



STIPENDIUM HUNGARICUM SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Academic year 2024 – 2025

About the Programme

The Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Programme (SHS) was established by the Government of Hungary in 2021. The scholarship programme is managed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary and coordinated by the Tempus Public Foundation.

The purpose of the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Programme is to provide opportunities for international students with internationally recognised sporting achievements to study in Hungarian higher education institutions and to take part in competitive university and non – university competitive sports.

The programme targets 20 swimming athletes. World Aquatics will review the applications and select 20 athletes who will be offered to continue the application process to receive the Stipendium Hungaricum Sport Scholarship Programme.

The geographical scope of the programme is every state in the world, except for the states of the European Union and the states of the European Economic Area*

*List of non-eligible citizenships: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Eligibility 1/2

Applicants interested in joining the Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Programme must meet the following criteria and submit all necessary documents by the set deadline (2 April 2024):

- a) Applicant is a citizen of one of the eligible countries
- b) Applicant was born before 31 August 2006
- c) Applicant holds a recommendation of their National Federation. One National Federation can recommend maximum two athletes per year
- d) Applicant is a swimmer who represented his/her country in 2023 and/or 2024 at Continental Championships and/or World Aquatics Championships
- e) Applicant has a proof of English proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL or other certificate)
- f) Applicant has a record of outstanding academic results (transcript of records, Secondary School graduation certificate or University diploma)
- g) Applicant holds a recommendation of the Educational institution where they study or studied before

Eligibility 2/2

- h) Applicant and the National Federation intends for him/her to participate in the upcoming Continental Competitions, World Aquatics Championships and Olympic Games
- i) Applicant holds a World Aquatics recommendation. World Aquatics will select 20 athletes to whom the recommendation will be provided after the submission of the application to World Aquatics
- j) Applicant fulfils the entry requirements determined by the Host Institution (University)
- k) Applicant undertakes to sign a scholarship agreement and learn Hungarian as a foreign language and culture during the first two active semesters of their studies
- l) Applicant agrees to follow the rules and regulations of World Aquatics
- m) Applicant undertakes to maintain his/her competition licence at the host sports organisation issued by a Hungarian national sports federation or by the host sports organisation
- n) Applicant does not benefit from another scholarship, aimed to support studies outside Hungary for more than 30 days.

Scholarship types

Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarships are available for bachelor, master, doctoral degree programmes. Degree programmes lead to a bachelor, master or doctoral degree.

Available Scholarship Types		Duration	Qualifications at the end of the programme	Available study modes	
Degree programmes	Bachelor programmes	3-4 years	BA or BSc degree	Full time	Must have a High School Graduation diploma
	Master programmes	1-2 years	MA or MSc degree	Full time	Must have a Bachelor degree
	Doctoral Programmes	2+2 years	PhD or DLA degree	Full time	Must have a Master degree

Study programmes

The list of available study programmes will be communicated by March 10.

- Applicants are eligible to apply only for those scholarship types and study fields whose study and exam regulations are compatible with the requirements to ensure a dual career path (education and sports) in the institution.
- Applicants nominated by World Aquatics can choose to apply for two different study programmes.
- For the first priority athletes can choose from any of the proposed study programmes. Applicants are required to name a course offered by a non-Budapest based institution as their second priority.
- The information provided on the application, including the selected study programmes and their order of preference, cannot be changed after the application deadline.



Training programme

The Training programme is organised by the Hungarian Swimming Association:

- Training takes place at the Duna Arena in Budapest or in other cities based on the location of the study programme
- Scholarship holders participate at the Hungarian National Competitions
- The coach is appointed by the Hungarian Swimming Association

Training Schedule							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning session	Swimming	Swimming + Dryland training	X	Swimming + Dryland training	Swimming	Swimming	X
Afternoon session	Swimming	Swimming	X	Swimming	Swimming	X	X

Scholarship programme

Scholarship programme provides:

- Tuition-free education
- Medical insurance
- Monthly stipend from the SHS programme of approximately 100 USD
- Dormitory accommodation or accommodation contribution from the SHS
- Sports services: designated coach, training plans, access to training facilities and additional services, in particular team doctors, team physiotherapists and psychologists
- Academic mentor employed by the host institution who assists the studies of the scholarship holder

World Aquatics provides:

- 500 USD monthly scholarship
- In case the Scholarship holder does not receive dormitory accommodation, 200 USD accommodation contribution is provided
- Round trip travel from home country to Hungary once per year

Athlete profile

- The candidate must be a National Team swimmer, who has represented his/her country at the international competitions and intends to take part in the upcoming Continental Championships, World Aquatics Championships and the Olympic Games
- He/she has great academic results
- He/she has a good knowledge of English language
- He/she is motivated to combine their academic and sports career
- He/she is an individual, who is ready to move to a new country and live in Hungary during the entire scholarship period, adapt to the local training and academic requirements, is responsible for himself/herself and is excited about a new challenge in his/her life



Application process

Steps	Deadline	Action	Comments
Step 1	2 April 2024	Submitting an application to World Aquatics	All required documents
Step 2	8 April 2024	First selection point: World Aquatics nominates applicants to Tempus Public Foundation	World Aquatics will nominate 20 applicants
Step 3	11 April 2024	Tempus Public Foundation informs nominated applicants about the submission of compulsory application documents	Tempus Public Foundation contacts the nominated applicants directly
Step 4	23 April 2024	Nominated applicants submit the required application documents to Tempus Public Foundation	Nominated applicants have to submit the required documents through the Dream apply system
Step 5	April 2024	Second selection point: technical check of the applications	The documents are reviewed by the Tempus Public Foundation
Step 6	May 2024	Third selection point: institutional admission procedure	Online entrance exams and/or interviews based on the selected study programmes
Step 7	June 2024	Selection results: one email notification is sent by the Tempus Public Foundation to the applicants	The Tempus Public Foundation Board of Trustees makes a final decision if the admitted applicants receive the scholarship
Step 8	July 2024	Visa application process: to be started immediately after the scholarship is awarded	Invitation letter provided through Dream apply system
Step 9	July 2024	Signature of the Scholarship agreement with Tempus Public Foundation and World Aquatics	Scholarship holders must inform the SHS coordinator of their Host Institution about their expected date of arrival (no less than 15 days before arrival)
Step 10	Until 30 September 2024	Arrival in Hungary and enrolment at the Host Institution	Registration at the Host Institution no later than the 30 September 2024 (or the date set by the Host Institution)

Application documents

In order to be eligible for the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship programme, please provide the following mandatory documents by the 2 April 2024:

1. Duly filled in online application form: <https://forms.office.com/e/ghk2tyA5rP>
2. Passport copy
3. Photo (passport size)
4. Proof of English language proficiency and its translation into English
5. Secondary School graduation certificate/Bachelor's degree certificate/Master's degree certificate (depending on the study level of your choice) and its translation into English
6. Transcript of records regarding all the academic semesters completed during the previtranslation into English
7. Recommendation from the National Federation
8. Recommendation from the Educational institution
9. Motivation letter in English, including why does the applicant want to study in Hungary, what is his/her study programme choice and why, how does he/she plan to balance his/her studies and training, what are his/her goals in the chosen study field and in swimming (minimum one page, typed in Times Roman 12-point font)
10. Duly signed Statement for Application:
[SHS_statement_for_application_2024_25.pdf \(stipendiumhungaricum.hu\)](#)
11. Competition license

All the listed documents are [mandatory](#) application documents

Nominated applicants are strongly advised to check their e-mail inbox frequently for any notifications regarding the application and selection process

[Please submit all the documents to:](#)

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Application documents

Certain documents are accepted to be submitted even after April 2, provided that the applicant cannot obtain the document by the application deadline:

Type of document	In which case?	What must be submitted by 2 April	What must be submitted by 1 August
Secondary School graduation certificate	Only applicants registered for the last semester of their secondary school studies	Declaration signed by the applicant	Secondary School graduation certificate
Bachelor's degree certificate	Only applicants registered for the last semester of their bachelor programme	Declaration signed by the applicant <u>and</u> Secondary School certificate and its translation	Bachelor's degree certificate
Master's degree certificate	Only applicants registered for the last semester of their master's programme	Declaration signed by the applicant <u>and</u> Bachelor's degree certificate and its translation	Master's degree certificate
Certificate of English language proficiency	Only applicants awaiting their language test results at the time of application	Declaration signed by the applicant	Certificate of English language proficiency
Copy of the valid passport	Only applicants awaiting their passports to be issued	Declaration signed by the applicant <u>and</u> a copy of the National ID	Copy of passport

Applicants must submit a signed declaration stating that they will obtain and submit the missing document(s) in the online application system by 1 August 2024 at the latest.

No missing document will be accepted if the declaration is not submitted by 2 April 2024 and/or if the missing documents are not submitted by 1 August 2024; thus, such applications will be rejected.

Informational sessions

World Aquatics will organize online informational sessions for the National Federations (in English) to explain the application process and answer all the questions:

Session I in English: 13 March 8 am CET

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83837767286?pwd=5heJMDapF9MuAv95OccHRh3HOTjNYO.1>

Zoom meeting ID: 838 3776 7286 / Passcode: 145175

Session II in English: 13 March 4 pm CET

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81550426304?pwd=9gnl6ZhK2BRBTaOHRz9zITebtmYpMQ.1>

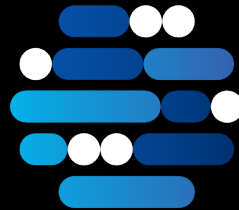
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