

## **Call for application for foreign candidates for Hungarian university, research and summer school scholarships for 2008/2009 academic year, and 2008 summer courses**

Beginning with the year 2005 the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Hungary established a “scholarship pool” so as to encourage mobility in higher education and to provide opportunities for foreign citizens to widen their professional experience in Hungarian institutions of higher education. In the framework of the pool-system, the Hungarian Scholarship Board (hereinafter HSB) announces university and research scholarships for the academic year 2008/2009 and summer school scholarships for the summer 2008 respectively. The scholarship programme is open for citizens of those countries with which the Hungarian Ministry of Education has agreed to a co-operation programme. In cases where the number of foreign scholarship holders is fixed, due to previously agreed upon programmes still in force in 2008, this will be taken into consideration by the HSB during the validity period of the co-operation programme when awarding future scholarships.

The following scholarship opportunities can be applied for in the framework of the scholarship pool:

- A. undergraduate courses (5-10 months)
- B. post-graduate courses (3-21 days or 1-10 months)
- C.1 doctoral studies (36 months)
- C.2 partial doctoral studies (12 months)
- D. post-doctoral studies (1-10 months)
- E. senior tutor or researcher (3-21 days or 1-10 months)
- F. summer courses (2-4 weeks)

These scholarships permit study or research in any field of arts and sciences during the granted period. The scholarships must be spent at an accredited Hungarian higher education or research institution determined in advance. This restriction also applies to the researcher scholarships. Scholarships for post-graduate courses, doctoral, post-doctorate as well as senior tutor and researcher scholarships may only be extended exceptionally and then only one time. Scholarships for undergraduate courses and doctoral studies may not be extended. The scholarships are valid only for studies and research in Hungary. They are not valid for on-the job studies, part-time studies or correspondence courses. The scholarship holder must stay in Hungary for the whole period of the scholarship.

### **Eligibility**

Citizens of the listed countries (see annex) can apply for scholarships. Foreign citizens with a permanent residence permit in Hungary cannot apply. Please note that **for scholarships for undergraduate courses** priority will be given to **students of Hungarian language and literature**.

I. Applicants may be no older than:

- 30 years of age for scholarships for undergraduate courses
- 40 years of age for scholarships for post-graduate programmes
- 35 years of age for doctoral scholarships
- 45 years of age for post-doctoral scholarships

II. There are no age limits for the following applicants:

- senior tutors and researchers
- those participating in summer courses

## Documents to be submitted

Every application must contain **2 copies** of the documents listed below **in the order given**.

All documents should be submitted either in Hungarian, English, French or German.

- Application form** of the Hungarian Scholarship Board
  - Certified copy of **secondary school leaving examination**. This requirement applies only for undergraduate and summer course scholarship applicants.
  - Certified **copy of qualifications**. Senior tutor or researcher must hold a PhD or equivalent degree and be at least at the level of an associate professor.
  - Curriculum vitae**
    - Precise and detailed **work plan** - maximum two pages. This requirement does not apply for undergraduate and summer course applicants.
    - Letter of interest** (only for undergraduate and summer course scholarship applicants).
    - Language certificate**. Since the teaching is delivered principally in Hungarian, applicants must certify knowledge of Hungarian sufficient to carry out the stated objectives of the submitted work plan. Exceptions may be made when the host institution formally agrees to accept an applicant tuition-free, regardless of the applicant's Hungarian language proficiency.
    - Two **letters of recommendation** (one to be issued by the applicant's home institution; doctoral applicants require advisor/mentor recommendation). This requirement does not apply for undergraduate and summer course applicants.
    - Certified **copy of the student status** by the applicant's home institution (only for undergraduate students).
    - Letter of invitation** from the proposed host institution in Hungary (does not apply to summer course applicants). Applicants for partial doctoral studies (C/2) must have a letter of invitation issued by the director of an accredited doctoral school in Hungary. Applicants for full doctoral studies have to forward to the HSB the decision of the respective Hungarian University's Doctoral Council on their admission to the doctoral programme by 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2007 at the latest.
    - List of publications** (for doctoral, post-doctoral or senior tutorial / research scholarship applicants only).
    - Medical's certificate** verifying fitness for the appropriate programme.
    - Applicants for a scholarship in the area of graphic and fine arts as well as music have to include the following **additional details** and documents:
      - For painters, graphic artists and sculptors: photographs of 3 pieces of their work, rough drafts (with date of creation)
      - For musicians: high quality tape recordings of 3 different styles of music if the music involves interpreters and directors. Composers have to submit their scores
- Applicants for graphic and fine arts as well as music may be required to take additional examination the relevant Hungarian host institution before being awarded the scholarship.\*

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\*Applicants who wish to study at the Liszt Academy of Music must also forward their applications directly to the Academy by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March at the latest each year, because everybody (including those who already have a letter of invitation) must take an entrance exam. Candidates should not forget to indicate on these applications that they are simultaneously applying for a bilateral scholarship at the Hungarian Scholarship Board. For further information please contact the International Department of the Liszt Academy of Music, e-mail: [international@lfze.hu](mailto:international@lfze.hu), phone: +36-1-462-4615, +36-1-462-4616.

**Applications which are incomplete or badly prepared will not be considered!**  
**Applications documents shall not be returned!**

**Procedure:**

Applicants must submit their applications to the relevant home country scholarship authorities, who will determine the deadline for receipt of applications. These authorities will forward selected applications to the Office of the HSB. Individual applications are not excluded nevertheless the HSB gives priority to the applications forwarded by the relevant home country authorities.

Applications must be sent to the HSB Office, the deadline - irrespective of any other deadlines -

**30 April 2008 (postmark)**

The same deadline applies for summer course scholarship application as well. Application forms, a list of the relevant home country scholarship authorities and additional information can be found on the homepage of the HSB at [www.scholarship.hu](http://www.scholarship.hu). Based on the decisions of the HSB, scholarships are granted by the Minister of Education and Culture of Hungary. The list of the successful applicants will be published on the webpage of the HSB in July 2008

**Financial provisions**

The HSB provides a monthly payment of:

- HUF 39 600 scholarship for **undergraduate students**, and HUF 11 650 student stipend paid by the higher education institution in addition access to budget price accommodation in a university residence hall paid by the grantee\*
- HUF 79 200 and contribution to the accommodation costs for **postgraduate students**,
- HUF 91 050 for **doctoral students**, in addition access to budget price accommodation in a university residence hall paid by the grantee\*
- HUF 118 800 and accommodation in a guest house or contribution to the accommodation costs for **post-doctoral scholar, senior tutor or researcher**.
- For **scholarships 21 days or shorter**, free accommodation and a stipend of HUF 3000/day.
- For **summer course participants**, free accommodation, meals, tuition and a daily allowance of HUF 300 will be provided.

We would like to call the attention of the applicants that according to the present legislation the HSB can not grant a scholarship for courses, where tuition fee is required.

Scholarships of the HSB cannot be awarded concurrently with other scholarships. If a scholarship holder has another scholarship or other financial support (salary) he has to turn down the HSB scholarship.

**Other expenses**

The scholarship is meant to cover the living expenses of one person only, so there is no available financing or visa exemption for accompanying members of the family or any other persons. Neither visa related fees nor travel and local transport costs nor any other costs related to the grantee's stay in Hungary shall be compensated for.

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\*The scholarship of the undergraduate students from the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia is covered by their respective national scholarship authorities. However they are also eligible for accommodation in a university residence hall.

**Health insurance**

According to the European Union Council Regulations 1408/71 (EC) and 574/72 (EC) scholarship holders who are citizens of a European Union member country or EFTA member country with the exception of Switzerland are covered in Hungary by the European Health Insurance Card. The card must be collected at the home country prior to the arrival in Hungary. Citizens of all other countries staying in Hungary for more than 1 month are covered for medical treatment in case of sudden illness. Except emergency cases none of the costs of dental care are covered. Scholarship-holders staying in Hungary for less than 1 month are required to make their own arrangements for insurance coverage.

*Annex***The list of eligible countries whose citizens can apply for scholarships through the Hungarian Scholarship Board:**

Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korean Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Russia, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Syria, Thailand, Turkey

Citizens of Austria can apply for Hungarian scholarships through the *Stiftung Aktion Österreich-Ungarn*: [www.oma.elte.hu](http://www.oma.elte.hu)

Citizens of Mongolia, Palestine Authority, Ukraine Vietnam and Yemen can apply separately through their relevant national scholarship authorities on the basis of bilateral agreements.

**Application forms with all the submitted documents must be sent to  
Balassi Institute,  
HSB Office  
1519 Budapest  
Post box: 385  
Hungary**

**Deadline: 30 April 2008 (as per postmark)**