

**Call for scholarship application of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary
for the credit-based Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies Programme
in the academic year of 2021/2022**

Note: This document has been prepared in English as complementary material to the official Hungarian language call-for-application. In case of doubt, please refer to the original version and/or contact us.

Based on paragraph 2 of the 241/2016. (VIII.16.) Government Regulation the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFA) invites applications from non-Hungarian-speaking university students and young graduates not older than 35 years for a **10-month Hungarian State scholarship in the academic year of 2021/2022 for the**

HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE AND HUNGARIAN STUDIES PROGRAMME.

1. THE GOAL OF THE APPLICATION

The scholarship is intended for individuals of non-Hungarian citizenship (and of non-Hungarian decency) to increase their Hungarian language competence and “Hungarology” knowledge acquired at universities outside Hungary.

The objective of the Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies scholarship is to improve, broaden and strengthen the Hungarian language skills and “Hungarology” knowledge of graduate or undergraduate students of Hungarian studies. The two-semester course takes place in the MFA in Budapest with the cooperation of the University of Pécs and with KKM Magyar Diplomáciai Akadémia Kft. (KKM MDA Kft., a background institution of the MFA)

2. THE OBJECT OF THE APPLICATION

The goal of Hungarian Language–Hungarian Studies training is to increase the Hungarian language competence and “Hungarology” knowledge acquired at universities outside Hungary. The programme provides a great opportunity for participants to actively explore Hungary and contemporary Hungarian culture. The accredited training programme affiliated with the University of Pécs, offers 26–55 ECTS credit points. The training programme is coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

There are three types of curricula (A, B, C) available according to the different language competence of students.

The 10-month long training consists of two semesters including a study period of 13/15 weeks and an exam period of 4 weeks. During their study period, students have to attend 28/30 classes, while in the exam period they have to take 4-6 exams. During the training, there are cultural programmes as well, e.g. museum visits organized for the students.

Improving the students’ language skills is a major goal of the training. Intensive language learning takes up 12–28 lessons a week in small study-groups. Language training is completed with an international ECL language exam approved by the Hungarian state. Its credit value is of 10/15 depending on the level (intermediate or advanced).

The interdisciplinary courses in Hungarian Studies transfer complex and diverse knowledge of present Hungary and its cultural heredity. Besides compulsory lectures and seminars, students take part in optional seminars according to their individual field of interest. The credit value of “Hungarology” studies is all in all 16/36/40.

At the end of their training students sit for a language-exam. At the end of Training-B and -C they also write a final paper and take a final exam on one of the topics of their Hungarian studies.

Class attendance is compulsory. Should the participant miss classes without cause, or violate the Study and Exam rules or Disciplinary Guidelines, he/she will lose the right to continue the programme and the right to dormitory placement. Any individual who has been expelled from the programme will have to repay all stipend (monthly allowance) received up to that date.

3. THE LENGTH AND THE CONTENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The duration of the programme is 10 months (September 2021 – June 2022).

The scholarship includes:

- full tuition fee
- HUF 45,000/month allowance (to be paid monthly)
- free accommodation in the dormitory
- student card (offering discounts)
- basic health services

Maximum number of scholarships to be awarded: 60

4. CONDITIONS OF THE APPLICATION

Individuals between the age of 18 and 35 years of non-Hungarian citizenship, whose native language is other than Hungarian, and who are graduate or undergraduate students of Hungarian studies are invited to apply. We inform our applicants that the training is currently taking place at a different location than before (1107 Budapest, Zágrábi utca 1.). Dormitory accommodation is provided.

5. DEADLINE OF APPLICATIONS

Deadline of applications: 29 April 2021, 24.00 (UTC+1)

6. INFORMATION ON THE SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION OF THE APPLICATION

Steps of application:

The call for application is published in Hungarian at

<https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu>

in English at

<https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu/call-for-application-hungarian-studies>

1. Application website

Applications are to be submitted via the application website <https://spjelentkezes.mdakft.hu>
Please visit the site and prepare and submit your application according to the information provided there.

2. Required documents

Required documentation and references for the application:

- signed, printed statement (required format: .pdf)
- a professional plan of max. two pages describing the applicant's field of interest/research (required format: Word document)
- copy of transcripts and diplomas (required format: .pdf)
- copy of passport (required format: .pdf)
- reference letter from an acknowledged expert in the field of Hungarian Studies or in the applicant's field of interest (required format: .pdf)
- the excel document named Health Screening Questionnaire filled in electronically (required format: Excel document) and the accompanying word document named Health Screening Questionnaire Declaration, signed and scanned (required format: .pdf),
- copy of the document certifying vaccination obtained so far/vaccination booklet if any (required format: .pdf)

Evaluation of the Application

Decisions on the applications are made by the MFA and KKM MDA Kft. Board. All decisions are binding.

MFA will not consider applications submitted after the deadline and/or incorrectly and/or incompletely and/or illegibly.

Publication of the results

Applications will be evaluated by 14 May 2021 and applicants will be notified about the results within 3 workdays afterward via e-mail.

Successful applicants must confirm the acceptance of the scholarship via e-mail by 21 May 2021.

The scholarship does not cover the following expenses:

- travel to and from Hungary
- language exam fee (ECL exam of level B2 or C1: approx. HUF 25,000)
- food
- public transport season ticket
- personal expenses
- the fee of type "Other" visa, if necessary

7. CONDITIONS OF WINNING AND OBTAINING THE SCHOLARSHIP

- Any applicant providing unreal, false information on the datasheet, and/or make such a statement when submitting the application, and/or withhold any fact or data concerning the assessment of the application may be excluded from the application procedure.
- By submitting their application, applicants consent to the processing of their personal data in the application form by the MFA, by the decision-shaping bodies and decision-makers defined above for the time necessary for the decision - but not later than 15 September 2021. By submitting their application, the winning applicants also consent to the processing of their personal data in the application form by MFA and KKM MDA Kft. during their scholarship period. Failure to comply with this reporting obligation will result in the termination of the scholarship holder's status.
- The list of Scholarship Winners is public. By participating in the application, the applicant agrees that his/her name will be published on the website of the MFA if s/he is awarded a scholarship by the MFA.
- The applicant acknowledges that, in view of the epidemiological situation, the MFA may postpone the pre-planned start date of the Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies Programme (6 September 2021) and/or apply distance learning methods in the training, or in a serious situation may refuse to start the training, may decide to suspend the training and continue it after the suspension has been lifted, and may decide to apply a training period shorter than it is determined in this call for application. The Applicant

undertakes that in the event of the occurrence of any of the above circumstances s/he does not file a claim for damages against the MFA or KKM MDA Kft. regarding this circumstance.

- A mandatory element of the application dossier is the health screening questionnaire and the accompanying declaration, which must be completed, signed, and attached to the submitted application as an indispensable part of it. The applicant undertakes to fill in the health screening questionnaire according to his/her best knowledge, and that s/he does not state unreal and/or false data and does not withhold true facts and/or real data. He also undertakes to carry out the missing health examinations established on the basis of the questionnaire and that as a necessary condition for living in Hungary s/he will take the mandatory vaccination (measles, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, tetanus) at his own expense, preferably before the start of the training. In case of winning the scholarship, the applicant undertakes to take part in the health screening test organised by the MFA and/or KKM MDA Kft. after enrolling in the training. If, as a result of this screening test or any additional medical examination prescribed by the doctor performing the screening test, the applicant receives a „medically not recommended for training” result, or the applicant refuses to carry out the previous screening test or examination, then no scholarship contract will be concluded with the applicant. If the previous contract has already been concluded, it will be terminated with immediate effect, and the scholarship holder will no longer be able to participate in the training and have to move out of the dormitory within 3 days. If, during the period of the Programme, the scholarship holder’s health status changes from “medically recommended for training” to “medically not recommended for training”, his/her Scholarship Agreement may be terminated with immediate effect.
- The applicant undertakes to carry out the tests regarding the Covid-19 epidemic at his/her own expense, in his/her home country and/or Hungary, due to entry to Hungary and/or entry into the dormitory and/or participation in training.
- The applicant undertakes to state in the health screening questionnaire whether he/she has been vaccinated against the coronavirus. The applicant acknowledges that if uniform rules on COVID vaccinations are introduced in Hungarian higher education in the future, KKM and KKM MDA Kft. will apply it to the scholarship holders.
- The applicant consents to the use and storage of the health data provided by him/her in the application dossiers by the KKM, KKM MDA Kft., and as well as by the individuals involved in medical screening.
- Signing Scholarship Agreement.

8. CONTACT

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*The official call-for-application and the application form can be found at the Balassi Scholarship Programme webpage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
(in Hungarian: <https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu>,
in English: <https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu/call-for-application-hungarian-studies>).*