



STIPENDIUM HUNGARICUM PROGRAM

Call for Applications for Chinese applicants
for Hungarian State Scholarships for full time higher education programs

Hungarian Scholarship Board



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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The "Stipendium Hungaricum" Scholarship Program was founded by the Hungarian Government in 2013.

Scholarships can be applied by citizens of those countries that have a valid/effective bilateral educational work plan agreement signed by the Hungarian Ministry of Human Resources.

The pre-selection of the candidates will be carried out by the Ministry of Education of the given country or by the scholarship board appointed by that ministry.

Hungary through the Balassi Institute Hungarian Scholarship Board (HSB) Office offers scholarships for foreign nationals who intend to pursue their full BA/BSc, MA/MSc or undivided MA or PhD studies in Hungarian state accredited higher education institutions.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are available from the academic year 2014/2015: *200.*

1. Undergraduate studies (full BA or BSc programs)

The available number of scholarships is 75 in the fields of engineering, information technology, economics and business and management.

Admission criteria: successful entrance exam. The duration of the programs – may be different for different programs – is determined by the actual law in force.

2. Graduate programs (full MA or MSc programs)

The available number of scholarships is 75 in the fields of engineering, information technology, economics and business and management.

Admission criteria: holding a BA/BSc degree/certificate and successful entrance exam for the chosen program. The duration of the programs – depending on the type of the programs – is determined by the actual law in force.

3. One-cycle MA programs

The available number of scholarships is 20 in the fields of medicine and arts.

The duration of the programs is determined by the actual law in force. Admission criteria: successful entrance exam.

4. Full PhD program

The available number of scholarships is 30 in any academic field.

Application criteria for PhD programs: holding a MA/MSc degree/certificate and successful entrance exam for the chosen program. The scholarship is conditional upon successful entrance exam to the respective doctoral program or doctoral school. The duration of the programs – according to the actual law in force – is 36 months.

CASES OF NON-ELIGIBILITY

- Foreign citizens with a residence/immigration permit or in the course of applying for such a permit in Hungary
- Foreign citizens with permanent residence in Hungary
- Foreign citizens employed on a permanent basis in Hungary as defined by the Hungarian Labour Law,
- Applicants in employment applying for part-time or correspondence study programs

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If the language of instruction is a foreign language, applicants need to know the given language on a level that is required by the host institution.

If the language of instruction is Hungarian, students shall participate in a one-year preparatory course provided by the Balassi Institute before starting their higher education studies. During that year the Hungarian language as well as subjects related to the chosen field of the future studies will be taught.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The scholarships are valid for studies in Hungarian state universities or state colleges, for studies in scientific fields defined in the effective bilateral educational work plans with Hungary.

The scholarships awarded for BA/BSc, MA/MSc and for one-cycle, undivided MA programs may be extended in accordance with the actual law in force. The duration of the PhD programs can not be extended in accordance with the actual law in force. The Stipendium Hungaricum scholarships are valid only for studies in Hungary. Scholarship-holders must stay in Hungary during the entire period of their studies or research. If necessary, scholarship holders may leave for one, maximum for two months at a stretch. In case of longer absence, the scholarship holder may lose his/her ministerial scholarship status.

APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

The China Scholarship Council (CSC) shall send the applications – reviewed and ranked by them – in an electronic format to the email address of the Balassi Institute Hungarian Scholarship Board Office: mob@bbi.hu. After sending the application materials by email, two hard copies of the application materials shall be sent by post to the following address: Balassi Institute, Hungarian Scholarship Board Office, 1519 Budapest Pf. 385, Hungary

**The deadline of sending the application materials electronically to mob@bbi.hu email is:
31 March 2014.**

(The hard copy of the application materials must be sent by post until 31 March 2014. – as per postmark)

The applications must contain the following documents:

1. Application form of the Hungarian Scholarship Board (*completely filled and signed by the applicant*)
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Letter of interest
4. Certificate of the applicant's level of the language necessary for the selected program. One of the following documents to prove **English language proficiency**: a) TOEFL iBT test score of 90, or PBT score 550, b) Cambridge First Certificate "B", c) IELTS score of 5.0)
5. School certificates:
 - a. Copy of the secondary school graduation certificate (*with its notarized English/Hungarian translation*)
 - b. Official transcripts, degrees, diplomas of any higher education already completed (*with its notarized English/Hungarian translation*)
 - c. Copy of the BA/BSc certificate (for applicants for MA or MSc programs except in the case of one-cycle MA programs) – *with its notarized English/Hungarian translation*
6. Copy of the passport
7. Medical certificate of satisfactory health condition

Applicants for music/arts scholarships must attach the following documents in addition to the above:

- For painters, graphic artists and sculptors: photographs of three (3) works of art / sketches (indicating the date of the creation)
- For performance artists, musicians (conductors, composers): high quality recordings of three (3) different styles of music, (conductors may submit a DVD), composers must submit three (3) original scores as well.

PhD program applicants must attach the following documents in addition to the above:

1. Detailed research plan (min. 2 pages)
2. Copy of the MA/MSc certificate (*with its notarized English/Hungarian translation*)
3. Two letters of recommendation

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Relevant for every scholarship holder:

- tuition-free course
- monthly stipend
- the higher education institutions may offer dormitory places – according to the dormitory capacity of the given institution – or and amount of HUF 30 000 will be provided to the student for accommodation costs
- medical insurance

The stipend per month – for 12 months – will be granted by the host institution. The amount of the scholarship – according to the actual law in force – is HUF 40 460 per month in the case of BA/BSc, MA/MSc and undivided, one-cycle MA programs, and it is HUF 100.000 per month for PhD students.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

The scholarship is meant to cover the living expenses of one person only so there is no available financing or visa exemption for accompanying members of the family or any other persons. The stipend will not be effectuated immediately upon arrival in Hungary. Therefore scholarship holders are advised to have a sufficient amount of money to cover their living costs for at least one month in Hungary. Apart from the financial provisions outlined above, the HSB shall not compensate for any other costs related to the scholarship holder's stay.

Travel Expenses

Travel expenses to Hungary, within Hungary and back to the country of origin shall not be covered by the Hungarian Scholarship Board Office.

NOTE

The scholarships are awarded by the Minister responsible for education in Hungary based upon the nomination of the Hungarian Scholarship Board – with the provision that the scholarship holder has to conform to the application and entrance exam criteria of the Hungarian higher education institution and has to officially enrol to the Hungarian higher education institution.

The list of successful applicants for the different types of scholarships will be sent to the Sending Partner by Balassi Institute Hungarian Scholarship Board Office. Applicants will be informed on the result by the ministry of education of the applicant's country, or by the national scholarship office/agency.

The Hungarian higher education institution will inform the applicants about the entrance exam criteria. The decisions about the successful entrance exams must be sent by the Hungarian higher education institutions to the Balassi Institute Hungarian Scholarship Board Office. The HSB Office forwards the list of the successful ministerial scholarship candidates through diplomatic channels to the Sending Partner. Scholarship holders may start their visa application procedure afterwards.