of the scholarship holder.

Please bear in mind that these provisions are **only a contribution** to the living expenses of the Scholarship Holders. It means they **do not fully cover all the living costs, and the students need to add their own financial resources** to cover all living expenses in Hungary. All applicants are highly advised to check the expected living expenses both in Hungary and the city that they wish to live in before applying; please do check our Cost of Living Calculator by clicking here: <http://www.studyinhungary.hu/living-in-hungary/menu/your-costs-of-living.html>

2. Eligibility

2.1. Eligibility criteria

The Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Programme is based on effective bilateral cooperation agreements between the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the participating international sports federations.

Applications will be considered eligible only if the applicant is nominated by one of the international sports federations: *World Aquatics (AQUA)* or the *International Judo Federation (IJF)*.

Eligibility criteria:

- a) Applicant is a citizen of one of the eligible countries (see section 1.1),
- b) Applicant holds a recommendation of one of the international sports federations: World Aquatics (AQUA) or International Judo Federation (IJF),
- c) Applicant was born before 31 August 2006 (except those applying for Dance study programmes),
- d) Applicant undertakes to sign a scholarship agreement and learn Hungarian as a foreign language and culture during the first two active semesters of their studies,
- e) Applicant undertakes to maintain his/her competition licence at the host sports organisation issued by a Hungarian national sports federation or the host sports organisation.

The Scholarship Programme can be applied for without an upper age limit.

2.2. Non-eligibility

Applications will not be considered in the following cases:

- Applicant is a person granted a refugee status ("menekült"), a person enjoying temporary protection ("menedékes"), a person admitted for subsidiary protection ("oltalmazott") or a person granted humanitarian protection ("befogadott").

Please note that this requirement is not only for applicants but for Scholarship Holders as well; it means that, e.g., if you obtain a refugee status during your studies in Hungary, you automatically lose your scholarship status.
- Applicant was born after 31 August 2006 (= applicants under 18 years of age as of 31 August 2024).
- Applicants applying for a doctoral programme have also submitted an application for another study level in the same application round of the SHS programme. In this case, the application for the lower study level will be disregarded.
- Those applicants who are registered self-financed / fee-paying students of a Hungarian higher education institution at the time of the application deadline AND who are applying for a study level below their self-financed studies. It means that:
 - self-financed master students of a Hungarian higher education institution cannot apply for bachelor studies.
- Those former Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Holders who were **awarded scholarships for full degree studies** and who
 - are now re-applying for full degree studies **in the same cycle or a lower level of education** (non-degree studies, bachelor, master, one-tier master level) – (i.e. Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Holders who apply to continue their studies at a higher level of education can apply, e.g. bachelor Scholarship Holders for master studies), or
 - are now re-applying for the programme for any cycles of education while they still have a scholarship status at the time of application (unless they withdraw their former scholarship before the application deadline) and will not receive their degree by 31 August 2024 or
 - have postponed the start date of their scholarship studies and did not withdraw their scholarship before the current application deadline.
- Those former Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Holders who were awarded a scholarship in the 2023/24 application round, but after accepting their scholarship did not travel to Hungary and did not start their studies, nor did they notify Tempus Public Foundation of this fact by 30 September of the given year.
- Applicant does not fulfil the entry requirements determined by the Host Institution.
- If the applicant has been a Scholarship Holder in the framework of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship or any other scholarship programme established by the Hungarian Government on the same or a higher study level in partial studies, he/she can be awarded the scholarship for the study period reduced by the duration of partial studies.

Important note for self-financed students already studying in Hungary:

Applicants who are **registered self-financed / fee-paying students** of a Hungarian higher education institution at the time of the application deadline **AND** who wish to continue their studies as scholarship holders at the same study level are only eligible to apply for the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship programme if

- they are recommended by their Hungarian host universities where they are studying at the time of application, AND
- their cumulative, corrected sum average ("összesített korrigált kreditindex") is higher than the students' average performance in the particular study programme ("szakátlag").

For example, self-financed master's students enrolled in Hungary can apply to continue their studies with the scholarship on the same master's level only if their university recommends them and their cumulative, corrected sum average is above average.

PhD students enrolled in Hungary can apply to continue their studies with the scholarship only if their university recommends them. Please see further details about the optional application documents in section 3.3.2. of the Call for Applications. Please note that the cumulative, corrected sum average requirement does not apply to doctoral programme applicants.

2.3. Available Host Institutions and Study Programmes

Considering all levels, 18 Hungarian higher education institutions are engaged in the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Programme for the 2024/2025 academic year, with more than 200 study programmes in foreign languages. Study programmes are generally available in English, while some are in other languages, including French and German.

The **Tempus Public Foundation publishes the available study programmes and Host Institutions:**
[Available study programmes](#)

Applicants are eligible to apply only for those scholarship types and study fields whose study and exam regulations are compatible with the requirements to ensure a dual career path (education and sports) in the institution.

Applicants nominated by the two international sports federations can choose two different study programmes, which can be both at the same Host Institution or at different Host Institutions, depending on the applicants' decision.

Considering available capacities, applicants nominated by World Aquatics (AQUA) are required to name a course offered by a non-Budapest institution as their second priority.

Applicants can check the minimum entry requirements of the study programmes here:
<https://stipendiumhungaricum.hu/study-finder/>.

2.4. Language of Study Programmes

Study programmes are taught mainly in English, and applicants are eligible to apply only if they meet the minimum language criteria set by the chosen Host Institution. Please visit the Study Finder website (<https://stipendiumhungaricum.hu/study-finder/>) to see the language criteria for each study programme.

2.4.1. Hungarian as a Foreign Language

In the first year of their studies, Scholarship Holders studying at bachelor, master, and one-tier master levels are required to attend the course of "Hungarian as a foreign language" offered by the host university and to take part in an exam at the end of the second semester. However, participating in a "Hungarian as a foreign language" course for doctoral-level students is not a requirement.

2.5. Preparatory Courses and Foundation Courses

Besides full-degree programmes, full-time non-degree programmes are also available within the programme, in certain cases, for up to one year. **Please read this section if you are applying for study programmes in the fields of Music, Engineering, Computer Science and Information Technology.**

Preparatory courses are non-degree programmes before starting a bachelor or one-tier master level degree programme at a Host Institution (both above are covered by the scholarship).

Regarding the preparatory courses, applicants can ONLY apply for Hungarian language preparatory programmes. These preparatory courses can ONLY be applied for if the student wishes to continue his/her degree studies at a study programme in the Hungarian language after the preparatory year. After completion, it is not possible to continue the studies in English or other foreign languages.

However, ONLY in the case of English language full degree study programmes in the field of Engineering and Music or Computer Science and Information Technology during the institutional entrance examination process and based on the professional evaluation of the applicant, the Host institutions have the right to decide to admit the applicant for a professional **foundation course** (up to 1 year) before they can start their full degree programmes. This is only available for a foundation course before bachelor's and master's level programmes in the fields of engineering, music, computer science, and information technology. Applicants, therefore, cannot directly apply for preparatory courses in the English language; it is always the Host Institution's decision if a professional foundation year (or semester) is necessary or not.

3. The Application Process

3.1. Application Timeline

- 2 April 2024 – submitting an application to the relevant international sports federation (AQUA or IJF).
- 8 April 2024 – first selection point: international sports federations forward the ranked list of nominated applicants to Tempus Public Foundation
- 11 April 2024 – Tempus Public Foundation informs nominated applicants about the submission of compulsory application documents
- 23 April 2024 – nominated applicants submit the required application documents to Tempus Public Foundation
- April 2024 – second selection point: technical check of the applications
- May 2024 – third selection point: institutional admission procedure
- June 2024 – notification about selection results
- July 2024 – visa application process
- By 30 September 2024 – arrival in Hungary

3.2. Application to the international sports federation (AQUA or IJF)

Applicants are required to apply by 2 April 2024 to the relevant international sports federation (AQUA or IJF), which will review and preselect the applicants. Then, the international sports federations will forward a nomination ranking list to Tempus Public Foundation.

Applicants have to apply to the international sports federations by contacting the addresses below and submitting the following data of the applicant:

- full name
- citizenship
- date of birth
- e-mail address
- chosen study programmes (maximum two) in order of preference

To see the list of available study programmes, [click here](#).

Contact addresses of the international sports federations:

AQUA:

Name: Vita Balsyte
Position: Development and Education Manager
E-mail: vita.balsyte@worldaquatics.com,
Phone number: +41213104710

Name: Melissa Caballero
Position: Development Coordinator
E-mail: melissa.caballero@worldaqua.ics.com
Phone number: +41213104710

IJF:

Name: Denisa Stejeran
Position: Assistant to the President
E-mail: adriana.denisa@ijf.org
Phone number: +36 707011593

Applicants are strongly advised to contact the relevant international sports federation (AQUA or IJF) as soon as possible and inquire about the exact procedures.

It is strongly recommended to apply with an e-mail address that works properly and is frequently checked by the applicant. In case there is a change in the 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/student to manage his/her e-mail account and 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.

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

application, the applicant declares that all information provided is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

3.3. Application Documents to be submitted to Tempus Public Foundation

Applications will be considered only if the relevant sports federation nominates the applicant. No other applications will be considered. Tempus Public Foundation requires no hard copies of any of these documents.

- See section 3.3.1 for application documents that need to be submitted by all applicants.
- See section 3.3.2 for additional documents that need to be submitted by applicants for doctoral studies.
- See section 3.3.3 for additional documents that need to be submitted only by Art & Music applicants.
- See section 3.3.4 for additional documents for self-financed applicants who wish to continue their studies with the scholarship.
- See section 3.3.5 for the list of application documents that may as well be submitted after the application deadline.

3.3.1. Basic Application Documents

The following documents are compulsory and must be submitted to Tempus Public Foundation if one of the international sports federations nominates the applicant. The deadline for submission is **23 April 2024**. The method of submission will be specified later by Tempus Public Foundation for those nominated by the international sports federations (AQUA or IJF).

Nominated applicants are strongly advised to check their e-mail inbox frequently for notifications regarding the application and selection process, especially from April to June.

Application Documents	Detailed Requirements	Required to be submitted by
Photo	- a recent photo of the applicant (taken not earlier than two years before the submission of the application)	all applicants
Motivation Letter	- minimum 1 page, typed in Times New Roman 12-point font - written in the language of the selected study programme or Hungarian	all applicants
Proof of language proficiency in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian and their translation where applicable	- scanned copy of the original proof of language proficiency, with a minimum level determined by the Host Institution AND its translation - see section 2.4. for further details - in case the student has completed his/her previous level of studies in the language of the selected study programme, a proof can be submitted about the fact that the language of education was the same as the language of the study programme 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 study programme or Hungarian	all applicants
School certificates in the language of the	- Bachelor-level full-time programmes: scanned copy of the original secondary school graduation certificate or equivalent AND its translation	all applicants

selected study programme or in Hungarian and their translation, where applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - master level full-time programmes: scanned copy of the original bachelor's degree certificate or equivalent AND its translation - one-tier master level full-time programmes: scanned copy of the original secondary school graduation certificate or equivalent AND its translation - non-degree, Hungarian language preparatory programmes: scanned copy of the secondary school graduation certificate AND its translation - translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected study programme or in English 	
Transcript of records in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian and their translation where applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - copy of the original transcript of records regarding all academic semesters or school years completed during previous studies (at the highest level of education that the student has participated in) AND its translation - translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian 	all applicants
Copy of Identification Document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provided that the applicant already has a passport, a scanned copy of the passport's data page should be submitted - in case the applicants do not yet have a passport, they should submit a scanned copy of their national ID card - the page to be submitted should contain both the personal data and the photograph of the applicant 	all applicants
Statement for Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all applicants need to accept the "Statement for Application" (see Annex 3 for a sample) - applicants can download the template, which is available here, and after signing the document, submit it in a scanned form 	all applicants
Competition Licence	Nominated applicants must have a valid competition license issued by the sports association, which entitles the applicant to participate in the sports competition system and competitions.	all applicants

All documents that cannot be obtained or produced in the language of the selected study programme or Hungarian must be translated. The translations must be submitted with a copy of the original document.

Please note that, under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in European Union law, you need to give your consent to the processing of your personal data and accept our Privacy Policy in order to be able to submit your application. See the Privacy Statement in Annex 4.

3.3.2. Additional Documents for Applicants for Doctoral Studies

The following documents are compulsory and must be submitted to Tempus Public Foundation if one of the international sports federations nominates the applicant. The deadline for submission is **23 April 2024**. The method of submission will be specified later by Tempus Public Foundation for those nominated by the international sports federations (AQUA or IJF).

Nominated applicants are strongly advised to check their e-mail inbox frequently for notifications regarding the application and selection process, especially from April to June.

Application Documents	Detailed Requirements
Research Plan	- minimum two pages typed in Times New Roman 12-point font size letters, written in the language of the selected study programme The work plan must indicate the resources used, and the document will be checked by the universities for plagiarism.
Letter of Recommendation	- a signed Letter of Recommendation from the applicant's former or current academic tutor or supervisor, who has a scientific degree and insight into the applicant's professional work. The letter of recommendation must be written in the language of the selected study programme or Hungarian
Statement of the Supervisor (if required by the proposed Doctoral School, see section 2.3)	- a statement by the supervisor at the proposed Host Institution declaring that the supervisor undertakes to supervise the student's work within the doctoral programme (if required by the doctoral school)

All documents that cannot be obtained or produced in the language of the selected study programme or Hungarian have to be translated, and the translations have to be submitted with a copy of the original document.

Please note that, under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in European Union law, you need to give your consent to the processing of your personal data and accept our Privacy Policy in order to be able to submit your application. See the Privacy Statement in Annex 4.

All doctoral programme applicants must visit <http://www.doktori.hu> before they submit their application. The website provides information about Hungarian doctoral schools, available research fields and topics, and possible supervisors of doctoral students in the English and Hungarian languages. In addition, proposed research topics for aspiring doctoral students are available at <http://www.doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=115&lang=EN>.

Doctoral applicants must also contact their chosen Host Institutions and doctoral schools in advance to discuss the available research topics in the institution and the possible supervisors for those topics. All students applying for a doctoral programme must have a supervisor at their selected Host University. The list of Stipendium Hungaricum coordinators at the Host Institutions is available at [Study Finder – Stipendium Hungaricum](#). Please consider all available information carefully when preparing the application materials (e.g. Research plan) and whilst choosing a doctoral programme and research area.

3.3.3. Additional Documents for Art and Music Applicants

Besides the documents listed in section 3.3.1, applicants applying for studies in Arts and/or Music must also submit the following documents. All of the following documents must be submitted to Tempus Public Foundation by **Art and Music applicants**; the deadline for submission is **23 April 2024**. The method of submission will be specified later by Tempus Public Foundation for those nominated by the international sports federations (AQUA or IJF).

Nominated applicants are strongly advised to check their e-mail inbox frequently for any notifications regarding the application and selection process, especially from April to June.

Application Documents	Detailed requirements	Required to be submitted by
Portfolio	photographs of works of art / sketches (indicating the date of creation)	applicants of study programmes in the field of Arts
Audio Portfolio	an audio track of works (indicating the date of creation)	applicants of study programmes in the field of Music

3.3.4. Additional documents for self-financed applicants who wish to continue their studies with the scholarship

Those applicants who are registered self-financed / fee-paying students of a Hungarian higher education institution at the time of the application deadline AND who are now re-applying for the same study level are only eligible to apply for the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship programme according to the criteria set in section 2.2. of the Call for Applications.

Apart from the requirements about the average performance of the applicant, they need to be recommended by the Hungarian host universities where they are studying at the time of application. Therefore, all applicants should contact their universities and discuss whether the university wishes to recommend them for the scholarship.

If you are recommended, please request a recommendation letter from the Hungarian Host Institution. This letter will be uploaded to the online application system by the university.

3.3.5. Missing Documents

All documents listed in section 3.3 are **mandatory** application documents. However, certain documents are accepted to be submitted even after the application deadline, **provided that** the applicant cannot obtain the document by the application deadline.

In this case, the applicants must submit a signed declaration stating that they will obtain and submit the missing document(s) in the online application system by 1 August 2024 at the latest. Please note that Tempus Public Foundation provides no template for the declaration, which can be written by the applicant in a free-form letter. No missing document will be accepted if the declaration is not submitted by **23 April 2024** and/or if the missing documents are not submitted by 1 August 2023; thus, such applications will be rejected automatically.

The following missing documents can be submitted after the application deadline but no later than 1 August 2024. The method of submission will be specified later by Tempus Public Foundation for those nominated by the international sports federations (AQUA or IJF).

Nominated applicants are strongly advised to check their e-mail inbox frequently for any notifications regarding the application and selection process.

Which documents can be submitted as missing documents?		Who can submit these documents as missing documents?	What has to be submitted by 23 April 2024	What has to be submitted by 1 August 2024?
School certificates and their translations	High school certificate	only applicants registered for the last semester of their secondary school studies	Declaration signed by the applicant	High school graduation certificate
	Bachelor's degree certificate	only applicants registered for the last semester of their bachelor programme	Declaration signed by the applicant AND high school certificate and translation	Bachelor's degree certificate
	Master's degree certificate	only applicants registered for the last semester of their master's programme	Declaration signed by the applicant AND bachelor's degree with translation	Master's degree certificate
Certificate of language proficiency		only applicants awaiting their language test results at the time of application	Declaration signed by the applicant	Certificate of language proficiency
Copy of the valid passport		only applicants awaiting their passports to be issued	Declaration signed by the applicant AND a copy of the national ID	Copy of passport

3.4. Submitting the Application

3.4.1. Application to International sports federations (AQUA or IJF)

Applicants are required to apply to the relevant international sports federation (AQUA or IJF), which will review and preselect the applicants. The deadline for application is **2 April 2024**. Please note that no applications will be considered further without the nomination of one of the international sports federations (AQUA or IJF). **Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to contact the relevant international sports federation (AQUA or IJF) as soon as possible and inquire about the exact procedures. For details and contacts, see section 3.2 above.**

The deadline for applying to the relevant international sports federation is 2 April 2024.

3.4.2. Application to Tempus Public Foundation

All necessary documents must be submitted to Tempus Public Foundation if one of the international sports federations nominates the applicant. The deadline for submission is **23 April 2024**. The method of submission will be specified later by Tempus Public Foundation for those nominated by the international sports federations. Please note that no applications will be accepted without the submission of all the required documents listed above. The submission is online; no hard copies are required.

The deadline for submitting all compulsory documents to Tempus Public Foundation is 23 April 2024.

3.5. Selection Procedure

3.5.1. First Round of Selection: nomination by the international sports federations (AQUA or IJF)

Applicants must be nominated by international sports federations as a precondition for the application. International sports federations can only nominate applicants with citizenship matching the programme's criteria. **Only nominated applicants will be considered for the second round of selection:** the technical check by Tempus Public Foundation.

3.5.2. Second Round of Selection: technical check by Tempus Public Foundation (April 2024)

The applications successfully submitted to Tempus Public Foundation are checked first. This is called a technical check, done by the Tempus Public Foundation. During this step, we check the basic eligibility criteria, such as age, citizenship, and previous scholarships. Also, we will formally check if the required documents are submitted and check if the Statement for Application is submitted. If an application passes the technical check, it will be forwarded to the host institution, which will evaluate whether the submitted files and their quality can be accepted and whether these documents meet their entry requirements.

Applicants will be automatically rejected during the technical check if they:

- do not successfully submit their basic application documents by **23 April 2024**,
- are persons granted a refugee status, enjoying temporary protection, admitted for subsidiary protection or granted humanitarian protection,
- were born after 31 August 2006,
- do not accept and submit the signed Statement for Application (please see **Annex 3** for a sample),
- are former Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Holders or self-financed students at a Hungarian higher education institution as described in section 2.2 about non-eligibility,
- provided any false information during the application process.

3.5.3. Third Round of Selection: institutional evaluation (May 2024)

The application materials of the nominated applicants are forwarded to the Host Institutions for a professional evaluation. The institutions will also run a formal check first to see if all the documents submitted by the applicants meet the Call for Applications requirements and the minimum entry requirements of the selected study programme(s).

Applicants with valid, formally correct applications that meet the minimum entry requirements can proceed to the institutional entrance examinations. Each applicant can participate in up to two institutional entrance examinations – per their submitted applications.

The exact date and method of the entrance examination vary by institution. **Therefore, each applicant will be individually informed about further details (e.g. date of examination) directly by their selected Host Institution(s).**

As applicants can apply for up to two study programmes, **institutional examinations are conducted in two rounds.**

1. Applications for the **first selected study programmes** are considered first by the universities.
2. Applications for the **second selected study programmes** are considered afterwards.

Depending on the selected Host Institution's schedule of examinations, there may be no entrance examinations for the second study programme chosen by the applicant – in case the applicant is already approved for the first selected study programme scholarship.

Note for applicants for Medical programmes: Medical studies is one of the most competitive study fields in the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship programme due to the very high number of applications and the limited number of scholarship places. As a result, most of the Host Institutions are expected to fill all their medical scholarship places during the examination of those who applied for their programme as a first choice. Consequently, applicants for Medical programmes can expect that the Host Institutions will not consider them if the programme is selected only as a second choice.

The applicants are evaluated on a 100-point scale. The final examination results and the examination points given by the Host Institutions are then forwarded to Tempus Public Foundation.

Important note: the required minimum is 56 points (on a 100-point scale). No applicants shall receive a scholarship offer with an examination result below 56 points.

3.5.4. Allocation of Admitted Applicants (June 2024)

Tempus Public Foundation is responsible for the allocation of the applicants. In general, the principles the decision is made by are the following:

1. the content of the relevant bilateral Agreement in effect between Hungary and the international sports federations,
2. the capacity (minimum and maximum number of available places) of the university's specific study programme,
3. the preference order of the selected study programmes of the applicants,
4. the examination results (100 points maximum) given by the Host Institutions,
5. the financial support available for the given academic year.

Apart from these, to support student diversity, the number of eligible applicants from the same country may be limited in the case of specific study programmes due to the limited number of places offered in the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship programme (e.g. medical programmes).

As a result of the allocation, each applicant will receive one of the following statuses:

- approved Scholarship Holder, or
- conditionally approved Scholarship Holder (in case any missing documents need to be submitted) or
- rejected.

The application of a person identified by the competent national security services as a potential risk can be rejected by the Board of Trustees of Tempus Public Foundation.

The applicants will be informed about the application results around the end of June 2024. Please note that applicants can expect only one notification e-mail from Tempus Public Foundation about the results. Depending on the allocation results, applicants can expect this letter anytime throughout June and July; therefore, we would like to ask for your patience.

3.6. Acceptance of the Scholarship

Those who do not accept their scholarship by the deadlines below are automatically considered withdrawn from the scholarship.

Applicants who are awarded the scholarship shall not receive Scholarship Holder status if they:

- withdraw from the scholarship in writing (sent to Tempus Public Foundation), or
- fail to submit their missing application documents by 1 August 2024, or
- fail to accept their scholarship by the given deadline or
- do not hold a secondary school graduation certificate by 1 August 2024 or
- withdraw their consent to the processing of their personal data (as per the GDPR), or
- provide false information during the application process.

3.6.1. Acceptance of Scholarship for Approved Scholarship Holders

To gain a Scholarship Holder status, approved applicants must accept their scholarship and consent to the Operational Regulations of the programme (see **Annex 1 and 2** for the Operational Regulations) **within the time frame written in the notification e-mail.**

Nominated applicants are strongly advised to check their e-mail inbox frequently for any notifications regarding the application and selection process.

3.6.2. Acceptance of Scholarship for Conditionally Approved Scholarship Holders

Suppose the applicant is conditionally approved because they have missing documents that they are allowed to submit after the application deadline. In that case, all missing documents need to be submitted immediately after receiving the notification about the conditional status, but no later than 1 August 2024. Please see details in section 3.3.5 about missing documents.

Conditionally awarded Scholarship Holders can only accept their scholarship if all missing documents are submitted first.

After submitting all missing documents, conditionally approved Scholarship Holders must accept their scholarship and consent to the Operational Regulations of the programme (see **Annex 1 and 2** for the Operational Regulations) **within the time frame written in the notification e-mail**.

4. Studying in Hungary

Any possible changes in the entry and enrolment system will be posted on our website: <https://tka.hu/international-programmes/16642/stipendium-hungaricum-sports-scholarship-programme>. Therefore, please consult the website regularly.

4.1. Visa Applications

You are requested to **start your visa application process immediately** after receiving the favourable decision about the scholarship. Officially, it may take 30 days until a visa is issued. You need to contact the competent consular office to apply for a visa to Hungary. For more information, please visit the website of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (<https://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/hu-missions-abroad>) and <http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/en>) and the Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (<http://oif.gov.hu>).

Please note that passport holders of some countries do not need a visa to enter Hungary due to visa waiver agreements. Please make sure to visit the Consular Services website for up-to-date information about your country: <http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/visa-waiver-agreements>.

Please note that the Scholarship Holder status does not automatically guarantee a visa.

4.2. Arrival and Enrolment

We highly recommend that all applicants 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](#).

Scholarship Holders are required to inform the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship coordinator of their Host Institution (please see contact details on [our website](#)) about their expected date of arrival 30 – but not less than 15 – days before arrival.

Successful applicants are expected to travel to Hungary on their own – no financial provisions will be provided for travel expenses by the Hungarian side. Under current legislation, Scholarship Holders are exempt from paying any fees related to their admission to Hungary. However, no visa, administrative services or additional contribution is given to family members or accompanying persons.

Please note that the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Programme does not fully cover all upcoming costs of the Scholarship Holder. It means that the students need to add their financial resources to cover all living expenses in Hungary. All applicants are highly advised to check the expected living expenses both in Hungary and the city that they wish to live in before applying; please

do check our Cost of Living Calculator by clicking here: <http://www.studyinhungary.hu/living-in-hungary/menu/your-costs-of-living.html>.

Scholarship Holders are expected to obtain their visa, arrive in Hungary and **register at the Host Institution no later than 30 September 2024** (for study programmes starting in the Autumn Semester) – or the date set by the Host Institution. The applicant who is granted the scholarship must enrol in the Host Institution in the semester for which he/she was granted admission.

In principle, it is **not possible to postpone the start of the scholarship studies** to another semester or another academic year – except for exceptional, unforeseeable force majeure cases described in the Operational Regulations, with the special approval of Tempus Public Foundation. Therefore, in principle, if the Scholarship Holder does not enrol by 30 September 2024 – or the date set by the Host Institution – he/she will be automatically excluded from the scholarship programme.

4.3. Rights and Obligations

4.3.1. Operational Regulations, GDPR and Student Contract

The Operational Regulations of the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship programme bind all Scholarship Holders. Please make sure to read them carefully in Annex 1 and 2. The following text contains extracts from the Operational Regulations; however, all Scholarship Holders must read the full text of the regulations.

Scholarship Holders must sign a scholarship contract with the Host Institution, including study-related details and the rights and obligations of the Scholarship Holders (see sample at the end of the Operational Regulations).

The Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship contributes to the living costs of the Scholarship Holder only; therefore – within the programme's framework – visa-related assistance, additional allowance and administrative services are not provided for any accompanying people or family members. Accordingly, the scholarship contract is concluded only and exclusively between the Scholarship Holder and the Host Institution.

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, 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 programme that supports and facilitates the maintenance of relationships and the flow of information with former Scholarship Holders, including participation in the alumni website, alumni events, and surveys about the satisfaction of students, career monitoring, and the evaluation of research activities.

Please note that Scholarship Holder students generally complete 30 credits in a semester; therefore, we suggest registering for courses with at least 30 credits in total. Please also note that if the Scholarship Holder does not complete at least 18 credits on average during the last two semesters with an active student status (36 credits), their scholarship status shall be terminated. This requirement does not apply to doctoral and non-degree programme students.

Please note that the Operational Regulations of the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship programme can be subject to change, and Scholarship Holders are always bound by the prevailing regulations at any given time.

Please note that, under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in European Union law, all applicants need to consent to processing their personal data and accept the Privacy Statement (see **Annex 4**); otherwise, they cannot submit their application.

4.3.2. Staying in Hungary

Scholarship Holders are obliged to live and study in Hungary, i.e. they are not allowed to live habitually in any other country during the study period; otherwise, their scholarship holder status will be terminated. However, an exception is made in the case of scholarship holders in doctoral training who may participate in student mobility programmes abroad for a maximum of one semester in both phases of doctoral studies with the purpose of research. As proof of staying in Hungary, students are required to register in person at the international office of the Host Institution at the beginning of each semester.

4.3.3. Other Scholarships and Double Financing

Considering that the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship aims to support higher education studies in Hungary, if the scholarship holder receives another scholarship to support studies outside Hungary for more than 30 days, the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship will be terminated. Professional programmes related to studies (conferences, study trips, etc.) with a maximum duration of 30 days can also be supported within the framework of other scholarship programs (e.g. Erasmus +, CEEPUS). The European Solidarity Corps is an exception, as it is not compatible with studies for scholarship holders.

Applicants are also not eligible to receive the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship if they have another concurrent scholarship from the Hungarian central budget for studies in Hungary. Therefore, if the Scholarship Holder was awarded more than one scholarship, he/she must choose one and withdraw from the other. However, the Host Institutions are allowed to provide additional financial support for the students on a social, performance-related, or another basis.

Under the provisions of Government Decree 51/2007. (III. 26.), Scholarship Holders are entitled to be awarded the National Higher Education Scholarship ("nemzeti felsőoktatási ösztöndíj").

4.3.4. Termination of Scholarship Status

The details and cases when the scholarship status is terminated are listed in the Operational Regulations of the programme (see **Annex 1 and 2**).

It is important to highlight that— after the consultation with Tempus Public Foundation and in case the university does not have other interior regulations about this – the Host Institution is obliged to terminate the scholarship status of the student **if the student does not complete a total 36 credits during the last two finished semesters** when he/she had an active student status and immediately inform the Tempus Public Foundation about the termination. **This requirement does not apply to students studying in doctoral and non-degree programmes.**

Under the Operational Regulations of the programme, the scholarship status is terminated if

- the Host Institution terminates the student status of the Scholarship Holder,
- the Scholarship Holder does not complete a minimum of 36 credits during the last two (continuous) semesters with active student status,
- the Scholarship Holder withdraws from the scholarship in writing (sent to both Tempus Public Foundation and the Host Institution),
- after accepting his/her scholarship, the scholarship holder does not travel to Hungary and does not start his/her studies (if he/she does not notify Tempus Public Foundation of this fact, he/she cannot apply in the next three years)
- the Scholarship Holder had obtained their degrees (or completed their non-degree studies) at the study programme supported by the scholarship,
- the scholarship holders have used up all their awarded scholarship semesters and have not submitted an extension request; or if they are not entitled to an extension,
- the Scholarship Holder does not comply with the regulations of the programme regarding the obligation to live habitually in Hungary,
- the Scholarship Holder is granted refugee status ("menekült"), temporary protection ("menedékes"), or admitted for subsidiary protection ("oltalmazott") or granted humanitarian protection ("befogadott"),
- as a result of institutional disciplinary or criminal proceedings against the scholarship holder, the scholarship holder is expelled, and, for this reason, the Public Foundation asks the host institution to terminate the scholarship status, Tempus Public Foundation may ask the institution to terminate the scholarship contract if the scholarship holder does not comply with the conditions set in the scholarship contract, the coach's instructions regarding training and competition, as well as other sports-related obligations,
- Tempus Public Foundation may terminate the scholarship contract if the scholarship holder is unable to comply with the sports-related requirements for more than three months for health reasons; based on a sports doctor's opinion, he/she is entitled to finish the academic year started as a scholarship holder. Scholarship status will be continued if the student is considered medically fit to resume his/her sporting activity at the start of the new academic year.
- the scholarship contract is automatically terminated with the termination of the Athlete's contract
- in other cases described in the Operational Regulations of the programme in effect.

5. Contact Details

Please visit our Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship (<https://tka.hu/international-programmes/16642/stipendium-hungaricum-sports-scholarship-programme>) and www.studyinhungary.hu websites for more details about the programme and Hungarian higher education and for frequently asked questions. Furthermore, please contact the Study in Hungary Department of Tempus Public Foundation in one of the following ways if you need further information.

Contact Tempus Public Foundation	
Website of the Programme	https://tka.hu/international-programmes/16642/stipendium-hungaricum-sports-scholarship-programme

Skype	“stipendiumhungaricum”
E-mail	shsportscholarship@tpf.hu
Phone	+36-1-236-5040
Facebook	https://hu-hu.facebook.com/studyinhungaryofficial/
Information about Hungary	www.studyinhungary.hu
Costs of Living calculator	click here

Contact the Hungarian higher education institutions	
List of available study programmes	click here
Details of available study programmes – Study Finder	click here
Contact details of institutional coordinators	click here (below the Study Finder)

Contact the international sports federations	
Contact details of FINA (World Aquatics)	click here
Contact details of IJF	click here

6. Annexes

Annex 1

[Operational Regulations of the Stipendium Hungaricum Programme](#)

Annex 2

[Special Regulations of the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Programme](#)

Annex 3

[Statement for Application \(sample\)](#)

Annex 4

[Privacy Statement](#)

Please note that the Call for Applications of the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship programme can be subject to change in the future; therefore, we suggest that all applicants follow our website and social media accounts.