

**Scholarship Programme for Christian
Young People**

Call for Applications

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1. The Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People

1.1. Mission of the Programme

Hungary provides high quality education in the heart of Europe. Today, there is a growing demand of international students to study in Hungary. Besides the quality of education and degrees recognised throughout Europe and beyond, students are attracted by the affordable living costs with an extremely favourable cost-to-value ratio, a safe and friendly living environment with convenient public transportation, the central location of the country in Europe and the unspoiled natural beauties combined with a 2000 year-old, rich Hungarian history and several UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Hungary is also within the top countries with the highest number of scientific Nobel Prize Winners per capita, and a numerous scientific inventions from Vitamin C to Rubik’s cube and so on.

The core mission of the Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People is to provide the possibility of studying in Hungary for young Christian students living in the crisis regions of the world and/or being threatened in their country because of their faith. After completing their studies, the scholarship holders will return to help their home community with their gained knowledge, and they will participate in the reconstruction of war-destroyed countries and contribute to improvement of social situation and preservation of culture of Christian communities.

The Programme is managed by the Deputy State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians and organized by the Tempus Public Foundation.

1.2. Available Scholarship Types

1.2.1. Study Levels

Scholarships are available for bachelor, master and one-tier master programmes

Available Types	Scholarship	Duration		Qualifications at the end of programme		Available study modes
		full time		full time	partial	
Degree programmes	Bachelor programmes	2-4 years		BA or BSc degree		full time
	Master programmes	1.5-2 years		MA or MSc degree		full time
	One-tier master programmes	5-6 years		MA or MSc degree		full time

Note about one-tier master programmes:

In the Hungarian education system, one-tier master programmes cover both the bachelor and the master level of studies; therefore it is an undivided master programme that results in a master degree. These

one-tier programmes are offered in specific study fields such as general medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, architecture, law, veterinary surgery, forestry engineering, etc.

1.3. Provisions Covered by the Scholarship

- **Tuition-free education**
 - exemption from the payment of tuition fee
- **Monthly stipend**
 - **bachelor, master and one-tier master level:** monthly amount of HUF 119 000 (cca. EUR 380) *contribution to the living expenses* in Hungary, for 12 months a year, until the completion of studies
- **Accommodation**
 - dormitory place *or a contribution* of HUF 40 000 to accommodation costs for the whole duration of the scholarship period
- **Reimbursement of travel costs**
 - HUF 200 000 /year (cca. EUR 645)
- **Medical insurance**
 - health care services according to the relevant Hungarian legislation (Act No. 80 of 1997, national health insurance card) and supplementary medical insurance for up to HUF 65 000 (cca. EUR 205) a year/person

Please bear in mind that these provisions are **only a contribution** to the living expenses of the Scholarship Holders. It means that it **does not fully cover all the costs of living** and the students need to add their own financial resources in order to cover all living expenses in Hungary. All applicants are highly advised to check the expected living expenses both in Hungary and in the city that they wish to live in before applying; please do check our Cost of Living Calculator prepared for Stipendium Hungaricum programme by clicking here: <http://www.studyinhungary.hu/living-in-hungary/menu/your-costs-of-living.html>

2. Eligibility

2.1. Eligible Sending Partners

The Scholarship Programme is based on the cooperation between the Ministry of Human Capacities of Hungary and churches, pursuing humanitarian activities in crisis regions. For the 2018/19 academic year the scholarship is announced for the citizens of following countries: Egypt, Lebanese Republic, Republic of Iraq, State of Israel, Palestine, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Syrian Arab Republic, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Republic of Kenya and Nigeria. The applicants may not have Hungarian citizenship.

Local Churches are to verify and prove that the applicant belongs to their religious community. List of Churches is to be found in Annex 1.

Only those applications can be awarded with scholarship, which also possess the recommendation from the local Church along with the approval of the Deputy State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians.

Scholarship holders must possess the relevant language and education certificates, degrees requested by the host university of the selected degree programme. The scholarship holders commit themselves in the

scholarship agreement that after the scholarship agreement ends they return to their home countries, if the local security and political conditions allow it so.

Scholarships are for young applicants who are older than 18 years of age by the time their education starts in Hungary, i.e. applicants born before 31st August, 2000, except for those applicants who apply for dance art study programmes. In their cases, based on the Hungarian regulation, they need to submit parental declaration (for more details, please read the Operational Regulations of the Programme. An individual may win the scholarship only one time at a study level.

2.3. Available Host Institutions and Study Programmes

The list of available study programmes and Host Institutions compiled by the Tempus Public Foundation and the Deputy State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians is accessible in this call as Annex 2. (see Annex 2 or to download).

Each applicant is entitled to apply for up to two different study programmes, in order of preference. Once the application has been submitted, the order of preference can no more be changed by the applicant.

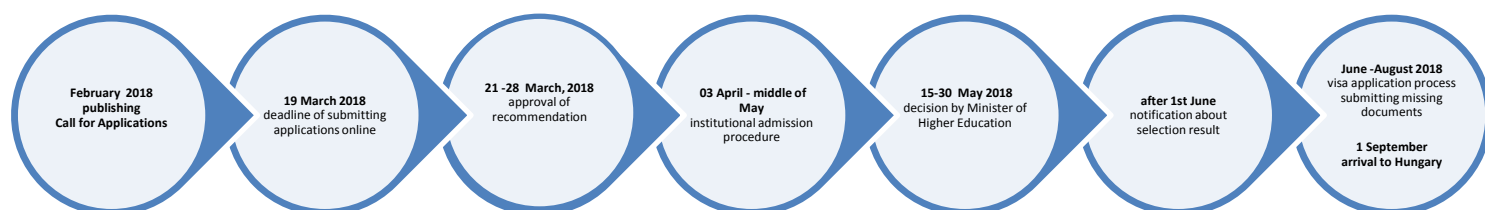
For Scholarship Holders of the first round (2017/2018) it is possible to choose a different study programme from the new list, and they can change their level of study, their study programme, and even their host institute one time, by re-applying (see Operational Regulations for further details).

2.4. Language of Study Programmes

Applicants are eligible to apply only if they meet the minimum language criteria set by the chosen host higher education institution (see Annex 2). In general: students shall have a level of English proficiency required by the Host Institution.

3. The Application Process

3.1. Application Timeline



3.2. Application Documents to be submitted to Tempus Public Foundation

No hard copies are required from any of these documents by Tempus Public Foundation at the time of application.

3.2.1. Basic Application Documents

All of the following documents are compulsory and need to be submitted to the online application surface by **all applicants** until **19th March, 2018 (23:59 Budapest time)**.

Please note that only files with a maximum size of 4 MB can be uploaded in the system.

Application Documents	Detailed Requirements	Required to be uploaded by
Online application form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the applicants must fill out and save all requested information on the online application form in English language - a recent photo of the applicant (taken not earlier than 6 months prior to the submission of the application must also be uploaded) - those who apply for partial studies must clearly state the length (1 or 2 semesters) and start date (September or February) of the studies they apply for! 	all applicants
Motivation Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum 1 page, typed with Times New Roman 12 point font size letters - written in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian describing, among other, why the applicant has chosen the specific studies and how his/her studies will contribute to the greater benefit of his/her local community in his/her homeland. 	all applicants
Approved recommendation	Recommendation of the local Christian Church approved by the Hungarian Deputy State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians. Approvals must be carried out by the highest level in the Church or at least at an episcopal level. See Annex 1.	all applicants
Proof of language proficiency and their translations in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - scanned copy of the original proof of language proficiency, with a minimum level determined by the Host Institution AND its translation - see section 2.4. for further details - 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 that the language of education was the same as the language of the study programme that the applicant is now applying for - N.B.: translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian 	all applicants
School certificates and their translations in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bachelor 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 - one-tier master level full time programmes: scanned copy of the original secondary school graduation certificate or equivalent AND its translation - N.B.: translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected study programme or in English 	all applicants

Transcript of Records and its translation in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - copy of the original transcript of records regarding all academic semesters or school years completed during previous studies (in the highest level of education that the student has participated in) AND its translation - N.B.: translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian 	all applicants
Medical certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - scanned copy of a medical certificate of satisfactory health condition issued not earlier than 15st May 2017 - please note that there is no form provided by Tempus Public Foundation for this certificate, it can be any certificate that the particular hospital uses or the particular physician issues - certificates have to be issued and signed by a physician to prove that the applicant does not have the following illnesses: AIDS, Hepatitis A, B, C or any other epidemic conditions 	all applicants
Copy of passport	- scanned copy of that page of the passport which contains the personal data of the applicant	all applicants
Statement for Application	- all applicants need to upload the signed and scanned "Statement for Application" document (<i>please see Annex 3 to download the statement form or click here</i>)	all applicants

All documents that cannot be obtained in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian have to be translated and the translations have to be submitted as well as a copy of the original document.

3.2.2. Additional Documents for Music Applicants

Besides the documents listed in section 3.2.1, applicants applying for studies in the field of Music need to upload the below documents as well. All of the following documents are compulsory and need to be submitted to the online application surface by **Art and Music applicants** until 19th March 2018 (23:59 Budapest time).

Application Documents	Detailed requirements	Required to be uploaded by
Audio Portfolio	audio track of three works (indicating the date of the creation)	applicants of study programmes in the field of Music

3.3. Missing Documents

All documents listed in point 3.2. are **compulsory** application documents. However, certain documents are accepted to be uploaded even after the application deadline, **provided that** the applicant could not possibly obtain the document by the deadline of application.

In this case, the applicants need to upload a signed statement that they will obtain and upload the missing document(s) until **1st August** the latest. No missing document will be accepted if the statement is not uploaded until 11th June and/or if the missing documents are uploaded after **1st August**, thus such applications will automatically be rejected.

The following missing documents can be submitted after the application deadline, **but not later than 1st August 2018** (23:59 Budapest time).:

Which documents can be uploaded as missing documents?		Who can upload these documents as missing documents?	What has to be uploaded until the deadline, 19th March, 2018?	What has to be uploaded until 1 st August, 2018?
School certificates and their translations	high school certificate	only applicants registered for the last semester of their secondary school studies	statement signed by the applicant	high school certificate
	bachelor degree certificate	only applicants registered for the last semester of their bachelor programme	statement 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 master programme	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	statement signed by the applicant	certificate of language proficiency
Copy of passport		only applicants awaiting their passport to be issued	statement signed by the applicant	copy of passport
Medical certificate		only applicants awaiting their medical certificate	statement signed by the applicant	medical certificate

3.4. Submitting the Application

3.4.1. Application to Tempus Public Foundation

All applications shall be submitted through the online application system of the Programme. Upon registration, the applicants will be able to access the application surface and upload the required documents. Applications can only be submitted by clicking on the “submit” button in the application system. Please note that no applications will be accepted without the online submission and after the deadline. No hard copies are required.

**The deadline for submitting the complete application package:
19th March 2018 (until 23:59 Central European Time).**

The online application system can be reached here: www.scholarship.hu

By submitting the application, the applicant declares that all information provided on the online application surface of the programme – including the content of all uploaded documents – are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

3.4.4. Application “Dos and Don'ts”

Please make sure that

- you read and understand all parts of the Call for Application,
- you visit the website of the programme (www.scholarship.hu) and your chosen Host Institutions for details about the entrance requirements of study programmes, curriculum and so on,
- you provide precise contact details and make sure your e-mail address (or any other information) is not mistyped on your application form because all information – including the selection results – will be sent there,
- you do not accidentally apply for the wrong study levels (e.g. master studies while you are a bachelor student) and do not apply to different study levels in one application
- the documents with the correct file formats are uploaded and the files can be opened,
- you submit your application until the deadline to the online application system,
- you click on the “submit” button to submit your application because the “save” button will only save your surface but the application will not be submitted,
- you write down and remember your login name, password and your e-mail address used when you submitted your application because you will need these information later (e.g. for accepting the scholarship offer), and
- you write down and remember your application registration number because this is how we will be able to identify your application later and this is the number that Scholarship Holders will need to use.

We highly suggest you to

- increase your chances of getting admitted by applying for 2 different study programmes (in order of preference)
- not to use a hotmail or yahoo e-mail address when submitting your application in order to avoid any technical problems.

The information provided on the application – including the study programmes and their order of preference – cannot be changed after the application is submitted!

3.5. Selection Procedure

3.5.1. First round of selection: approval of recommendation

The recommendations need to be approved by the Hungarian Deputy State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians. Approved applications are sent to the Host Institutions for institutional evaluation.

3.5.2. Second round of selection: the institutional evaluation

The formal check of the applications is done by the Host Institutions in parallel with the entrance examinations.

Applications are considered formally eligible if all criteria are met:

- the applicant is eligible for participation in the Scholarship Programme;
- the applicant has applied for a scholarship type and study programme available within the framework of the Scholarship Programme;

- the applicant has submitted the application and all documents as required no later than the application deadline (except for cases listed in section 3.3.);
- the applicant has proved his/her language proficiency and the language skills meet the requirements of the Host Institution.

Applicants with an eligible, formally correct application can proceed to the institutional entrance examinations. Each applicant can participate in up to two institutional entrance examinations – based on the submitted application form.

The exact date and method of the entrance examination varies by institutions. The methods of examination are available on our website (*see Annex 2*). **Each applicant will be informed about further details (e.g. date of examination) directly by the Host Institutions.**

The final decision about the application is made based on the application preferences, the entrance exam results as well as the capacities of the Host Institutions involved in the programme.

Applicants can be expected to be informed about the final result of application after 1st June, 2018.

3.6. Acceptance of the Scholarship

Those who do not accept their scholarship until the deadlines below are automatically considered withdrawn from the scholarship.

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,
- do not upload their missing application documents until 1 August 2018
- do not accept their scholarship until the given deadline, or
- do not hold a secondary school graduation certificate until 31 August 2018.

3.6.1. Acceptance of Scholarship for Approved Scholarship Holders

In order to gain a Scholarship Holder status, approved applicants must accept their scholarship and the Operational Regulations of the programme in the online application system **in maximum two weeks after the receiving the notification e-mail about the application decision, but no later than 1 August 2018!**

4. Studying in Hungary

4.1. Visa Applications

You are requested to **start your visa application process immediately** after receiving the positive decision about the scholarship. Officially, it may take 30 days until a visa is issued. In order to apply for visa to Hungary, you need to contact the relevant consular office. For more information please, contact the website of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/missions and <http://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/en>) and the Immigration and Asylum Office (www.bmbah.hu).

However, please note that the citizens of some countries do not need a visa to enter Hungary due **to the Visa Waiver Agreements**, at the time of writing, these countries include: Israel **from the list of eligible**

countries only. Please make sure to visit the Consular Services website for up to date information about your country: <http://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/visa-waiver-agreements>.

4.2. Arrival and Enrolment

Successful applicants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to Hungary. The programme covers HUF 200 000/year as travel allowance. Providing travel allowance is organised by the Host Institution. Scholarship Holders are expected to obtain their visa and arrive to Hungary no later than 1st September 2018 (for study programmes starting in the Autumn Semester) – or the date set by the Host Institutions. No visa, administrative services or additional contribution is given to family members or accompanying persons.

The applicant who is granted the scholarship must enrol to the Host Institution in the semester in which he was granted admission. If s/he does not enrol within one month after the beginning of the academic year/semester or the deadline provided by the Host Institution, s/he will be automatically excluded from the scholarship programme. In justified cases, the applicant can ask for the postponement of his/her studies for up to 1 year. Postponement request has to be sent to the Host Institution and the Tempus Public Foundation until 30th September 2018 the latest – or until the registration deadline set by the Host Institution.

In principle, it is **not possible to postpone the start of the scholarship studies** to another semester or academic year – except for very special, unforeseeable, vis maior cases described in the Operational Regulations, with the special approval of Tempus Public Foundation. Therefore, in principle if the Scholarship Holder does not enrol until 30 September 2018 – or the date set by the Host Institutions, s/he will be automatically excluded from the scholarship programme.

Please note that the Host Institutions have to right to require the students to take a medical test at the time of enrolment, however it is free of charge for the Scholarship Holders.

Please visit the Operational Regulations of the programme for details about the acceptance of the scholarship, enrolment and postponement procedures.

4.2. Rights and Obligations

4.2.1. Operational Regulations and Scholarship Holder Contract

All Scholarship Holders are bound by the **Operational Regulations** of the Scholarship Programme. Please make sure to read it carefully: (link).

Scholarship Holders are required to sign a **scholarship contract** with the Host Institution including study-related details and the rights and obligations of the Scholarship Holders.

The scholarship is a contribution to the living costs of the Scholarship Holder only, therefore –within the framework of the 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 are exclusively the Scholarship Holder and the Host Institution.

The Scholarship Holders are expected to follow the regulations of the Host Institution and continue their studies in good faith, to the best of their abilities, in order to meet the academic requirements of the study programme and thus finish the programme successfully. By accepting the scholarship offer, the Scholarship Holders agree to participate in the alumni system of the 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.

Scholarship Holders are obliged to live and study in Hungary, therefore they are not allowed to live habitually in any other countries during the study period – otherwise their scholarship holder status will be terminated. The Scholarship Holders are obliged to inform their host institution if they leave Hungary during the study period for more than 10 days in a row. The Scholarship entitles Scholarship Holders to carry out studies in Hungary, therefore the Scholarship Holders are not entitled to use financial support for getting enrolled in full time or partial study programmes outside Hungary (e.g. Erasmus + and CEEPUS). Applicants are also not eligible to receive the Scholarship in case they have another concurrent scholarship from the Hungarian central budget. If the Scholarship Holder was awarded more than one scholarship, s/he has to choose one of the scholarships and renounce from the other ones.

At the end of their study period or academic year as Scholarship Holders, students are obliged to submit a Student Report to Tempus Public Foundation until the given deadline.

5. Contact Details

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6. Annexes

- Annex 1: **List of Churches** (link)
- Annex 2: **List of eligible Host Institutions**, study programmes, institutional language criteria and institutional methods of examinations (link)
- Annex 3: **Statement for Application**