

## **Call for applications for Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies 2026/2027**

### **Call for scholarship application of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary for the credit-based Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies Programme in the academic year of 2026/2027**

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

The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary** (hereunder MFA) based on the 606/2023. (XII.22.) Government Decree and the 11/2022. (IX.6.) MFA Order on the Organizational and Operational Regulations of the MFA within the **Balassi Scholarship Programme with Márton Áron Scholarship** invites applications from **non-Hungarian-speaking university students and young graduates not older than 35 years in the academic year of 2026/2027 for the**

#### HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE AND HUNGARIAN STUDIES PROGRAMME.

##### 1. THE GOAL OF THE APPLICATION

The application provides an opportunity to participate in Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies training as a scholarship holder.

The objective of the Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies scholarship is to increase knowledge (acquired at university outside Hungary) of Hungarian Language and “Hungarology” of foreign students and graduates interested in Hungary, Hungarian culture and Hungarology. The two-semester course takes place in Budapest with the cooperation of the University of Pécs and with KKM Magyar Diplomáciai Akadémia Kft. (hereunder KKM MDA Kft) in accordance with the 396/2023 (VIII.24) Government Decree.

##### 2. THE OBJECT OF THE APPLICATION

The goal of Hungarian Language–Hungarian Studies training is to increase the Hungarian language competence and “Hungarology” knowledge acquired at universities outside Hungary. The programme provides a great opportunity for participants to actively explore Hungary, the living Hungarian language and Hungarian culture. The 10-month accredited university part-time training programme offers 60 ECTS credit points. The successful completion of the programme is confirmed by the issuance of a certificate by the University of Pécs.

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

The 10-month (from September to June) long training consists of two semesters including a study period of 14 weeks and an exam period of 4 weeks. During their study period, students have to attend 28/30 classes, while in the exam period they have to take 4-6 exams. During the training, there are cultural programmes as well, e.g. museum visits organized for the students. Improving the students’ language skills is a major goal of the training. Intensive language learning takes up 12–28 lessons a week in small study groups. Language training is completed with an international intermediate or advanced ECL language exam approved by the Hungarian State. Its credit value is 10/15 depending on the level (intermediate or advanced). (The level and type of the language exam and the amount of the examination fee depends on the decision of the language skills assessment committee.) The interdisciplinary courses in Hungarian Studies transfer complex and diverse knowledge of today’s Hungary and its cultural heritage.

Besides compulsory lectures and seminars (subjects: history, literature, linguistics, ethnography, history of art and music, geography and today's society, economy, culture and political system) students take part in optional seminars according to their field of interest. The credit value of "Hungarology" studies is 16/36/40 in total.

At the end of Training-B and-C (besides the completed language exam) scholarship holders also take a final exam on Hungarian Studies, which means defending a final thesis written on a chosen topic.

Class attendance is compulsory. Should a participant miss class without cause, or violate the Scholarship Agreement, he/she will immediately lose the right to continue the programme and the right to dormitory placement. Any individual who has been expelled from the programme will have to repay all stipend (monthly allowance) received up to that date as set out in the signed scholarship agreement.

### 3. THE LENGTH AND THE CONTENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

**The duration of the programme is 10 months (September 2026 – June 2027).**

**The scholarship includes:**

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

**Maximum number of scholarships to be awarded: 60**

### 4. CONDITIONS OF THE APPLICATION

The application is open to individuals of non-Hungarian citizenship who have reached the age of 18 at the start of the training, whose native language is other than Hungarian, and are graduate- or undergraduate students of Hungarian studies or are plan to graduate Hungarian studies and they want to deal with the Hungarian language and culture in the future as well. Age limit is 35 years.

### 5. DEADLINE OF APPLICATIONS

**Deadline of applications: 26 March 2026, 24.00 (UTC+1)**

### 6. INFORMATION ON THE SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION OF THE APPLICATION

**Steps of application:**

#### **1. Application website**

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

#### **2. Required documents**

Required documentation and references for the application:

- signed statement of the applicant (format: .pdf; .jpg) [mandatory document]
- signed medical declaration of the applicant (format: .pdf, jpg) [EEA citizens]

- a self-written professional plan of max. two pages in Hungarian or English describing the applicant's field of interest/research related to the Hungarian language and culture (format: .pdf) [mandatory document]
- copy of transcripts and diplomas (format: .pdf; .jpg) [mandatory document]
- copy of passport (format: .pdf; .jpg) [mandatory document]
- reference letter from an acknowledged expert in the field of Hungarian Studies or in the applicant's field of interest (format: .pdf) [recommended document]

### **Evaluation of the Application**

The applications are evaluated by taking into account the applicant's professional plan, studies and qualifications, as well as the optional reference letter. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade (responsible for operating the scholarship) makes decisions on the applications based on the proposal of the Evaluation Committee set up by MFA.

MFA will not consider applications that do not meet the conditions specified in point 4 of the call for application. MFA will provide a one-time opportunity to correct any deficiencies in the incomplete applications that meet the conditions specified in point 4 and receive within the deadline. MFA will send the request for correction in writing, electronically, and considers it to have been delivered on the calendar day following its dispatch. Applicants have three days from the date of delivery to correct the deficiencies. If the applicant does not correct the deficiencies or does not perform it properly, the application will be excluded from the application procedure by the MFA.

There is no right of appeal against the decision, nonetheless, the applicant may submit an objection to the leader responsible for the MFA Balassi Programmes, if in the applicant's opinion the application procedure, the acceptance of the application or the application decision violates the law. The applicant must submit the objection within 10 workdays of becoming aware of the contested measure or default, but no later than 30 workdays from the date of the contested measure or default.

### **Publication of the results**

Applications will be evaluated by 24 April 2026 and applicants will be notified about the results within 3 workdays afterwards via e-mail by MFA.

Successful applicants must confirm the acceptance of the scholarship via e-mail at the latest by 29 April 2026.

### **The scholarship does not cover the following expenses:**

- travel to and from Hungary
- language exam fee (approx. HUF 45,000)
- spending money
- the fee of visa – purpose of studies, if necessary

## **7. CONDITIONS OF WINNING AND OBTAINING THE SCHOLARSHIP**

- Signing Scholarship Agreement with the KKM MDA Kft.
- Any applicant providing unreal, false information on the datasheet, and/or making such a statement when applying, and/or withholding any fact or data concerning the assessment and result of the application may be excluded from the application procedure.

- By submitting their application, applicants consent to the processing of their data on the application form by the MFA, and by KKM MDA Ltd. and by the decision-making bodies and decision-makers defined above for 3 years after the announcement of the results of the application

By submitting their application, the future scholarship holders consent to the processing of their personal data uploaded to the application form by the MFA and KKM MDA Ltd. during their scholarship period. Failure to comply with this data provision obligation will result the termination of the scholarship. The data processing information regarding the scholarship program is available at: <https://balassieducation.hu/hu/adatkezelesi-tajekoztato>

- The list of scholarship winners is public. By participating in the application, the applicant agrees that his/her name and nationality will be published on the website of the scholarship programme if s/he is awarded a scholarship by the MFA.
- The applicant acknowledges that the MFA – in case of vis major situation (an unexpected, unforeseen, uncontrollable, unavoidable situation or circumstance that makes fulfilment by the contracting party impossible due to reasons beyond its control, e.g. natural disaster, epidemic, etc.) or due to changes in the legislation applicable to training or participants – may postpone the pre-planned start date of the Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies Programme (1 September 2026) and/or apply online learning methods in the training, or in a serious situation may refuse to start the training or to the admission of certain participants, may decide to suspend the training and continue it after the suspension has been lifted, and may decide to apply a training period shorter than it is determined in this call for application. The applicant acknowledges that the implementation of professional programmes may depend on the evolution of vis major situation and related rules. The applicant undertakes that in case of the occurrence of any of the above circumstances s/he does not file a claim for damages against the MFA or KKM MDA Ltd. regarding this circumstance.
- The applicant acknowledges that certain vaccinations and the results of certain screening tests are required to continue studies in Hungary. The applicant undertakes that if, upon enrolment, he/she does not have the vaccinations and test results required to continue studies in Hungary, he/she will participate in the health screening test organized by KKM MDA Ltd. after enrolment in the training, in accordance with Section 7 (3) of the Government Decree. The scholarship holder's legal relationship will be terminated if the applicant does not have the necessary vaccinations and test results or does not participate in the screening test, or if the doctor issues a "not recommended agreement for training from medical point of view" results based on the test. Scholarship holders with the right of free movement and residence or with a long-term residence permit may participate in the screening test based on their voluntary declaration.

## 8. CONTACT

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