



Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education

Stipendium Hungaricum Postgraduate (PhD) Scholarships Hungary 2025/26

Applications are invited from eligible Sri Lankans for the award of **four (04)** postgraduate (PhD) scholarships offered by the Government of Hungary under the bilateral cooperation between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Government of Hungary on the Program of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship programme for the academic year 2025/26.

For further details visit: <https://stipendiumhungaricum.hu/apply/>

01. General eligibility requirements:

- (a) All applicants should be citizens of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Should possess a 04-year Bachelor's Degree with a Second Class Upper or above and Master's degree in the relevant field of study from a recognized university, by the UGC, Sri Lanka
- (c) Should possess high proficiency in English
- (d) Should be in good health and ready to live in Hungary during the period of study.
- (e) The government sector employees, should submit their applications through the Head of the Institute

02. Fields of study:

- a) Any fields of study (<http://stipendiumhungaricum.hu/partners>)
- b) Available study programs and host institutions are accessible in the online application system (<http://apply.stipendiumhungaricum.hu/>)
- ❖ Doctoral programs are divided in two different phases: The first phase (4 semester) is for professional training and research, while the second phase (04 semester) is for research and dissertation.

03. Medium of instructions: Study programs are generally available in the English and Hungarian Languages.

- Students shall have a level of proficiency in the language of education as required by the Host institution. The applicants are needed to apply directly for the study programs in the online applications system.

Note:

Some doctoral schools request students applying for their doctoral programs to have a supervisor at the host institution. In case it is required by the doctoral program you are applying for, a statement of acceptance issued by the supervisor must be attached to the application

04. Terms of Award:

- (a) Selected candidates shall be responsible for the international roundtrip cost.
- (b) Exemption from the payment of tuition fee
- (c) The amount of the monthly stipend is different for the two phase of doctoral programs. Monthly stipend of HUF 140,000 (cca EUR 350) for the first phase of education (4- semesters) and HUF 180,000 (cca EUR 450) for the second phase (4 semesters)- for 12 months a year, until the completion of studies.

(d) **Accommodation contribution :-**

Free dormitory place or a contribution of HUF 40,000/month an accommodation cost for the whole duration of the scholarship period (Please note that if the student does not live in the dormitory, the HUF 40,000/month is a contribution to those rental costs, and in bigger cities-especially in the capital city-this contribution would not cover the full amount of rental costs).

(e) **Medical Insurance :-**

Health care services according to the relevant Hungarian legislation (Act CXXII of 2019 entitlements to Social Security Benefits and funding these services) and supplementary medical insurance for up to HUF 65,000 (cca EUR 160) a year /person.

These provisions are **only a contribution** for 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. Please check the cost-of-living calculator by checking the following link;

<http://www.studyinhungary.hu/living-in-hungary/menu/your-costs-of-living.html>

05. Special Notes:

- (a) Award of the scholarship conditions laid down in this notification may vary as per the criteria imposed by the Hungarian authorities without prior notice.
- (b) Candidates who received scholarships would select the Higher Educational Institutes recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka.
- (c) If any student declines the offer after the selection process, he/she shall not be considered for any of the scholarships in future.
- (d) Extension of the period of the scholarship will not be recommended by this Ministry.

06. Applications:

- a) **Applicants should apply through the online application system of Tempus Public Foundation in Hungary by using the following web link.**

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

- b) **The deadline for the application is 15th January 2025, 14.00 (Central European Time)**

- c) The Application Guide for the applicants can be found on Hungarian website:

https://stipendiumhungaricum.hu/documents/stipendium_hungaricum/2025-2026/Application_Guide_2025_26.pdf

06. Interview & Selections:

- The Hungaricum scholarship awarding authority will forward the eligible list to this Ministry after having the technical checkup.
- Eligible candidates will be called for an interview by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, Sri Lanka.
- The Nomination will be forwarded to the Hungaricum scholarship awarding authority. No candidate should treat his/her nomination for this Scholarship as the confirmation of award is a matter entirely within the discretion of the Hungarian awarding authority.
- Any form of canvassing either written or verbal will be considered as a disqualification for a scholarship.

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