

EXCERPT – BASIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND NON-ELIGIBILITY

AREA	BASIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	NON-ELIGIBILITY	EXAMPLE OF NON-ELIBILITY
HUNGARIAN ROOTS AND IDENTITY	The applicant has Hungarian roots and maintains a Hungarian identity AND convincingly demonstrates this in a Diaspora Motivation Letter and declares it in the Statement for Application that is a part of the application.	The applicant DOES NOT HAVE Hungarian roots and DOES NOT maintain a Hungarian identity. OR The applicant DOES NOT convincingly demonstrate their Hungarian roots/identity in a Diaspora Motivation Letter and/or DOES NOT declare it in the Statement for Application that is a part of the application.	James has been a tourist in Hungary several times, he especially loves the countryside, and he is excited to discover more about the Hungarian culture and folk traditions. He even started taking Hungarian classes. However, he does not have any Hungarian roots, ancestors in his family. Barbara was born in Canada. Her grandmother was Hungarian. Even though she has Hungarian roots, she forgets to mention this in her Diaspora Motivation Letter and only elaborates on her professional motivation to become a vet.
CITIZENSHIP	The applicant is a citizen of one of the eligible countries detailed in Section 2.1. of the Call for Applications. If the applicant has dual or multiple citizenship, at least one of them must be an eligible citizenship.	The applicant does not meet the requirement for citizenship detailed in Section 2.1. of the Call for Applications.	Julia moved to the United Kingdom when she was only 2 years old. She has been living and studying there ever since, however she does not have a British citizenship, only Hungarian.
IMMIGRATION STATUS	The applicant is NOT a stateless person, refugee, protected individual, asylum-seeker, admitted individual, NOR has a long-term residence status , and falls within the scope of Section 39 (1) a) of the Higher Education Act.	The applicant is a stateless person, refugee, protected individual, asylum-seeker, admitted individual, or has a long-term residence status, or does not fall within the scope of Section 39 (1) a) of the Higher Education Act.	Kathrine was granted a refugee status in Hungary during the entrance examination process.
DIASPORA RECOMMENDATION LETTER	The applicant holds a recommendation from a Hungarian diaspora organisation or a Hungarian Diplomatic Representation , or an Honorary Consul accredited by Hungary, of the respective country (=Diaspora Recommendation Letter).	The applicant DOES NOT have a recommendation from a Hungarian diaspora organisation or a Hungarian Diplomatic Representation, or an Honorary Consul accredited by Hungary, of the respective country (=Diaspora Rec. Letter).	Gonzalo only has a recommendation letter issued by a Brazilian diaspora organisation that supports people with Brazilian roots who live in Hungary.

AGE	The applicant was born on or before 31 August 2008. OR The applicant was born between 1 September 2008 and 31 December 2008, and the declaration of their legal representative is submitted as part of their application. OR The applicant applies for Dance study programmes and was born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2010, and the declaration of their legal representative is submitted as part of their application.	The applicant was born between 1 September 2008 and 31 December 2008 and does not have the declaration of their legal representative. OR All applicants born after 31 December 2008 who apply for study programmes other than Dance study programmes. OR Applicants applying for Dance study programmes who were born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2010 and does not have the declaration of their legal representative. OR All applicants applying for Dance study programmes who were born after 31 August 2010.	Jacob applied for studies in the field of Engineering. He was born on 1 December 2008, therefore he was required to upload the declaration of his legal representative, however he forgot to upload this document. Sarah applied for studies in the field of Veterinary Science. She was born on 1 March 2009. Julia applied for studies in the field of Dance. She was born on 4 February 2010, therefore she was required to upload the declaration of her legal representative, however she forgot to upload it. Lucas applied for studies in the field of Dance. He was born on 20 October 2010.
YEARS SPENT OUTSIDE HUNGARY	The applicant has made a statement that he/she has lived outside the territory of Hungary for at least 5 years before the submission of their application. The 5-year period does not have to be consecutive years. The final date of this 5-year period cannot be earlier than 1 year before the date of submitting the application (exceptions may apply if you are a fee-paying student in Hungary).	The applicant HAS NOT lived outside the territory of Hungary for at least 5 years before the submission of their application, OR The applicant has lived outside the territory of Hungary for at least 5 years before the submission of their application, but the final date of this 5-year period is earlier than 1 year before the date of submitting the application (exceptions may apply if you are a fee-paying student in Hungary).	Joshua was born and bred in Hungary. He started high school in Hungary but finished it in New Zealand because his family moved there in 2023. Even though he finished high school in New Zealand, he has only spent there 2 years. Judit was born to Hungarian parents in South Africa. She was raised there and completed her secondary education there. In 2015, she moved to Hungary and has been living there since.
FOREIGN ADDRESS	The applicant has made a statement that he/she has an address outside of Hungary.	The applicant does NOT have an address outside of Hungary.	Tim does not have an address outside of Hungary, therefore he cannot sign the Statement for Application form.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ABROAD	The applicant obtained his/her secondary school leaving certificate (e.g. high school diploma) in a foreign country . The uploaded certificate must prove that the applicant finished secondary education abroad, not in Hungary.	The applicant DID NOT obtain his/her secondary school leaving certificate (e.g. high school diploma) in a foreign country.	Balázs attended high school in Hungary and finished his secondary education there. Later, in 2000, he moved to Brazil for a job and has been living there since. Even though he has been living in Brazil for 25 years, he finished high school in Hungary.
SCHOLARSHIP OBLIGATIONS	The applicant undertakes to » sign a scholarship agreement, and » attend a Hungarian as a foreign language and culture course during the entire period of the scholarship agreement (in the case of non-Hungarian programmes), and » pass a complex (written and oral) Hungarian as a foreign language state-recognised language exam or the Hungarian Language Assessment Test of MFA Balassi (in the case of non-Hungarian degree programmes), and » support a local Hungarian diaspora in a particular country with community work for a 2-year long period after obtaining their degree (in the case of degree programmes). See further details and possible exemptions in the Call for Applications!	The applicant DOES NOT undertake to » sign a scholarship agreement, or » attend a Hungarian as a foreign language and culture course during the entire period of the scholarship agreement (in the case of non-Hungarian programmes), or » pass a complex (written and oral) Hungarian as a foreign language state-recognised language exam or the Hungarian Language Assessment Test of MFA Balassi (in the case of non-Hungarian degree programmes), or » support a local Hungarian diaspora in a particular country with community work for a 2-year long period after obtaining their degree (in the case of degree programmes). See further details and possible exemptions in the Call for Applications!	Alejandro applied for a 3-year-long Social Sciences study programme leading to a bachelor's degree. The study programme is conducted in English. He does not want to attend Hungarian as a foreign language and culture courses for 3 years, therefore he does not sign and upload the Statement for Application form.
FEE-PAYING STUDENTS IN HUNGARY	If you are a registered self-financed / fee-paying student of a Hungarian higher education institution at the time of application and you are now applying for » the same study level, you are only eligible if you are recommended by your Hungarian higher education institution where you are studying at the time of application, AND if your cumulative,	If you are a registered self-financed / fee-paying student of a Hungarian higher education institution at the time of application and you are now applying for » a study level below the level of your self-financed studies, you are not eligible for the HDS scholarship. See further details in the Call for Applications!	José is a self-financed master student of a Hungarian higher education institution. He changed his mind about his career plans and therefore, he now applies for the HDS scholarship for studies on a bachelor level. Emma is a self-financed Engineering master student of a Hungarian higher education institution. She applied to continue her

	corrected sum average is higher than the students' average performance in the particular study programme. (The requirement regarding the cumulative sum average does not apply for doctoral-level applicants). » a study level higher than the level of your self-financed studies, you are eligible to apply. See further details in the Call for Applications!		Engineering studies with the scholarship on the same master level. Her cumulative, corrected sum average is below average, and she is not recommended by her current university, therefore she does not have the required recommendation letter.
FORMER AND CURRENT HDS SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS	If you have been a Scholarship Holder in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme or in any other scholarship programmes established by the Hungarian Government and you are now applying for » a study level higher than your previous scholarship studies. » the same study level as your previous scholarship studies in the case your previous scholarship was for partial/exchange studies. » a Hungarian preparatory course in the case your previous scholarship was for bachelor- or master-level studies or a postgraduate specialist training course. » you still have a scholarship status at the time of application and you receive your degree/certificate until 31 August 2026. » you still have a scholarship status at the time of application and you withdraw your previous scholarship before the application deadline.	If you have been a Scholarship Holder in the framework of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme or in any other scholarship programmes established by the Hungarian Government and you are now applying for » a study level below the level of your previous scholarship studies. » the same study level as your previous scholarship studies in the case your previous scholarship was for full-time studies (=not partial/exchange studies). » a Hungarian preparatory course in the case your previous scholarship was for doctoral studies or a Hungarian preparatory course. » you still have a scholarship status at the time of application and you do not receive your degree/certificate until 31 August 2026, OR do not withdraw your previous scholarship before the application deadline.	Valentina has been a Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Holder before, on a doctoral level. She attended the Doctoral School of Psychology and received her PhD in 2024. She would like to have a second profession, and she now applied for Sociology on a bachelor level. Peter is currently a Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Holder enrolled on a bachelor level. He is a first-year student, therefore he will not receive his degree before 31 August 2026. He now applied for bachelor-level studies in another study field. He does not want to risk losing his scholarship, therefore he does not withdraw his previous scholarship before the application deadline.

FORMER HDS AWARDEES WHO FAILED TO ENROL	If you are former Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Holder who was awarded the scholarship in the 2023/24, 2024/25 or 2025/26 application round, but failed to enrol, you withdrew your previous scholarship offer (or postponed your studies) the proper way, until the given deadline. See further details in the Call for Applications!	If you are a former Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Holder who was awarded the scholarship in the 2023/24, 2024/25 or 2025/26 application round, but after accepting the scholarship offer, you did not travel to Hungary and did not start your scholarship studies, nor did you notify Tempus Public Foundation of this fact until the given deadline. See further details in the Call for Applications!	Fernanda was awarded the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Holder for studies starting in the Academic Year 2024/25. She accepted her scholarship offer in the online application system, however she changed her mind after that because she got a job offer in Argentina. She forgot to withdraw her scholarship in the application system and did not notify Tempus Public Foundation either. She was supposed to arrive to Hungary in September 2024. She sent an email about her situation to her host university only in December 2024.
DOCTORAL (PHD OR DLA) APPLICANTS	If you are applying for doctoral-level (PhD or DLA) studies, you did not apply for another study level as well, in the same application round of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme.	If you are applying for doctoral-level (PhD or DLA) studies, you are not eligible to apply for another study level as well, in the same application round of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme. If you do so, your application for the other, non-doctoral study level will not be considered.	Yuki is not sure whether to continue her studies in the field of Animal Science or to pursue her studies on a slightly different study programme, still within the field of Agriculture. In the 2026/27 HDS application round, she applied for PhD studies as a first choice and MSc studies as a second choice. Her MSc application got rejected.

NB: This is only an excerpt from the Call for Applications! Make sure to carefully read the Call for Applications for further details of eligibility. Please read all other parts of the Call for Applications for further requirements as well, such as application documents, deadlines, entrance exams.