



Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship

Online information session for applicants

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About the Scholarship Programme



- It helps young people with Hungarian roots to study in Hungary
- It is a higher education scholarship programme based on the system of the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship programme
- The language of the study programmes: mainly Hungarian or English
- Wide range of study programmes (28 higher education institutions-more than 1000 study programmes)



BENEFITS FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS



In the case of an active student status:

- a) **education free of charge;**
- b) in the first year of the studies: **living allowance if requested** in application (in the online application system)
 - a monthly scholarship of **HUF 43,700** in **bachelor's and master's** programmes
 - the monthly scholarship for **PhD** scholarship holders is **HUF 140,000** for the first two years, and **HUF 180,000** per month in the second two years following the complex examination, 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.
- c) **dormitory** accommodation **OR HUF 40,000/month housing allowance, if requested** in application
- d) **healthcare**, reimbursement of certified costs incurred (e.g., interpretation) in the case of supplementary or foreign-language healthcare services, or health insurance for **up to HUF 100,000 per year**
- e) **laboratory, library, computer, sport facilities** provided by the host institution

Benefit is provided to one person. Does not provide visas, supplementary benefits or administrative services to the persons accompanying the scholarship holders or to their family members.

Visa administration and the extension of the residence permit is free of charge.

Applicants who fail to accept their scholarship before the deadline shall be deemed as withdrawn from the scholarship



OBLIGATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS



Important **obligations** concerning **learning Hungarian as a foreign language and culture**

1. If studying on **foreign language programmes** you are required to **attend a Hungarian as a foreign language and culture course**, **failing to comply with this** ➡ **loss of scholarship status**
2. You are required to **take a language exam in Hungarian as a foreign language** at least at an **intermediate** level before obtaining your degree, but not later than one year after obtaining the degree, **failing to comply with this** ➡ **repayment of training costs.**

Further important obligations

1. actively **contribute to promoting, cultivating and preserving Hungarian language and culture in the diaspora community** of any country after finishing their studies
2. establish a **student status** with the higher education institution involved
3. conclude an **agreement** with the host institution



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Further important obligations

4. The scholarship holder is required to **reside habitually in Hungary** during the training period
5. shall **pursue** and successfully complete their **higher education studies to the best of their knowledge and ability**
6. 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** (appr. 60% of the amount of recommended credits/academic year) in each of the last two semesters in which their student status was not suspended
7. must participate in the **alumni** activities coordinated by the institution or the Public Foundation to the extent possible
8. actively **participate in the events and programmes** organised as part of the programme with the purpose of learning about Hungarian language and culture



Geographical scope



All countries of the world, *except:*

- Member States of the European Union
- Republic of Serbia
- Zakarpatska Oblast part of Ukraine

Note: technically you can submit your application from any countries, but non-eligible citizens will be automatically rejected!





Who can apply?

Eligibility criteria:

- ✓ Hungarian roots – very important
- ✓ Foreign citizenship (*eligible countries* – dual citizenship (e.g. Hungarian + another from the programme countries) is not a problem)
- ✓ Address outside of Hungary
- ✓ Recommendation
- ✓ 10 years of living outside Hungary
- ✓ Last 4 years of secondary education in a foreign country (not in Hungary) –
Note: *If in the applicant's country secondary education lasts less than 4 years, the last period of primary education will be considered, too.*
- ✓ Age of 18 (minimum) (on 31 August 2021) –*no maximum age limit*

Important: applicants should comply with ALL criteria!!!



How to apply?



DreamApply - Online application system:

<https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/>

Important notes:

- saving the application \neq submitting the application! Only saved but not submitted applications will not be evaluated.
- 2 study programmes can be selected (detailed conditions in the Call for Applications) – **order of preference!!**
- *reopening - resubmitting*



Available scholarship types



Available Scholarship Types		Duration		Qualifications at the end of programme		Available study modes
		full time	partial (exchange)	full time	partial (exchange)	
Degree programmes	Bachelor programmes	3-4 years	1 or 2 semesters	BA or BSc degree	certificate of completion	full time and partial (exchange)
	Master programmes	1-2 years	1 or 2 semesters	MA or MSc degree	certificate of completion	full time and partial (exchange)
	One-tier master programmes	5-6 years	1 or 2 semesters	MA or MSc degree	certificate of completion	full time and partial (exchange)
	Doctoral programmes	2+2 years	1 or 2 semesters	doctoral degree	certificate of completion	full time and partial (exchange)
Non-degree programmes	Preparatory course in Hungarian language	1 year	-	certificate	-	full time
	Specialisation courses	up to 1 year	-	certificate	-	full time



Note about study levels and study modes



– *degree programmes/ non degree programmes **≠** full time/partial studies*

Please be extra cautious when selecting your preferred study programmes in the online application system! – (full time or partial)

- **Degree programmes:** lead to a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree.
- **Non-degree programmes** (or **one-year programmes**) do not lead to a degree but provide a preparatory course, before a degree programme or a specialisation course after a degree programme.
- **Full-time studies:** the „total” duration of a study programme (1-4 years)
- **Partial (exchange) studies:** one- or two-semester long exchange studies that are **part of the students' degree studies** in their sending higher education institutions
 - those who apply for partial (exchange) studies **must be registered** in and must have a **student status** at a higher education institution that operates outside of Hungary
 - applicants can **only apply to those study levels** (bachelor's, master's) that **they are attending** in their sending, home institutions. Partial (exchange) studies are not available for preparatory and specialisation courses.





- **one-tier master's (OTM) programmes**: *they cover both the bachelor and the master level of studies; it is a combined master programme → results in a master degree, in specific study fields, such as teacher training, general medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, architecture, law, veterinary surgery, forestry engineering, etc.*

- **doctoral programmes in Hungary**:

- **Duration**: 8 semesters („4+4 semesters”)
- **2 phases**: first phase (4 semesters)-professional training and research + second phase (4 semesters)-research and dissertation
- **Complex exam**: at the end of the first phase – obligatory, condition of the second phase



Language of studies



Studies in English or other foreign languages:

- ✓ Students shall have a level of proficiency *in the language of education* as required by the Host Institution
- ✓ applicants → *directly apply for the study programmes* in the online application system

Studies in Hungarian language:

- ✓ At least an intermediate (B2) level knowledge of Hungarian
- ✓ In this case: *apply directly for the study programmes* in the online application system

OR

- ✓ One-year **preparatory language course** of Hungarian

Preparatory language course (one-year):

- ✓ at least basic level of English proficiency is needed
- ✓ apply directly for the preparatory course (and NOT for the degree programme you wish to start after the language preparatory year)
- ✓ at the end of the prep.course: **exam**

After the successful exam, you can directly apply for the study programme in Hungarian in the online application system – next application round (successful completion of the Hungarian language prep.course=condition of applying to study programmes in Hungarian)



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by all applicants, until **24th January 2021**



Online Application Form: <https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/>

fill in, save, submit, you'll need a recent photo (taken not earlier than 2 years before submission deadline)

Motivation Letter: **carefully written, based on given criteria** (we'll see to that later on in the presentation, please note that another professional motivation letter might be expected by the institution)

Recommendation letter from a Diaspora Organisation or Hungarian Diplomatic Representation, it **declares** that the applicant has a **real connection to the diaspora** and his/her studies will **contribute to the prosperity of the community** (we'll see to that later on in the presentation)

Secondary school certificates and their translations to prove that the applicant has completed the **last 4 years of his/her secondary education in a foreign country** (not Hungary) (if in your country secondary school is shorter than 4 years, please upload proof of your last 4 years in public education (secondary and primary counting together))

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Proof of language proficiency and their translations, minimum level determined by the Host Institution (in case the student has completed his/her previous level of studies in the language of the selected study programme, a proof can be uploaded about the fact)

For **study programmes taught in Hungarian** there are two possibilities to prove language proficiency:

- upload **language certificate** OR
- as **part of the institutional admission** the Host Institution accepts the demonstrated language skills as sufficient
(applicants can express their intension in the application form, Tasks)



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School certificates and their translations

- **bachelor** level and **one-tier master** level **full time** programmes: scanned copy of the original **secondary school graduation certificate** or equivalent AND its **translation**
- **master** level **full time** programmes: scanned copy of the original **bachelor degree certificate** or equivalent AND its **translation**
- **doctoral** programmes: scanned copy of the original **master degree certificate** or equivalent AND its **translation**
- **partial (exchange) study programmes on all study levels:** scanned copy of the original **certificate about student status issued by the current higher education institution where the applicants is registered** AND its **translation**



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School certificates and their translations

- **non-degree, Hungarian language preparatory programmes:** copy of the **secondary school graduation certificate** AND **translation**
- **non-degree, specialisation programmes:** copy of the **degree certificate required by the Host Institution** AND its **translation**

Transcript of Records and its translations copy of the original **transcript of records regarding all academic semesters** or school years completed during previous studies, at the **highest level** of education that the student have participated in AND its **translation**



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Copy of Identification Document a scanned copy of the **passport's** data page should be uploaded - in case applicants **do not yet have a passport**: scanned copy of **national ID card** - that page has to be uploaded which contains both the personal data and the photograph of the applicant - in case the applicant has **dual citizenship both passports'/ID cards'** scanned copy is required



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Acceptance of Statement for Application in the online system

https://diasporascholarship.hu/wp-content/uploads/statement_en.pdf

- he/she has a Hungarian identity
- he/she has an address in a foreign country (not in Hungary)
- he/she does not have a permanent address in Hungary (except of those self-financed students who are already studying in Hungary AND participants of the programme specified in Section 2 (2) a) of the Government Decree 241/2016 – Márton Áron scholarship)
- he/she has lived minimum 10 years outside Hungary

In case the acceptance of statement is not based on the truth, the applicant will be rejected without any further consideration.



TO BE SUBMITTED additionally by **doctoral applicants**
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Research Plan: detailed, well written

Letters of Recommendation (*≠ Letter of recomm. issued by the Hungarian Diaspora Organisation/Hungarian Diplomatic Representation*): **two signed Letters of Recommendation** from the applicant's former or current academic tutor(s) or supervisor(s), written in the language of applicants applying for, the two letters cannot be issued by the same person

Statement of the Supervisor: a statement by **the supervisor at the proposed Host Institution** declaring that the supervisor undertakes to supervise the student's work within the doctoral programme, **if required by the Host Institution** (if yes, only one Letter of Recommendation is needed)

<https://doktori.hu/>

<https://doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=115&lang=EN>



TO BE SUBMITTED additionally by art and music applicants
until **24th January 2021**



Portfolio: photographs of three works of art / sketches (indicating the date of creation)

Audio Portfolio: audio track of three works (indicating the date of the creation)



MISSING DOCUMENTS

to be submitted until **1st August 2021**



Which document?	Who can upload later?	What to upload until 24 January?	What to upload until 1 August?
high school certificate	only applicants registered for the last semester of their secondary school studies	declaration written and signed by the applicant, no sample	high school graduation certificate
bachelor degree certificate	only applicants registered for the last semester of their secondary school studies	declaration signed by the applicant AND high school certificate and translation	bachelor degree certificate
master degree certificate	only applicants registered for the last semester of their secondary school studies	declaration signed by the applicant AND bachelor degree with translation	master degree certificate
certificate of language proficiency	only applicants awaiting their language test results at the time of application	declaration signed by the applicant	certificate of language proficiency
copy of the valid passport	only applicants awaiting their passport to be issued	declaration signed by the applicant AND a copy of national ID	copy of passport
medical certificate (only for study programmes where it is a requirement)	applicants awaiting their medical certificate at the time of application	declaration signed by the applicant	medical certificate

SUBMISSION TIPS




Tasks section in the online application system:

checklist of tasks you have to complete during the application process

click on each item on this list to see more details

please make sure you **follow the instructions**, all necessary information complete your application is provided

Missing documents:

after uploading the declaratic  ut all the missing document/s you may still have a yellow exclamation mark (!) indicating a „Follow up”

Do no worry about it, it only reminds you that you will have to upload the missing document/s later in case you get selected.

In case your uploaded document was already in English/Hungarian you may click on the „I have uploaded the original and the translation” and the follow up sign will not appear.



SUBMISSION TIPS



Tasks section in the online application system:

In case you have a red sign, it means **your application is blocked and you cannot submit it.**



If the red sign indicates a document, that you can upload later, then you **have to write a declaration, upload it** to the online application surface and **click on blocks applications, tick 'I have uploaded my original documents'** and **save** it.

After that you will be able to submit your application.

Please, also know, that there are basic requirements about the documents you **cannot** upload later.



Motivation Letter: carefully written, based on given criteria

(please note that another professional motivation letter might be expected by the host institution)



- explains how the applicant maintains his/her **Hungarian identity**, how he/she is connected to Hungary
- briefly explains **why** the applicant **wishes to receive** the scholarship,
- **how** the scholarship may further **strengthen the applicant's relationship to Hungary**, **how** the applicant could **use the knowledge and experience** gained during their studies in Hungary **to support a diaspora community**

evaluation criteria:

- there is a link between the motivation letter and the recommendation letter (the recommendation letter confirms the facts written in the motivation letter)
- convincingly describes the applicant's professional choice
- demonstrates applicant's **work for the Hungarian diaspora community**
- demonstrates applicant's **work in field of Hungarian culture, art, science** or on other field
- convincingly demonstrates that the applicant after his/her studies in Hungary **contributes to the strengthening of the Hungarian identity of his/her diaspora community**
- convincingly demonstrates that after his/her studies in Hungary the applicant **contributes to the strengthening of the relationship between Hungary and the diaspora community** of a foreign country

form:

- minimum 1 page, Times New Roman 12 point letters
- in English **or** in Hungarian **or** in the language of the selected study programme



Recommendation letter : from a Diaspora Organisation or Hungarian Diplomatic Representation



(you have to give the name of the organisation in the online application system, too)



evaluation criteria:

<https://diasporascholarship.hu/programme-countries/>

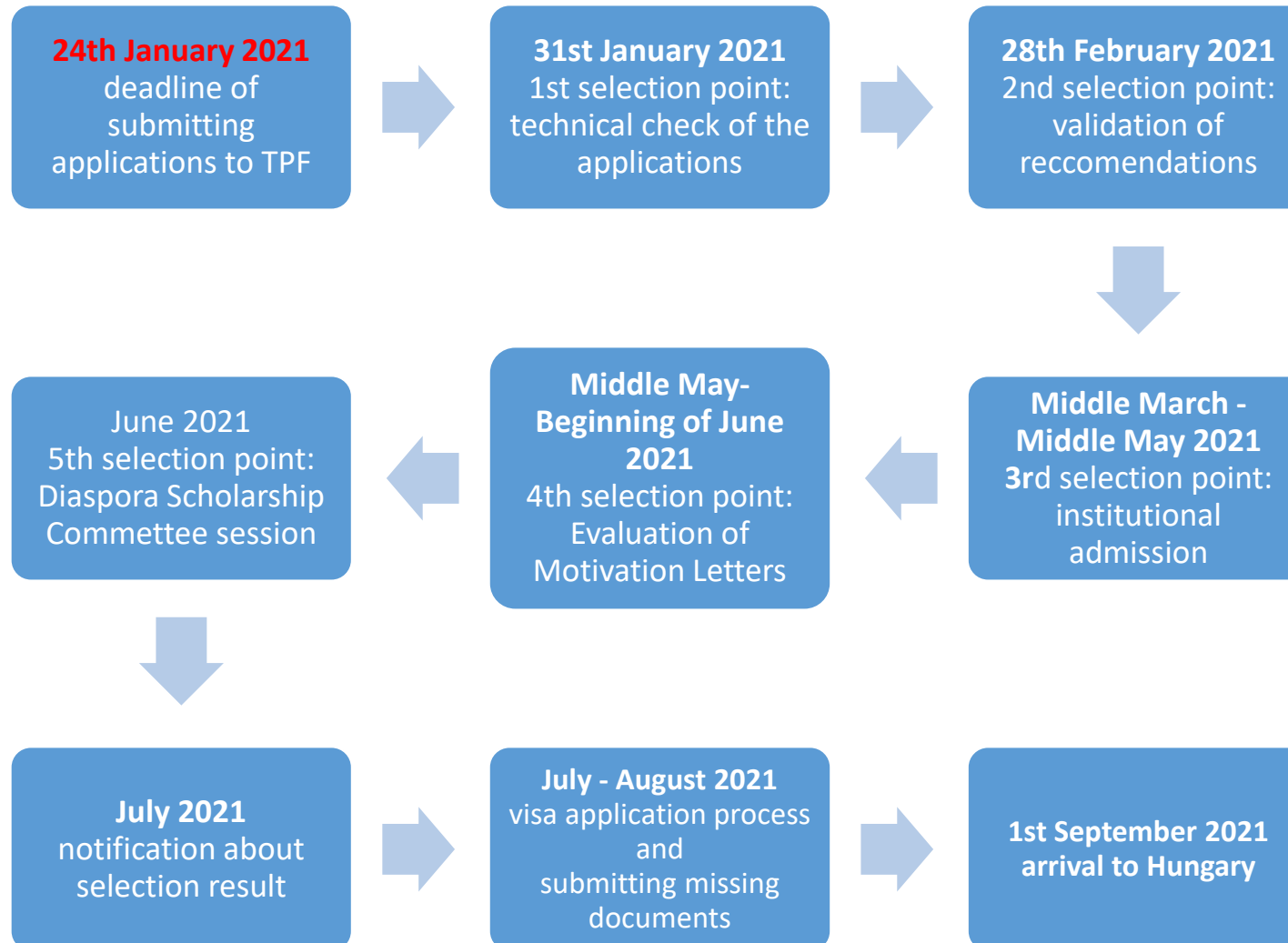
- **not a formality, contains, too substantial, relevant information**
- **declares** that the applicant has a **real connection to the diaspora** and his/her studies will **contribute to the prosperity of the community**, the applicant's studies will contribute to the prosperity of the community
- it **supports** what is written in the **motivation letter**
- contains applicant's **personal data** (full name, country of his/her residence, date and location of birth)
if the country of residence does not correspond to the country from which the recommendation comes, an explanation is required in the recommendation letter on how the applicant relates to the country issuing the recommendation
- contains the **official signature** of the authorized representative of the organisation,
- contains the **name and capacity in printed form** of the authorized representative of the organisation,
- it contains the **date of issue**

form:

- minimum 1 page, Times New Roman 12 point letters
- in English **or** in Hungarian



Application timeline



Important deadlines for applicants/ scholarship holders



December 2020 – January 2021	Applicants contact the local diaspora organisation/ Hungarian representation regarding the issuance of the <i>letter of recommendation</i>
24 January 2021	<i><u>Deadline for submitting the <u>complete online application package!</u></u></i>
middle March – middle May 2021	<i>Applicants need to be available for institutions (<i>institutional admission procedure</i>) – email, DA, phone, etc.</i>
1 August 2021	Deadline for submitting <i>missing documents</i>
July-August 2021	Awarded scholarship holders need to start their <i>visa process</i>
30 September 2021	Latest deadline for arriving to Hungary



Information - Most important platforms and documents



- **website:** <https://diasporascholarship.hu/> (*both in Hungarian and English*)
you can find here:
 - **Call for Applications!**
 - List of Hungarian diaspora organizations and contact details of Hungarian representations
 - Useful documents: Dos and don'ts, Checklist for application documents, Sample of scholarship agreement
 - Operational Regulation of the scholarship programme
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
 - News
- **DreamApply online application system** – notifications during the application procedure – *linked to the email address!*
- diasporascholarship@tpf.hu / +36 (1) 236 5045/ **Skype** (Skype name: „Diaspora Scholarship”)



Thank you for your attention! 😊

