

HUNGARIAN DIASPORA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Operational Regulations

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Based on the authorisation granted under Government Decree 203/2020 (14 May) on Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship and the amendment of particular government decrees required for the operation of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship programme (hereinafter “HDS D”) – in order to implement the scholarship programme – Tempus Public Foundation has adopted the following Operational Regulations (hereinafter the “Regulations”).

CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

I.1 Introduction

1. The Board of Trustees of the Public Foundation,
 - a) in accordance with the provisions of Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education (hereinafter “ANHE”);
 - b) taking into consideration the provisions of HDS D;
 - c) pursuant to Section 5 of the HDS D;has adopted the following Regulations in order to implement the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship programme (hereinafter the “HDS Programme”).

I.2 The Regulations and the Implementation Guide

1. Pursuant to the HDS D, the detailed rules for the operation of the HDS Programme are set forth in the Regulations and the supplementary Implementation Guide.
2. The Regulations and the Implementation Guide are prepared by the Public Foundation on the basis of guidelines previously agreed with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and taking into account the comments of the Minister of Higher Education on the enforcement of strategic and educational policy considerations.
3. The Regulations (and any amendments thereto) shall be approved in writing by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the proposal of the Board of Trustees of the Public Foundation, within 30 days of the receipt, in accordance with Section 4 (1) a) of the HDS D.
4. The Implementation Guide is approved by the Board of Trustees of the Public Foundation.
5. In case the Regulations are amended, the Implementation Guide shall also be amended accordingly at the relevant meeting of the Board of Trustees. In case the amendment of the Implementation Guide does not affect the content of the Regulations, it may be amended separately.
6. The Regulations, the Implementation Guide, as well as the amendments thereof shall enter into force on the date of their publication.
7. The Regulations and its unofficial English translation, as well as the Implementation Guide shall be published without delay on the official website of the Public Foundation after approval.
8. The date of the latest version of the two documents shall be indicated on the opening page of both the Regulations and the Implementation Guide.
9. In the event of a dispute, the Hungarian language version of the Regulations shall prevail.
10. The persons concerned shall be informed of the adoption and amendment of the Regulations and the Implementation Guide.

I.3 References

1. In issues not provided for in the Regulations, the following shall apply:
 - a) legislation, in particular ANHE, HDS D, and
 - b) with respect to the Public Foundation, the Memorandum of Association, the Organisational and Operational Regulations and other regulations and director's instructions (Code of Conduct, records management policy, data protection policy, complaint management policy, director's instructions on handling exceptions, audit implementation guidelines, the rules of providing information on the results of the evaluation, disclosure obligation).

CHAPTER II: THE HDS PROGRAMME AND ITS STRUCTURE

1. The HDS Programme offers an opportunity to people of Hungarian ties and Hungarian roots, living in the diaspora, to participate in Hungarian higher education.
2. The countries and regions affected by the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship programme are defined in the HDS D.
3. The HDS Programme consists of institutional and individual (student) applications. The health care protocol (medical examination) is a mandatory element of the program.
4. HDS Programme applicants can apply to courses offered in Hungarian or in foreign languages under the HDS Programme by those higher education institutions – as defined in Section 4 (1), points a) and b) of the Higher Education Act, and from those mentioned in point d), institutions maintained by asset management trusts registered in Hungary (collectively the “institution(s)”) – which participate in the Stipendium Hungaricum programme (hereinafter the “SH Programme”). Following a successful institutional application for the SH Programme, the institutions obtain or renew the SH licence, which also entitles them to participate in the HDS Programme. The accredited higher education institutions listed in Annex 1 to the ANHE that are not authorised to apply for an SH licence may as well participate in the SH and HDS Programmes without an SH licence, at simplified terms, under a separate call for applications.
5. Institutions holding the SH licence – as well as those that participate in the SH Programme without a licence – can participate in the SH and HDS Programmes with the following study programmes offered within the Hungarian higher education system:
 - a) foreign language bachelor's, master's or one-tier master's programmes, which are registered with the Educational Authority (hereinafter the “EA”) on the basis of a supporting opinion of the Hungarian Accreditation Committee (hereinafter “HAC”) or a special decision of the minister responsible for higher education;
 - b) programmes of doctoral schools taught in a foreign language, that are listed in the EA registry and preparatory courses in Hungarian for higher education, which are registered in the EA registry.
 - c) postgraduate specialist training courses;
 - d) short, intensive courses (summer university courses, specialisation courses etc.)
6. The following programmes belonging to the Hungarian higher education system, which are listed in the EA registry, can participate in the SH and HDS Programmes without applying separately:

- a) bachelor's, master's or one-tier master's programmes in Hungarian, based on the HAC's supporting opinion or a special decision of the minister responsible for higher education, or
 - b) programmes of doctoral schools taught in Hungarian language.
7. Furthermore, postgraduate specialist training courses as well as short, intensive courses (summer university courses, specialisation courses etc.) in Hungarian language can also participate in the SH and HDS Programmes without applying separately.
 8. The Hungarian language preparatory training course organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (hereinafter the "MFA") or its background institution entrusted with the exercise of such public function can participate in the SH and HDS Programmes without an application.
 9. In the case of music, dance, technical and informatics study fields, the institution may decide, in accordance with Section 80 (2) d) of the Higher Education Act, to admit candidates to a foundation semester or a foundation year prior to the bachelor's and master's programmes.
 10. In the case of programmes described in points 6 and 7, the Directorate for Study in Hungary (hereinafter referred to as "SiH") may exclude from participation those programmes that do not have Hungarian as their specified study language or due to their content the knowledge cannot be transmitted in Hungarian language (typically foreign language programmes).
 11. With regard to 5.d), the SiH may exclude from participation language course type programmes or other study programmes which, due to their content and nature, cannot be conveyed in the given foreign language.
 12. The involvement of higher education institutions is governed by the SH framework agreements, as well as these Operational Regulations and the Implementation Guide of the HDS Programme. Another criterion of participation for institutions is that they need to agree to provide a Hungarian as a foreign language and culture course for scholarship holders during their entire term of study.
 13. As regards the programmes mentioned in Section 5 d), the application procedure, the eligibility criteria, and the scholarship holders' benefits and obligations are specified in the relevant call for applications.

CHAPTER III: STUDENT APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION PROCESS

III.1 Principles of Student Application

1. The call for student applications is prepared by the SiH, based on preliminary discussions with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the minister responsible for higher education.
2. The call for student applications includes terms and conditions of application, the application deadline, the evaluation criteria, the current rate of scholarships available to scholarship holders and the requirements related to their academic advancement, as well as further provisions specified in Section 66 (2) of Government Decree 368/2011 (31 December) on the Implementation of the Act on Public Finances. In the case of programmes realised in the frame of alumni activities (pursuant to II.5. d)), the application procedure, eligibility criteria, scholarship holders' benefits and obligations are indicated in a separate call for applications.
3. The Board of Trustees of the Public Foundation decides on the call for applications.

4. The languages of the call for applications are English and Hungarian.
5. The call for applications shall be published immediately after the decision of the Board of Trustees.
6. During the application process, the Public Foundation and the institutions may not charge any fees to the applicant.
7. Promoting equal treatment, student diversity and excellence is a key principle of the application process.
8. Under the HDS Programme, only full-time studies can be pursued. Exceptions may be made for the short, intensive courses described in Section II.5 d) which shall be announced in a separate call for applications.
9. Hungarian preparatory courses, foundation semester/year and short, intensive courses are not available in the HDS Programme in the form of partial studies.
10. Those who attended the Hungarian language preparatory training course may only apply for study programmes taught in Hungarian language, with the exception of the versions of the Hungarian Language and Literature study programme, registered in English language. If a scholarship holder studies at such study programme, the same requirements apply to the scholarship holder as well as to the institution as in the case of Hungarian language study programmes.

III.2 Students Eligible for Submitting Applications

1. A valid student application may be submitted by the applicant who:
 - a) has Hungarian roots, and can furnish evidence of their ties in a diaspora motivation letter written either in Hungarian or English;
 - b) lives in the diaspora region and is a foreign citizen – which means the applicant has a citizenship which entitles the applicant to participate in the programme –, with a foreign address of residence;
 - c) is recommended by the Hungarian diplomatic mission accredited to a particular country (including honorary consuls) or by the Hungarian diaspora organisation operating in a particular country, or one who, based on the special approval by the Minister of Foreign Affairs – granted to the Board of Trustees of the Public Foundation in accordance with the procedure specified in the Operational Regulations of the HDS Programme – is admitted to the supported study programme of an institution involved in the HDS Programme;
 - d) had spent at least 5 years abroad (that is, not in Hungary) prior to submitting the application, and the final date of this 5-year period is not earlier than 1 year before the date of submitting the application, or, in the case of those involved in fee-paying study programmes in Hungarian higher education, the final date of this 5-year period is not earlier than 1 year before commencing the self-financed studies; in this respect, the participants of the programme specified in Section 2 (2) of Government Decree 241/2016 (16 August) are equated to students transferring from fee-paying study programmes;
 - e) obtained their secondary education certificate (e.g. high school diploma) abroad;
 - f) is an adult, or attains the age of 18 by the commencement of their scholarship studies, before 31 August of the calendar year of the closing date for applications at the latest, except in the case of applicants for dance arts, or those exempted by special decision of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. An additional exception is made for applicants who will

- have reached the age of 18 by the end of the calendar year (31 December) in which they have been awarded the scholarship and who have provided a declaration from the legal guardian of the minor applicant in accordance with the requirements set out in the call for student applications in force at the time;
- g) agrees to conclude a scholarship agreement after having been awarded the scholarship, and – unless the chosen study course is provided in Hungarian – to attend a Hungarian as a foreign language and culture course during the entire term of the scholarship agreement, and before obtaining the degree, but not later than one year after obtaining the degree (for exceptions, see the Implementation Guide) takes an official language exam in Hungarian as a foreign language at a level corresponding to the length of the study period, or certifies their knowledge of Hungarian with a document “Certificate of Hungarian Language Assessment Result” issued by MFA Balassi (KKM Magyar Diplomáciai Akadémia Kft.); in case of failure to comply with this requirement, the participant shall agree to repay the training costs;
 - h) agrees to support the local Hungarian diaspora in a particular country with community work after obtaining their degree, for the period of time specified in the call for applications;
 - i) has not formerly participated in the HDS Programme at the same or a higher level of education, or in other scholarship programmes established by the Hungarian Government; if the applicant has formerly participated in the HDS Programme or another scholarship programme established by the Hungarian Government at the same level of education in the form of partial studies, they may be granted the scholarship holder status for a training period reduced by the duration of the partial training; Hungarian language preparatory courses are non-degree programs that are not attached to any specific educational level, therefore they are available for all former scholarship holders who obtained their degree on any level – except PhD and Hungarian language preparatory courses – on condition that this aspect shall be taken into consideration in the application following the preparatory programme;
 - j) in the case of receiving the HDS scholarship, does not have a valid scholarship status in the HDS Programme or another programme established by the Hungarian Government at the start of the scholarship status;
 - k) complies with the detailed rules set forth in the Implementation Guide.
2. When considering an application, it is of key importance whether the applicant has done any work for the Hungarian community and has been engaged in any activity related to Hungarian culture, arts, science or other fields, which the applicant supports in the diaspora motivation letter.
3. For the purposes of paragraph 1 j) above, applicants who have previously completed a one-tier master's programme may apply only for doctoral training, applicants who have previously completed a master's programme may not apply for a master's and a one-tier master's programme, and applicants who have previously completed a bachelor's programme may apply for one-tier master's programme only on condition that their scholarship period is reduced by the number of semesters supported in the course of their bachelor's programme. After completing the Hungarian preparatory programme, it is possible to continue the studies also only at a higher level (for example, if someone completes a Hungarian preparatory programme after a bachelor's degree, they can only continue their studies at a master's level).

4. Applicants are not eligible for the scholarship, if
 - a) they only have Hungarian citizenship;
 - b) they do not meet the entry requirements for the applied programme.
5. Applicants may only apply to one study programme of two institutions each, or two study programmes of one institution, specifying the order of preference. Apart from the case specified in Section X.1.3. g) of the Regulations in respect of summer university courses, any deviation from this rule is possible only in exceptional cases as specified in the Implementation Guide. After the submission of the application, this order and the information pertaining to the application may not be changed.
6. When submitting the application, the applicant must attach a statement in accordance with Annex 1 (for bachelor's, master's, one-tier master's, doctoral study programmes, postgraduate specialist training courses and other non-degree programmes) or Annex 2 (for Hungarian Summer University Courses) to these Regulations, and declare that they consent to the processing of their personal data during the application procedure as well as the HDS Programme and the career monitoring process, in connection with the same. The text of the declaration is included in the call for applications.
7. A scholarship holder status can be granted to an applicant who agrees to comply with the obligation to undergo health screening in case it is required by the host institution or the HDS Programme.
8. The procedure of nomination by the Minister of Foreign Affairs is set forth in Annex 1 of these Operational Regulations.
9. In order to apply for doctoral training, an applicant must attach the recommendation letter of their current or former instructor to their application. The recommendation must be completed by the deadline specified in the call for application. Doctoral schools can set further requirements – e.g. statement of supervisor – which are listed in the online application system.
10. The procedure for applying from fee-paying study programmes to the HDS Programme is set forth in the Implementation Guide.

III.3 The Student Application and Selection Process

1. Application for the HDS Programme will be managed in a dedicated online application system.
2. The Public Foundation shall be responsible for operating the online application system of the HDS Programme.
3. Following the publication of the call for applications, the online application system will be opened by the Public Foundation.
4. The institutions involved will be granted access rights by the Public Foundation to manage the application process.
5. The applicants can use the application system after registration.
6. The deadlines for submitting the documents and completing or providing any further documents is set forth in the call for application.
7. The completion of the application process is followed by technical inspection and a check of authenticity of the diaspora recommendation letters. The technical inspection is conducted by the Public Foundation and the diaspora recommendation letters are checked by the competent Hungarian diplomatic mission or consular post of the applicant's citizenship (i.e. the citizenship that renders the applicant eligible to participate in the HDS Programme) or the

- Hungarian diplomatic mission or consular post of the country in which the diaspora organisation which issued the recommendation operates.
8. Only students with validated diaspora recommendation letters are eligible for the admission process.
 9. The admission procedure for the first and then the second preference application will begin after the diaspora recommendation letter is validated.
 10. If during the admission procedure it turns out that a candidate, applying for a study programme taught in Hungarian language, does not have the sufficient Hungarian language skills for the selected programme, the applicant can be re-allocated to a Hungarian language preparatory course.
 11. The institutions send the results of the admission procedure to the Public Foundation.
 12. The motivation letters of the applicants will be evaluated by experts in parallel with the institutional admission procedure. The diaspora motivation letters should briefly explain why the applicant wishes to receive the scholarship, how the scholarship may further strengthen their relationship to Hungary, and how they could use the knowledge and experience gained during their studies in Hungary to support a diaspora community. The experts use a standard system of criteria to evaluate the diaspora motivation letters.
 13. In case the number of applicants in a particular application year exceeds 150% of those eligible for support, the diaspora motivation letters shall be evaluated before the admission procedures are conducted by the institutions. According to the ranking based on the evaluation of the diaspora motivation letters, maximum 150% of those eligible for support in a particular year can participate in the admission procedure of the institution.
 14. SiH shall propose the allocation of the admissible and conditionally admissible applicants taking into account the following principles:
 - a) the order of preference of institutions/courses as indicated by the applicant;
 - b) admission results (the minimum score is included in the relevant call for applications);
 - c) the ranking based on the evaluation of the diaspora motivation letters;
 - d) programme quota;
 - e) strategic priorities for 2024–2028 (e.g. preference given to STEM+ studies);
 - f) other criteria included in the call for applications.The allocation of the applicants shall be based on the priority order of the relevant call for applications.
 15. When evaluating the admission material of a number of applicants nearing the applicable quota and prioritised according to the allocation proposal, the Evaluation Committee shall select the applicants recommended for support based on objective criteria (e.g. regional considerations, specialist fields given higher priority, national political aspects etc.).
 16. The allocation procedure is described in the Implementation Guide.
 17. If a study programme does not start or if the available capacities are insufficient for the programme, SiH may reallocate the applicants to the second-place in the student application list, provided that the applicant has been admitted and the course complies with the bilateral agreements (quotas for study programmes and study fields) and there is free capacity on the course.
 18. If the applicant is not admitted to the second-place study programme specified in the student application, SiH may forward the applicant's application to the same study programme at another institution, depending on whether there is free capacity on the programme. In this

- case, the new institution may decide to accept or reject the application after examining the application.
19. In case the procedure described in points 17 and 18 fails, the applicant must be rejected.
 20. If the available resources are inadequate, the list of applicants proposed to be supported can be narrowed down on the basis of the allocation list.
 21. In case of a high number of applications compared to the available scholarship quota, the Public Foundation reserves the right to conduct institutional admission procedures only for study programmes indicated in the first place.
 22. The Board of Trustees of the Public Foundation decides on the grant of scholarships on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The decision of the Board of Trustees – based on the application submitted – shall determine the number of semesters awarded to the scholarship holder, the host institution of the scholarship holder and the training that the scholarship holder may undertake, subject to the other conditions set forth in Section 19. There is no appeal against the decision of the Board of Trustees.
 23. The Board of Trustees may refuse to grant scholarship to a person who is considered to present a potential national security risk by the competent national security services.
 24. Following the allocation decision on applicants, the location of the applicant's training may only be changed when justified (e.g., the study programme is not launched), taking into account the order of preference, the capacity of the programme and the available resources. In such a case, reallocation is the responsibility of the SiH, based on authorisation from the Board of Trustees and subject to applicable rules of procedure.
 25. The commencement of scholarship studies can only be postponed if the host institution issues a letter of acceptance for the new semester. The scholarship holder may only postpone the start of the scholarship status for health or other unexpected reasons beyond their control, that is, thus they may request to start the scholarship holder status in a later semester. The scholarship holder status may only be postponed before the establishment of the student status. Commencing the scholarship studies may only be postponed by a maximum of two semesters.
 26. The deadline for receipt of requests is set out in the Implementation Guide.
 27. The details of the postponement rules are described in the Implementation Guide.

III.4 The Role and Responsibilities of the Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Committee is operated by the MFA.

The Evaluation Committee is involved in the evaluation of the applications as follows:

- a) specifies the objective criteria for selecting experts from the TPF database to evaluate the diaspora motivation letters and using the list of experts selected according to the criteria provided, approves a list of experts who can participate in the evaluation of the diaspora motivation letters.
- b) according to criteria of national policy and national strategy, identifies priorities, and compiles the list of students recommended for scholarship accordingly. The Committee may identify the priorities on the premises during the meeting, which may be the following:
 - the quota for regions/countries,
 - priorities and quotas specified according to fields of study, levels, specialisation and mode.

Based on criteria of national policy, the Evaluation Committee may grant extra points to up to 10% of the maximum admission points, in up to 20% of the scholarship quota.

CHAPTER IV: THE BENEFITS, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

IV.1 Benefits for Scholarship Holders

1. The legal entity of the scholarship agreement shall be exclusively the scholarship holder. The scholarship represents the benefit provided to one person. It does not provide visas, supplementary benefits or administrative services to the persons accompanying them or to their family members.
2. The visa administration and the extension of the residence permit is free of charge for scholarship holders according to Section 5 (1) c) of Decree 10/2024 (II.29.) of the Ministry of Interior.
3. In the case of an active student status, the scholarship holder will receive the following benefits:
 - a) Exemption from the reimbursement of the cost of education.
 - b) According to the request indicated in the application, living and housing allowance for the scholarship studies period as well as a one-off travel contribution for travel into Hungary may be awarded.

Living and housing allowance is granted as follows:

- i. a monthly stipend (living allowance) amount of HUF 43,700 in bachelor's and master's programmes, which can be withdrawn in the cases set out in the Operational Regulations and the Implementation Guide,
- ii. the monthly stipend (living allowance) for scholarship holders studying in doctoral level is HUF 140,000 for the first two years, and HUF 180,000 per month in the second two years following the complex examination and in the case of a successful application for the scholarship as set out in Section 4,
- iii. taking into account the distance between Budapest and the city of the scholarship holder's place of residence, if the distance is 8,000 km more, a travel allowance of HUF 330,000, on one occasion per awarded scholarship, is provided upon request, for the purpose of facilitating the change of residence required to start scholarship studies,
- iv. in the foundation semester/year and Hungarian language preparatory programmes, and during the study courses following these, a monthly stipend (living allowance) amount of HUF 43,700, which can be withdrawn in the cases set out in the Operational Regulations and the Implementation Guide,
- v. dormitory accommodation or HUF 40,000/month housing allowance in bachelor's, master's, PhD, foundation semester/year and one-year Hungarian language preparatory programmes, and in the study programmes following the foundation semester/year and one-year Hungarian language preparatory programmes,
- vi. participants attending postgraduate specialist training courses are entitled to receive the same allowances as the participants in bachelor's programmes, based on a separate request,
- vii. scholarship holders who are awarded the students excellence award based on the host institution's proposal will receive an increased scholarship of HUF 140,000 for one month in the awarded semester,

- viii. *[deleted]*
 - ix. applicants awarded scholarship for summer courses are entitled to full board accommodation, travel insurance of HUF 400/day, and a one-time travel allowance as per Section IV.1.3 b) iii) of the Regulations.
 - c) Those scholarship holders who – based on the host institution’s proposal – are awarded the students excellence award will receive an increased scholarship of HUF 140,000 for one month in the awarded semester. PhD scholarship holders may apply for a one-off aid of HUF 400,000 considered as scholarship, subject to the award of a doctoral degree. The application for the aid can be approved if the scholarship holder received living allowance in the last semester of their studies (dissertation scholarship holders (those who have actually started their dissertation scholarship studies) will not receive this grant).
 - d) *[deleted]*
 - e) services according to Section 81 (1) of the ANHE and the requirements set out in paragraph (2) thereof,
 - f) the health care service defined in Section 22 (1) i) id) of Act CXXII of 2019 on the Eligibility for and Funding of Social Security Benefits,
 - g) health contribution of HUF 65,000 per academic year (broken down by HUF 32,500 per semester) to be used for additional health insurance and/or health care services for scholarship holders. For participants in short intensive programmes, the health contribution is HUF 400/day,
 - h) in addition to the one-off travel allowance provided for in Section IV.1.3. b) iii. of the Regulations, a Hungary Pass is also provided for the scholarship period. Exceptions to this rule are scholarship holders attending summer university courses.
- 4. The scholarship agreement and student status of scholarship holders who have a pre-degree certificate in doctoral training but have not yet obtained a doctoral degree will be suspended and will terminate after 1 year if they fail to obtain the doctoral degree. If they are awarded a scholarship in the relevant special application procedure, they can be granted a dissertation scholarship for up to 8 months after their obtaining a pre-degree certificate. The rules pertaining to this scholarship award can be found in the call for application for the dissertation scholarship and in the Implementation Guide.
 - 5. In addition to the social, performance-based support available to the scholarship holder, the institution may, at the expense of its own revenue, grant other excellence and/or social scholarships through a call for application, as specified in the institution’s own regulations.
 - 6. The scholarship holder is entitled to receive the national higher education scholarship pursuant to Section 24 of Government Decree 51/2007 (26 March).
 - 7. Applicants receiving other parallel scholarship to pursue studies in Hungary, funded from Hungarian budgetary sources, are not eligible for the HDS scholarship. Cases requiring special consideration are described in the Implementation Guide.
 - 8. If a scholarship holder receives support during the study period for the purpose of training or partial training outside Hungary, they will lose the grants received under the SH scholarship. As an exception, partial (exchange) studies covering maximum 1 or 2 semesters at institutions of higher education located outside of Hungary and owned (directly or indirectly) by non-profit asset management funds registered in Hungary, or at foreign higher education institutions participating in the Makovecz Scholarship Programme, under a cooperation agreement between the sending and the host institution, are exempted from this rule. The cooperation agreement must provide for – in accordance with the detailed rules set out in the

Implementation Guide – an invoice-based settlement of accounts regarding the cost allowance between the institutions, the health care services provided for the scholarship holders, and the scholarship holders’ obligations regarding their stay in the relevant country.

9. The rights concerning the employment of scholarship holders are governed by Section 54 (8) of Act XC of 2023 on the General Rules for the Entry and Residence of Third-Country Nationals, according to which third-country nationals holding a residence permit for the purpose of studies or student mobility, or a student mobility certificate, may engage in work for not more than 30 hours a week during semesters, and may work full time for a maximum of ninety days a year outside semesters.
10. The scholarship agreement in effect during the semester of graduation will be extended until August 31 of that year for all scholarship holders who receive their degree at the end of the spring semester under the HDS Programme and receive scholarship at a higher level of training in the application procedure for that year. The continuity of the legal relationship also applies to students attending Hungarian language preparatory courses and starting their studies at bachelor’s, master’s or PhD level in the next academic year, with the exception of students awarded scholarships for postgraduate specialist training courses, who are not eligible to grants for the summer period.
11. Applicants who fail to accept their scholarship before the deadline shall be deemed as withdrawn from the scholarship.

IV.2 Obligations Concerning Learning Hungarian as a Foreign Language and Culture

1. Scholarship holders studying in foreign language programmes (including all levels of education) are required to attend a Hungarian as a foreign language and culture course, provided by the host institution, during their studies pursued under the HDS Programme.
2. Students are required – unless the chosen study course is provided in Hungarian – before obtaining their degree at the level of education associated with the scholarship holder status, but not later than one year after obtaining the degree (for exceptions, see the Implementation Guide), to take an official language exam in Hungarian as a foreign language at a level corresponding to the length of the study period, or certify their knowledge of Hungarian with a document “Certificate of Hungarian Language Assessment Result” issued by MFA Balassi (KKM Magyar Diplomáciai Akadémia Kft.); in case of failure to comply with this requirement, the participant shall agree to repay the training costs.
3. In case a scholarship holder fails to comply with the obligation to learn Hungarian as a foreign language and culture, their scholarship holder status shall be terminated.
4. In case a scholarship holder fails to comply with the obligation to take a language exam or certify their knowledge of Hungarian at a level corresponding to the length of the study period as per Section 2 above, they shall be required to repay the training costs.
5. For scholarship holders studying in programmes offered in Hungarian, attendance of a Hungarian as a foreign language and culture course is optional.
6. The detailed rules concerning learning Hungarian as a foreign language and culture are set forth in the Implementation Guide.

IV.3 Further Obligations of Scholarship Holders

1. Scholarship holders undertake to use their knowledge by actively contributing to promoting, cultivating and preserving Hungarian language and culture in the diaspora community of any country after finishing their studies under the HDS Programme.
2. The scholarship holder is required to establish a student status with the institution involved in the admission or transfer decision and to maintain that status for the duration of the scholarship period.
3. The scholarship holder shall conclude an agreement with the host institution with the following mandatory content:
 - a) the training period specified in the training and degree requirements applicable to the relevant programme and the duration of the foundation course, postgraduate specialist training courses and short intensive courses referred to in Section 80 (2) d) of the ANHE;
 - b) the monthly amount of the scholarship as specified in the Operational Regulations of the HDS Programme, as well as the date and method of payment thereof;
 - c) the procedure for transfer to another institution;
 - d) the consent to data processing;
 - e) the condition that the scholarship agreement shall enter into force on the date of the scholarship holder establishing student status;
 - f) the procedure of suspending and terminating the scholarship holder status and the higher education studies;
 - g) the rules and conditions governing the compulsory learning of Hungarian as a foreign language and culture;
 - h) the obligation to undertake community work in support of the local diaspora in a given country;
 - i) the obligations set out in the health care protocol,
 - j) the obligation to provide information about criminal proceedings initiated during the scholarship period to the Tempus Public Foundation and the host institution.
4. The agreement shall be updated in case of any change to its content, e.g. change of major, extension, length of studies.
5. Excepting those cases listed in Section 59 (1) a) of the ANHE and in Sections 8 (2) and 9 (3) of HDS D, the scholarship agreement shall be terminated if the student status of the scholarship holder is terminated.
6. The scholarship holder is required to reside habitually in Hungary during the training period as follows:
 - a) The scholarship holder's continuous private stay outside Hungary may not exceed 10 working days per training period.
 - b) In case the intended stay abroad for private purposes exceeds 10 working days but does not reach 30 days in a semester, it is the host institution's responsibility to authorise the absence.
 - c) The stay abroad for private purposes referred to in paragraphs a) and b) shall not entail withdrawal of the support.
 - d) Abroad stays exceeding 30 days per training period are subject to institutional authorisation, and, in accordance with Section 45 (2) c) of the ANHE, may only be allowed in cases of childbirth, or in the event of an accident, illness or other unexpected reason beyond the scholarship holder's control, in which cases the student status of the scholarship holder shall be suspended for the relevant training period.

- da) If the abroad stay of more than 30 days is realised due to state of emergency, and the scholarship holder participates at distance education while having active student status, requesting a passive status as described in point d) is not necessary.
 - e) In the case of paragraph d) and da), no scholarship or housing allowance shall be granted the subsequent month following the decision in respect of the training period concerned.
 - ea) Scholarship holders with the status described in point da) shall be granted the scholarship and housing allowance again from the month of their return to Hungary.
 - f) During the training period, the scholarship holder is allowed to attend foreign conferences, internships, or other study-related stays abroad for a maximum of 30 days, while still being entitled to the contribution to accommodation costs and the monthly stipend.
 - g) *[deleted]*
 - h) Stays with the purposes stated in paragraph f) but exceeding 30 days per semester shall also be permitted only once in a semester; in this case, the scholarship holder shall not be entitled to the scholarship (living allowance) and the accommodation costs for the given training period, and the institution is only entitled to organisation allowance, but not the cost allowance.
 - i) Scholarship holders in doctoral training may participate at student mobility abroad with the purpose of research for the duration of maximum one semester in both phase of doctoral studies. In their case the housing allowance and the monthly stipend shall be considered as mobility grants for this specified period.
 - j) Scholarship holders studying at bachelor's or master's level may once during their training period, for the period of 1 semester at maximum, and scholarship holders participating in one-tier master's or PhD programmes may not more than twice during their training period, for a period of maximum 1 semester each time, at least 2 years apart, participate in partial (exchange) programmes at institutions of higher education located outside of Hungary and owned (directly or indirectly) by non-profit asset management funds registered in Hungary, or at foreign higher education institutions participating in the Makovecz Scholarship Programme, provided there is a cooperation agreement in effect between their Hungarian and foreign host institutions, without losing their scholarship. Such foreign partial training may not take place in the first year of the scholarship holder's studies.
7. Unless the applicable regulations of the institution contain stricter provisions, the scholarship holder shall comply with their obligations of academic advancement set out in the studies and exams code and the curriculum by earning at least an average of 18 credits in each of the last two (continuous) semesters in which their student status was not suspended (that is, a total of 36 credits) (minimum credit requirement). The recognised credits shall be always considered separately.
 8. In case the inspection conducted in each academic year finds that the scholarship holder has not obtained the required number of credits, the institution shall terminate the scholarship status and inform the Public Foundation thereof without delay.
 9. The minimum credit requirement does not apply to scholarship holders of doctoral schools, foundation, preparatory Hungarian language and short intensive courses and partial studies.
 10. The scholarship holder must comply with their reporting obligations to the Public Foundation as described in the Implementation Guide.
 11. The scholarship holder must participate in the alumni activities coordinated by the institution or the Public Foundation to the extent possible.

12. The scholarship holder agrees to actively participate in the events and programmes organised as part of the HDS Programme with the purpose of learning about Hungarian language and culture.
13. The scholarship holder is required to register personally at the international office of the host institution at the beginning of each semester.
14. In case the scholarship holder suspends their student status, the living and housing allowance – if otherwise due – shall not be paid to them during the period of suspension.
15. The scholarship holder shall pursue and successfully complete their higher education studies to the best of their knowledge and ability.
16. The scholarship holder must cooperate with the host institution and the Public Foundation for the success of their higher education studies and scholarship, and shall, in particular, notify the Public Foundation and the HDS coordinator of the host institution of any material circumstance affecting the fulfilment of the provisions of these Operational Regulations and the student agreement without delay, but not later than 8 days after its occurrence.
17. The scholarship holder shall assist the Public Foundation with the personal, study and contact information required to comply with the provisions of these Operational Regulations and shall acknowledge that they are required to provide information regarding any changes thereto.
18. The scholarship holder shall comply with the obligations set forth in the scholarship agreement. The scholarship holder is obliged to comply with the obligations set out in the health protocol (point VI of the Rules) and to cooperate with the institution or health service provider carrying out the screening by making an appointment with the organisation or health service provider responsible for carrying out the screening in his/her institution as soon as possible after entering the country. Failure to attend the screening will result in the termination of the scholarship. Failure to attend the agreed screening appointment may be penalised.

IV.4 Procedures Related to the Scholarship Status

1. During the term of scholarship, the scholarship holder may apply for an extension of their scholarship status as follows:
 - a) The scholarship holder may extend their scholarship period by a total of two semesters in Hungarian bachelor's, master's and one-tier master's programmes.
 - b) Applications for the extension of scholarship status must be submitted to the host institution.
 - c) The institution collects the applications and sends the list of those recommended for support to the Public Foundation.
 - d) The Public Foundation shall decide on the basis of a proposal from the institution and the available resources.
 - e) For the term of the extension, the scholarship holders who formerly received living and housing allowance are no longer eligible for such grants, and the institutions shall not receive cost allowance. The rule concerning the institutions shall be applied from academic year 2025/26 onwards.
 - f) The scholarship holder status may not be extended for doctoral, foundation semester/year (in terms of the foundation stage), preparatory, postgraduate specialist training and short intensive courses and partial studies.

- g) Altogether two extensions for one semester on each occasion are available in bachelor's and master's programmes, and in one-tier master's programmes.
 - h) For further details on the terms and conditions of extensions, and the potential reduction related to extensions of the cost allowance of the institutions, see the Implementation Guide.
2. During the term of the scholarship holder status, the scholarship holder may request changing the scholarship training and/or the institution and/or the language of the training, in accordance with the Implementation Guide.

IV.5 Termination and Suspension of the Scholarship Holder Status

1. The student's scholarship holder status is automatically terminated
 - a) with the termination of the scholarship agreement;
 - b) with the termination of the student status, with the exception stated in Section 59 (1) (a) of the ANHE and sections 8 (2) and (3) of the HDS D;
 - c) by waiving the scholarship;
 - d) if the scholarship holder enters into a legal status in Hungary specified under Section 39 (1) (b) of the ANHE while the scholarship status still exists.
2. The scholarship status shall terminate by unilateral declaration if
 - a) the scholarship holder has provably participated in the application process in bad faith and/or on the basis of false eligibility;
 - b) 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;
 - c) the information obligation stated in Section IV.3.3. i) is not met by the scholarship holder and the Public Foundation approves the termination;
 - d) the requirement stated in Section IV.3.7 or IV.3.10 of the Operational Regulations is not met by the scholarship holder;
 - e) the requirement stated in Section IV.2.1 of the Operational Regulations is not met by the scholarship holder;
 - f) the scholarship holder does not fulfil their obligation to participate in medical screenings, and their additional obligations set out in the health care protocol or provides false information in relation to the health screening protocol during the application period or during their scholarship period;
 - g) the scholarship holder is deemed unfit, temporarily unfit or fit only for online study for more than 2 semesters in total during the mandatory medical examination or the (one-time) re-examination;
 - h) after two consecutive passive semesters, the scholarship holder does not register in the third semester, except in the equity cases indicated in the Implementation Guide.
3. The scholarship holder is deemed unfit during the obligatory medical examination. The scholarship status is suspended during the period in which the scholarship holder is deemed temporarily unfit during the obligatory medical examination. Further details about the suspension of the scholarship status are included in the Implementation Guide.

CHAPTER V: RULES APPLICABLE TO INSTITUTIONS

V.1 Institutional Subsidy and Framework Agreement

1. The subsidy granted to SH licence holding institutions consists of the following:
 - a) the scholarship (living allowance) and dormitory accommodation or housing allowance awarded to scholarship holders pursuant to Section IV.1;
 - b) reimbursement of certified costs incurred when using supplementary or foreign-language health care services, or supplementary health insurance covering foreign-language health care services;
 - c) the institutional costs of training scholarship holders as specified in the Stipendium Hungaricum framework agreement;
 - d) an organisation allowance of HUF 150,000/person/academic year awarded after scholarship holders;
 - e) a Hungarian language training allowance of HUF 150,000/person/academic year if the scholarship holder receives training in Hungarian language and culture.
- 1.A SH licence holding institutions may as well admit HDS scholarship holders without receiving cost allowance.
- 1.B In case the institution participates in the HDS Programme under a simplified application, without SH licence, the institution shall not be entitled to a cost allowance on the study programmes.
2. The institution and the Public Foundation conclude a framework agreement to receive scholarship holders. Scholarship holders can be received by the higher education institutions as defined in Section 4 (1), points a) and b) of the Higher Education Act, and from those mentioned in point d), institutions maintained by asset management trusts registered in Hungary, which participate in the Stipendium Hungaricum programme, and which, as part of the framework agreement, accept the terms and conditions of participating in the scholarship programme. The framework agreement shall also be concluded with institutions only hosting students studying in programmes offered in Hungarian and with ones which have students who do not apply in a given round of applications but hold an HDS scholarship.
3. In order to receive scholarship holders, a valid institutional framework agreement must be in place between the Public Foundation and the institution.
4. The mandatory elements of the framework agreement to be concluded with the institutions are:
 - a) The title of the programme;
 - b) The data of the contracting parties (registered office, representative, for institutions, also tax number and tax ID number);
 - c) The purpose of the agreement;
 - d) The amount and elements of the scholarship and provisions on the payment thereof;
 - e) The relevant obligations of the institution;
 - f) Monitoring the implementation of the programme;
 - g) Amendment of the agreement, the Public Foundation's right to termination;
 - h) Jurisdiction;
 - i) Indemnification, liability;
 - j) Data protection;

- k) Other provisions;
- l) Contact details of the parties;
- m) The effective date and term of the agreement, the number of copies made and their distribution;
- n) Attachments (list of programmes, HDS Regulations, specimen signatures of institutions, operating license for non-budgetary institutions, privacy statement);
- o) Date, signature, stamp.

V.2 Reporting and Data Provision Obligations

1. The institution shall liaise with the organisations responsible for implementing the HDS Programme, in particular with:
 - a) the Public Foundation,
 - b) the aliens policing body as defined in Act XXXIV of 1994,
 - c) the ministries responsible for managing the HDS Programme,
 - d) the body managing the register of higher education institutions,
 - e) the health care provider(s) selected for the performance of health screenings.
2. The institution shall comply with its data provision and reporting obligations as detailed in the Implementation Guide.
3. Failure to meet the deadline for data provision shall cause the institution to lose its right to claim any cost for that semester, but scholarship benefits shall continue to be provided to the scholarship holder.
4. The rules relating to the health care protocol (medical examination) are included in Chapter VI.
5. Within the framework of the dissertation scholarship the Host Institution undertakes to provide student status to the Scholarship Holder for the purpose of complementary studies. Within the framework of the complementary studies, the Host Institution must provide actual knowledge, which must be confirmed by a certificate issued by the Host Institution.

V.3 Assistance in Obtaining a Visa and Residence Permit

The institution is required to provide assistance to the scholarship holder in obtaining a visa and residence permit as described in the Implementation Guide.

V.4 Support for Social Security and Health Services

1. The institution shall provide support for the acquisition of social security entitlements by the scholarship holder as described in the Implementation Guide.
2. The institution may take out supplementary health insurance for foreign-language health care services to be used by scholarship holders using the health contribution, as described in the Implementation Guide.
3. The institution participates in the health screening of the scholarship holders according to the health care protocol. The rules relating to the health care protocol (medical examination) are included in Chapter VI.

V.5 Mentoring System and Alumni

1. The institution shall provide a mentoring system to support the integration of the scholarship holder.
2. If the institution has a mentoring network operated by the National Union of Students in Hungary (hereinafter “HÖÖK”), the institution promotes cooperation between the mentoring network and the institution.
3. The institution also accepts foreign students in the alumni system and coordinates its alumni activities with the alumni activities coordinated by the Public Foundation.

V.6 The Monitoring of Implementation

1. The use of the subsidy may be reviewed by the Public Foundation, by the ministry responsible for implementing the HDS Programme, or by any person authorised in writing by any of them, within 10 years of the receipt of the last instalment of the subsidy or the repayment of the unused amount.
2. The institution shall regularly report the progress of the implementation of the HDS Programme to the responsible ministry and the Public Foundation.
3. The Public Foundation may temporarily reduce the organisation allowance of an institution if it becomes aware that the institution is not implementing the HDS Programme in accordance with the purposes of the HDS Programme, or that it is in breach of the rules of the HDS Programme for any reason attributable to it. When the error is corrected, the curtailment is terminated, and if no correction is made before the deadline, the institutional framework agreement may be terminated.
4. The institution further undertakes to:
 - a) conclude an agreement with the scholarship holder;
 - b) participate in the promotion of the HDS Programme;
 - c) inform the applicants;
 - d) assist in the implementation of the application procedures set forth in these Regulations.

CHAPTER VI: HEALTH CARE PROTOCOL (MEDICAL EXAMINATION)

1. By the Government Decree 1793/2019 (XII. 23.) on the strategic correlations of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme the Government has accepted the strategic courses of action of the scholarship programme, of which one of its elements was the improvement of health security. In accordance with this – and based on the Government Decree 16/2021 (I.22.) on the medical examination of students entering Hungary during a state of emergency, furthermore authorized by point h) of subsection (2) of section 80 of the Higher Education Act – the ministry controlling the programme has ordered compulsory medical examination (“compulsory health care protocol”) for students supported by said scholarship programme, as a prerequisite of participation.
 - 1.A The administrative tasks related to the medical examination shall be carried out by the Public Foundation on the basis of the guidelines of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade under this chapter.

2. The institution or health care provider conducting the aptitude test processes the student's health data in accordance with the provisions of Act CLIV of 1997 on Health Care.
3. The compulsory health care protocol will first be introduced in the case of students whose scholarship holder status is established in the 2021/2022 Academic Year and will stay in force for upcoming academic years until ordered otherwise.
4. The scholarship holder must fulfil their obligations related to the health care protocol (completion of medical form, undergoing the medical examinations and taking up the required vaccinations listed in the Implementation Guide) at a health care provider that is on the list of providers approved by their host institution or the ministry controlling the programme.
5. In the case of section 3, the scholarship agreement created between the scholarship holder and their host institution must contain the fulfilment of the responsibilities pertaining to the health care protocol.
6. Upper-year scholarship students who are not required to be screened may voluntarily participate in the vaccinations and screenings required by the health care protocol during their studies, if the total amount of the service fee for the academic year and the number of scholarship holders who need the services, allow.
7. In the case of section 6, the scholarship holder shall notify the host institution of their wish to participate. The host institution shall notify Tempus Public Foundation and the relevant health care provider of the scholarship holder's wish to participate, then proceed to provide the scholarship holder the technical information necessary to participate in the process. The institution shall inform the senior scholarship holder of the possibility of voluntary participation in accordance with section 6.
8. Facilitating the medical examination ordered by the ministry controlling the HDS Programme is the responsibility of the host institution. The ministry controlling the HDS Programme may decide, in the interests of efficiency and uniform implementation, to have the medical examination carried out by selected service providers through a competitive tendering procedure; in such a case, the use of the selected service provider is mandatory, except for the institutions providing medical training and the background institution entrusted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade with the public task of organizing Hungarian language preparatory training. Institutions implementing the medical examinations on their own responsibility must declare in writing before the start of each academic year whether they intend to implement the medical examination on their own responsibility or through the centrally selected provider. Where no competitive tendering procedure is used, the institutions shall ensure that an appropriate health care provider is provided. Decisions on the tendering procedure for the selection of service providers or on the modification of tenderers' declarations and contract extensions may be taken with the prior agreement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
9. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade provides a special contribution to the costs of the medical examination for institutions carrying out the medical protocol (on the basis of a declaration or in the absence of a central provider) on their own responsibility, as specified in the Implementation Guide, for a certain amount per academic year.
10. The ministry controlling the programme, with the assistance of the Public Foundation, will cover the costs of the medical examination for the selected service providers, up to the amount of the budget allocated to a scholarship holder, for the services provided to the scholarship holders who use these service providers. The total amount of the service fee for a given academic year and the number of scholarship holders using the services

- will be determined on the basis of the guidelines of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
11. In the framework of the medical examination, the institution or the health care provider, which is responsible for implementing said examination, takes health records, carries out screenings and administers vaccinations. The scope of screenings and vaccinations is described in the Implementation Guide.
 12. The collection of medical forms, the medical examinations and the vaccinations shall take place as soon as possible after the student enters Hungary.
 13. The health care professional responsible for the examination shall issue a certification on whether the examined student is fit/unfit/temporarily unfit (with the indication of period) or temporarily fit only online (with the indication of period) based on their professional judgement, the examination results and the medical form collected from the student. An unfit certification may lead to the termination or suspension of the student's scholarship holder status, depending on whether the student is unfit to start or continue their studies at their programme temporarily or indefinitely. Consequently, the certification contains, whether the student is unfit temporarily or indefinitely. If the student is temporarily unfit, the duration of unfitness must be included in the certification as well. In connection to the medical examination the possible cases of the termination and suspension of the scholarship status is listed in section IV.5.
 14. The health care provider must consult the higher education institution and the Public Foundation in advance in order to register the health record and to designate the place where the given screenings and vaccinations are to be carried out; in the case of institutions implementing the medical examination under their own responsibility, this consultation obligation applies only to the Public Foundation. The aim is to ensure that it is carried out at a location close to the institution of the scholar concerned and close to the place of training. If the institution offers to cover the location, the health care provider is obliged to use it as far as possible.
 15. If the institution or health care provider implementing the medical examination under its own responsibility prescribes additional treatments other than those specified in the Implementation Guide, the financing of these treatments is not covered by the mandatory health protocol and the ministry controlling the programme will not refinance these.
 16. The institution which is not responsible for the implementation of the medical examination must cooperate with the health care provider selected in accordance with point 8, assist in the conduct of the health assessment and provide the scholarship holders with appropriate information.
 17. The institutions implementing the medical examination under their own responsibility are required to provide monthly statistical and anonymous data to the Public Foundation, which is mandated by the ministry controlling the HDS Programme. If the health service provider defined in point 8 carries out the medical examinations, the health service provider shall provide monthly – statistical and anonymous – data to the Public Foundation. From these data sources, the Public Foundation will provide monthly – statistical and anonymous – data to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

CHAPTER VII: SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

1. The Board of Trustees is entitled to give special consideration to matters related to scholarship status in exceptionally justified cases (e.g. force majeure or other extraordinary circumstances that might be subject to special consideration).
2. This right referred to in point 1 does not apply to decisions adopted within the competence of the institution.
3. A request may be submitted by the scholarship holder, with the exception of a request for a minimum credit requirement, which may be submitted by the institution to SiH in accordance with point 4.
4. The request must be addressed to the Board of Trustees of the Public Foundation in writing (electronically or by post), duly substantiated and sent to SiH.
5. The compliance of the equity requests with the above criteria will be verified by SiH, if deemed in compliance, the requests will be submitted to the Board of Trustees with a proposal for support.
6. The Board of Trustees is entitled to delegate decision-making powers to SiH in the cases provided for in the Implementation Guide, subject to an obligation to inform.

CHAPTER VIII: COMPLAINTS

In case the applicant suspects a procedural or administrative error, they may file a complaint against the decision. The complaint must be sent to the Public Foundation in writing (by email or post). The Public Foundation shall investigate the received complaint in accordance with its complaint handling policy, and respond to the applicant in writing within 30 days.

CHAPTER IX: TEMPORARY PROVISIONS

1. In cases of force majeure, the Board of Trustees of the Public Foundation – based on guidance from the ministry responsible for the operation of the HDS Programme – may, for a definite period of time, also apply provisions pertaining to the institutions and the scholarship holders other than those set forth in the Implementation Guide with respect to the operation of the HDS Programme.
2. In case the applicant is unable to procure in their sending country the mandatory medical certificate that is required as part of the application process, due to force majeure (e.g. unfit weather conditions, pandemic/epidemic emergency or political conditions), the document can be submitted completed and signed by the applicant themselves.

CHAPTER X: SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SHORT, INTENSIVE COURSES

X.1 Application under the HDS Programme for Summer University Courses Available in the Hungarian State Scholarship Programme Based on Bilateral Cultural, Scientific and Educational Memoranda of Understanding

1. The purpose of the call for applications is that summer university courses offered in the Hungarian State Scholarship Programme based on bilateral cultural, scientific and educational memoranda of understanding, and organised by higher education institutions authorised to participate in the HDS Programme, shall be made available for people living in the Hungarian diaspora as well.
2. The call for applications is approved upon the request of the MFA by the Board of Trustees of the Public Foundation.
3. As regards applications for summer university courses, Section III.2 of the Regulations (Students Eligible for Submitting Applications) shall be applied with the following differences:
 - a) Section III.2.1 d) shall not be applicable;
 - b) *[deleted]*
 - c) in Section III.2.1 g), the requirement concerning the scholarship agreement shall remain in force, whereas the requirement for participation in a Hungarian as a foreign language course and taking a language exam shall not be applicable;
 - d) Section III.2.1 h) shall not be applicable;
 - e) Section III.2.1 i) shall be modified to the extent that a student may be awarded a scholarship for summer university courses only once;
 - f) Section III.2.3 shall not be applicable;
 - g) Section III.2.5 shall be applied with the difference that students wishing to take summer university courses may apply, instead of two, for three study courses, which may be offered either by the same institution, or by different institutions;
 - h) Section III.2.6 shall be applied with the difference that the statement to be attached by students applying for summer university courses is included in Annex 2 to the Regulations;
 - i) Section III.2.7 shall not be applicable;
 - j) Section III.2.1 f) shall be applied with the difference that the applicant should be over 18 years of age or have reached the age of 18 before the start date of the summer university course. An exception to this rule is made for applicants who will be 18 years of age by the end of the calendar year (31 December) in which they start their scholarship-assisted studies and who have a declaration from their legal representative for this period.

As regards matters not covered by this section, the provisions of Section III.2 of the Regulations shall be governing.
4. As regards applications for summer university courses, Section III.3 of the Regulations (The Student Application and Selection Process) shall be applied with the following differences:
 - a) details of the student application process are included in the call for applications;
 - b) Sections III.3.7, III.3.8 and III.3.9 of the Regulations shall be modified to the extent that the diaspora recommendation letters of applicants applying for summer courses are not to be validated by the Hungarian diplomatic missions;
 - c) Section III.3.12 of the Regulations shall be modified to the extent that the diaspora motivation letters of applicants applying for summer university courses are evaluated not

by external experts but by the institutions offering the relevant course, as part of the institution's admission process;

- d) Section III.3.14 of the Regulations shall be modified to the extent that for the allocation of applicants applying for summer university courses the diaspora motivation letters are evaluated as part of the institutional admission process, according to the criteria set out in the relevant call for applications;
- e) Section III.3.25 of the Regulations shall be modified to the extent that applicants awarded scholarship for summer university courses may not postpone the start of their scholarship studies.

As regards matters not covered by this section, the provisions of Section III.3 of the Regulations shall be governing.

5. As regards applications for summer university courses, Section IV.3 of the Regulations (Further Obligations of Scholarship Holders) shall be applied with the following differences:

- a) Section IV.3.2 of the Regulations shall be modified to the extent that students awarded scholarship for summer university courses shall not receive scholarship holder status;
- b) Section IV.3.3 b) of the Regulations shall be modified to the extent that scholarship benefits must be included in the scholarship agreement;
- c) Sections IV.3.3 c), e), g), h) and i) shall not be applicable;
- d) Section IV.3.6 of the Regulations shall be modified to the extent that the scholarship holder shall be required to stay in Hungary during the entire length of the course;
- e) Section IV.3.13 of the Regulations shall be modified to the extent that the scholarship holder shall by the time specified by the institution register in-person in the international office of the host institution;
- f) Section IV.3.18 of the Regulations shall be modified to the extent that the requirement to participate in health care protocol shall not apply to scholarship holders participating in summer university courses.

As regards matters not covered by this section, the provisions of Section IV.3 of the Regulations shall be governing.

Annexes:

- Annex 1: Statement for Application for bachelor's, master's, one-tier master's, doctoral study programmes, postgraduate specialist training courses and other non-degree programmes
- Annex 2: Statement for Application for Hungarian Summer University Courses

Annex 1

STATEMENT FOR APPLICATION

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

By signing this document, I understand, agree to, and confirm the followings.

I hereby confirm that I have Hungarian roots and Hungarian identity.

I hereby confirm that I am a **citizen of a country that is engaged in the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme** (hereinafter the "Scholarship Programme"), therefore I have a citizenship that – based on the Call for Applications – entitles me to participate in the Scholarship Programme.

I hereby confirm that I have an **address in a foreign country** (i.e. outside of Hungary).

I hereby confirm that I have **lived minimum 5 years outside Hungary** before the submission of this application.

I hereby confirm that I have obtained my **secondary education certificate (e.g. high school diploma) abroad**.

I agree and understand that, if I am awarded for a full-time study programme leading to a degree, then I am obliged to complete **2 year-long community/voluntary work** after obtaining my degree. The community work must contribute to a local Hungarian diaspora community.

I understand that the scholarship can be awarded to only those who are **18 years of age** or older, or who attain the age of 18 before the start of the academic year (by 31 August), except for the cases specified in the regulatory documents of the Scholarship Programme, and who meet the requirement set in the Call for Applications based on their date of birth.

I agree and understand that Tempus Public Foundation that awards the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarships, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the institutions participating in the Scholarship Programme, the Hungarian Diplomatic Representations and the diaspora organisations may collect and use **my personal data** submitted as part of the application and enrolment process.

I agree and understand that my data is collected, processed, and used for purposes of checking the eligibility for participation in the Scholarship Programme; conducting medical screenings, follow up, reporting and financial monitoring; the preparation of statistics, informational materials, surveys and research. My personal data can be stored and processed for 10 years. The detailed rules for data processing and exceptions are included in the Privacy Statement.

I agree and understand that my data can be processed by the relevant employees of the Tempus Public Foundation and the institutions participating in the Scholarship Programme, including those involved in reporting and monitoring processes; authorities responsible for supervision and inspection; health care providers responsible for medical screenings, and anonymous experts and researchers analysing the implementation and the impact of the Scholarship Programme. All safety measures shall be done in order to ensure data protection with special regard against unauthorized access, modification, forwarding, publication, deletion or destroy, as well as incidental destruction and damage.

I agree and understand that once I am a Scholarship Holder, I will be required to **sign a scholarship contract** with the Host Institution. I also understand that the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship is a contribution to the living costs of the Scholarship Holder only, therefore – within the framework of the Scholarship Programme – visa-related assistance, additional allowance and administrative services are not provided for any accompanying people or family members. The legal entity of the scholarship contract is exclusively the Scholarship Holder and the Host Institution.

I agree and understand that once I am a Scholarship Holder, I will be expected to **follow the regulations of the Host Institution** and continue my studies in good faith, to the best of my abilities, in order to meet the academic requirements of the study programme and thus finish the same successfully.

I understand that the monthly stipend, the accommodation contribution and the one-time travel contribution are not provided automatically and that these types of allowances can only be **awarded if they were specifically requested** by the applicant.

If I am selected to be Scholarship Holder, I agree to **actively participate in events and programmes** organised in the framework of the Scholarship Programme in connection with the Hungarian language and culture, and to participate in the alumni system of the Scholarship Programme that supports the maintenance of relationships with the Scholarship Holders and facilitates the flow of information – such as the alumni website, alumni events and surveys about the satisfaction of students, career monitoring and the evaluation of research activities.

I agree and understand that unless the regulations of the Host Institution contain stricter obligations, I am required to earn **at least an average of 18 credits** in each of the last two (continuous) semesters in which my student status was not suspended (that is, a **total of 36 credits**). Only students studying in doctoral-level programmes, non-degree programmes and in partial study mode are exempt from this requirement.

I agree and understand that, during the whole length of my studies supported with the scholarship, I am required to attend the **Hungarian language and culture course** organised by the Host Institution (except Scholarship Holders studying in Hungarian language). I understand that my scholarship holder status shall be terminated if I do not attend the course.

In case I do not take part in a study programme taught in Hungarian language, I agree and understand that I am required to pass a Hungarian as a foreign language exam at least at an intermediate (B2) level by the end of my studies, but no later than within 1 year after obtaining my degree (or certificate). This obligation does not apply for those who take part in 1-2 semester-long short study programmes, including partial/exchange studies. If the requirement concerning the language exam is not met, the Scholarship Holder is obliged to pay back the tuition fee of studies.

I agree and understand that once I am a scholarship holder, **I am obliged to live and study in Hungary**, therefore I am not allowed to live habitually in any other country during the study period – otherwise my scholarship holder status will be terminated. I agree and understand that I shall register in person at the international office of my Host Institution at the beginning of each semester. I understand that as a Scholarship Holder I am allowed to stay abroad for a maximum of 30 days per training period for participating in conferences, internships, research, or other study-related purposes (exemptions may apply in case of doctoral-level students).

I understand that my scholarship holder status shall be terminated if I receive a scholarship that supports studies outside Hungary for more than 30 days. Study-related professional programmes (conferences, study trips etc.) with a maximum duration of 30 days can be supported within the

framework of **other scholarship programmes** (e.g. Erasmus+, CEEPUS). As another exception, partial studies no longer than one or two semesters at a higher education institution operating outside of Hungary and owned (directly or indirectly) by a public purpose asset management fund registered in Hungary, or at a foreign higher education institution participating in the Makovecz Scholarship Program, under a cooperation agreement between the sending and the host institution, are also permitted. The above exceptions do not apply to programmes of the European Solidarity Corps as they are not compatible with studies for Scholarship Holders.

I agree and understand that applicants are not eligible to receive the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship in case they have another **concurrent scholarship from the Hungarian central budget** for studies in Hungary. In case that I am awarded more than one scholarship, I shall choose one of the scholarships and renounce from the other ones.

I agree and understand that **in accordance with the Operational Regulations of the Scholarship Programme, the scholarship status is terminated if:**

- the student status of the Scholarship Holder is terminated by the Host Institution,
- the Scholarship Holder withdraws from the scholarship in a written form (sent to both Tempus Public Foundation and the Host Institution),
- the Scholarship Holder had obtained their degree at the study programme supported by the scholarship (or obtained a certificate in case of non-degree and partial (exchange) study programmes),
- the Scholarship Holder does not attend the compulsory Hungarian language and culture course (unless the scholarship is awarded for a study programme conducted in the Hungarian language),
- the Scholarship Holder does not live in Hungary habitually and the Host Institution terminates their scholarship status for this reason,
- the Scholarship Holder loses (or gives up) the citizenship that entitles him/her to participate in the Scholarship Programme, or, if the Scholarship Holder is granted the status of stateless person, refugee, protected individual, asylum-seeker, admitted individual, or one entitled for long-term residence, who does not fall within the scope of Section 39 (1) a) of the Higher Education Act,
- as a result of institutional disciplinary or criminal proceedings against the Scholarship Holder, the Scholarship Holder is expelled, and for this reason the Tempus Public Foundation asks the Host Institution to terminate the scholarship status,
- the Scholarship Holder does not fulfil their obligation to participate in medical screenings, and their additional obligations set out in the health care protocol or provides false information in relation to the health screening protocol during the application period or during their scholarship period, or
- in any other cases described in the Operational Regulations of the Scholarship Programme in effect.

I agree and understand that if I am awarded the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship, accept the scholarship offer, do not arrive to Hungary and start my scholarship studies, and fail to notify Tempus Public Foundation of this fact until 30 September, then I will not be able to reapply for the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme within the following three application rounds.

I agree and understand that applicants who are awarded the scholarship cannot get a scholarship holder status if they

- withdraw the scholarship in a written form (sent to both Tempus Public Foundation and the Host Institution) or in the application system, or
- do not upload their missing application documents until the deadline given in the Call for Applications, or the uploaded documents are not accepted by the Host Institution, or
- do not arrive and enrol until the registration date specified by the Host Institution (except cases described in the Operational Regulations), or
- do not hold a secondary school graduation certificate until the date specified in the Call for Applications, or
- fail to accept their scholarship offer by the given deadline, or
- withdraw their data protection (GDPR) consents, including the Privacy Statement, or
- provided false information during the application process.

I agree and understand that all Diaspora Scholarship Holders are **bound by the Operational Regulations** of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme. I understand that the regulations can be subject to change, and the Scholarship Holders are bound by the prevailing regulations at any given time.

I confirm that I have **read and understood the current Call for Applications** of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme.

I confirm that I have **read, understood, and agree to the content of this statement** and the above procedures related to my participation in the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme.

I confirm that all information I provided as part of the application and enrolment process is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and true. I also declare that all information provided by me on the online application surface of Tempus Public Foundation – including the content of all uploaded documents – are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. **I am fully aware that false statements will disqualify me from the Scholarship Programme.**

Date:

Name (typed or written in capital letters):

Signature:

Annex 2

STATEMENT FOR APPLICATION

for Hungarian Summer University Courses

By signing this document, I understand, agree to, and confirm the followings.

I hereby confirm that I have Hungarian roots and Hungarian identity.

I hereby confirm that I am a **citizen of a country that is engaged in the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme** (hereinafter the “Scholarship Programme”), therefore I have a citizenship that – based on the Call for Applications – entitles me to participate in the Scholarship Programme.

I hereby confirm that I have an **address in a foreign country** (i.e. outside of Hungary).

I hereby confirm that I have obtained my **secondary education certificate (e.g. high school diploma) abroad**.

I understand that the scholarship can be awarded to only those who are **18 years of age** or older, or who attain the age of 18 before the start of the given summer university course, except for the cases specified in the regulatory documents of the Scholarship Programme, and who meet the requirement set in the Call for Applications based on their date of birth.

I agree and understand that Tempus Public Foundation that awards the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarships, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the institutions participating in the Scholarship Programme, the Hungarian Diplomatic Representations and the diaspora organisations may collect and use **my personal data** submitted as part of the application and enrolment process.

I agree and understand that my data is collected, processed, and used for purposes of checking the eligibility for participation in the Scholarship Programme; follow up, reporting and financial monitoring; the preparation of statistics, informational materials, surveys and research. My personal data can be stored and processed for 10 years. The detailed rules for data processing and exceptions are included in the Privacy Statement.

I agree and understand that my data can be processed by the relevant employees of the Tempus Public Foundation and the institutions participating in the Scholarship Programme, including those involved in reporting and monitoring processes; authorities responsible for supervision and inspection; and anonymous experts and researchers analysing the implementation and the impact of the Scholarship Programme. All safety measures shall be done in order to ensure data protection with special regard against unauthorized access, modification, forwarding, publication, deletion or destroy, as well as incidental destruction and damage.

I agree and understand that once I am a Scholarship Holder, I will be required to **sign a scholarship contract** with the Host Institution. I also understand that the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship is a contribution to the living costs of the Scholarship Holder only, therefore – within the framework of the Scholarship Programme – visa-related assistance, additional allowance and administrative services are

not provided for any accompanying people or family members. The legal entity of the scholarship contract is exclusively the Scholarship Holder and the Host Institution.

I agree and understand that once I am a Scholarship Holder, I will be expected to **follow the regulations of the Host Institution** and continue my studies in good faith, to the best of my abilities, in order to meet the academic requirements of the study course and thus finish the same successfully.

If I am selected to be Scholarship Holder, I agree to participate in the alumni system of the Scholarship Programme that supports the maintenance of relationships with the Scholarship Holders and facilitates the flow of information – such as the alumni website, alumni events and surveys about the satisfaction of students, career monitoring and the evaluation of research activities.

I agree and understand that once I am a scholarship holder, **I am obliged to stay in Hungary during the entire period of my scholarship period.**

I agree and understand that applicants are not eligible to receive the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship in case they have another **concurrent scholarship from the Hungarian central budget** for studies in Hungary. In case that I am awarded more than one scholarship, I shall choose one of the scholarships and renounce from the other ones.

I agree and understand that **in accordance with the Operational Regulations of the Scholarship Programme, the scholarship status is terminated if:**

- the student status of the Scholarship Holder is terminated by the Host Institution,
- the Scholarship Holder withdraws from the scholarship in a written form (sent to both Tempus Public Foundation and the Host Institution),
- the Scholarship Holder loses (or gives up) the citizenship that entitles him/her to participate in the Scholarship Programme, or, if the Scholarship Holder is granted the status of stateless person, refugee, protected individual, asylum-seeker, admitted individual, or one entitled for long-term residence, who does not fall within the scope of Section 39 (1) a) of the Higher Education Act,
- as a result of institutional disciplinary or criminal proceedings against the Scholarship Holder, the Scholarship Holder is expelled, and for this reason the Tempus Public Foundation asks the Host Institution to terminate the scholarship status, or
- in any other cases described in the Operational Regulations of the Scholarship Programme in effect.

I agree and understand that if I am awarded the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship, accept the scholarship offer, do not arrive to Hungary and start my scholarship studies, and fail to notify Tempus Public Foundation of this fact until the start of the chosen Hungarian Summer University Course, then I will not be able to reapply for the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme within the following three application rounds.

I agree and understand that applicants who are awarded the scholarship cannot get a scholarship holder status if they

- withdraw the scholarship in a written form (sent to both Tempus Public Foundation and the Host Institution) or in the application system, or
- do not arrive and enrol until the registration date specified by the Host Institution, or

- do not hold a secondary school graduation certificate until the date specified in the Call for Applications, or
- fail to accept their scholarship offer by the given deadline, or
- withdraw their data protection (GDPR) consents, including the Privacy Statement, or
- provided false information during the application process.

I agree and understand that all Diaspora Scholarship Holders are **bound by the Operational Regulations** of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme. I understand that the regulations can be subject to change, and the Scholarship Holders are bound by the prevailing regulations at any given time.

I confirm that I have **read and understood the current Call for Applications** of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme for Hungarian University Summer Courses.

I confirm that I have **read, understood, and agree to the content of this statement** and the above procedures related to my participation in the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme.

I confirm that I wish to request all benefits of the scholarship (e.g. accommodation and meals).

I confirm that all information I provided as part of the application and enrolment process is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and true. I also declare that all information provided by me on the online application surface of Tempus Public Foundation – including the content of all uploaded documents – are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. **I am fully aware that false statements will disqualify me from the Scholarship Programme.**

Date:

Name (typed or written in capital letters):

Signature: