**General Information about the Stipendium Hungaricum Program (MoU 2020-2023)**

Dear Applicants,

We are pleased to announce the new call for application for the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Program.

Based on the agreement between the Kosovo Government and the Hungarian Government, the Hungarian Government offers 75 scholarships annually to the citizens of the Republic of Kosovo to pursue studies in Hungary in the Hungarian language or in the English language.

Up to 55 scholarships are available annually for undergraduate (BA, BSc) studies and/or graduate (MA, MSc) studies in the fields of Agriculture, Social Science (especially for majors in: Psychology, Library and Information Sciences, Communication and Media, etc.), Natural Sciences (especially for majors in: Mathematics, Astronomy, Meteorology, Cartography, Computer and Engineering, Production and Construction), Art and Humanities (especially for majors in: Archeology, Hungarian Language and Literature, Culture Heritage Studies, Archival Sciences, Social Integration, etc.), Art and Design (especially for majors in: Musical Creative Arts, Classical Musical Instrumental Performance).

Up to 10 scholarships annually are available for full doctoral (PhD/DLA) studies in any field of an applicant’s interest;

Up to 10 scholarships annually are available for One Tier Master’s (OTM) studies in the fields of Agriculture, Engineering, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, and Architecture.

Scholarships may be used for three (3) to ten (10) - month training programs as well.

The Call for Applications and the Annexes may be found at the following link to the Stipendium Hungaricum website: <https://apply.stipendiumhungaricum.hu/>

The online application system may be accessed through the following link: <https://apply.stipendiumhungaricum.hu/>

<https://masht.rks-gov.net/publikimet>

<https://masht.rks-gov.net/studentet>

Please read carefully all the documents and the links containing information about this scholarship program and review the application requirements and procedures.

Please note the following information about the **Application Process:**

* Step 1: Fill out the application form and submit it along with the required documents in the online portal of Stipendium Hungaricum Program.
* Step 2: Print out the online application (identical copy as the one submitted online) and submit a hard copy along with the accompanying required documents in person to the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation of Kosovo, at the following address:

*Str. Agim Ramadani n.n., 10000 Prishtina; Office No. 4, ground floor.*

* Applicants who are unable to bring their hard copy application along with the accompanying documents in person to the Ministry, may send them via the mail service. If sent by mail, the hard copy applications must be received before the application deadline. Late applications will not be considered.

***The hard copy applications will not be considered for applicants who have not submitted an online copy of the application as well.***

**Application Requirements** ***(Please note):***

* All applicants who have completed their studies in Kosovo are required to have the original copies of their transcripts and diplomas verified by the NARIC Center at the Ministry of Education in Kosovo. Verified copies of transcripts and diplomas bearing the official stamp of the Ministry must be submitted along with the other required documents enclosed with the application.
* Applicants who are unable to provide a required document at the time of submitting the application, must submit a written and signed statement (one for each of the missing documents) explaining the reason(s) why they were unable to obtain a particular document at the time, and stating that they will submit the document by the application deadline as specified in the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Call.
* In accordance with the requirements set in the Stipendium Hungaricum application guidelines and regulations and the requirements of the host institutions in Hungary, the following documents must be submitted to the Kosovo Ministry of Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation at the time of application:

***(Please read carefully)***

* GPA (Grade Point Average);
* Proof of Language proficiency (English language test, e.g., IELTS, TOEFL, etc.);
* Motivation Letter, CV, ID, Passport;
* High school Diploma, certificates and transcripts in Albanian and English, Matura Exam in Albanian and English (for Bachelor studies);
* University/College diploma (for university/college graduates) and transcripts, both in Albanian and English;
* Verified copies of documents issued by Kosovo institutions (transcripts, diplomas);
* Three references (Recommendation Letters);
* Research plan (for Ph.D. applicants)-minimum 2 pages, typed in Times New Roman 12 point font size letters, written in the language of the selected study program. The work plan must indicate the resources used, the document is checked by the universities for plagiarism;
* a statement by the supervisor at the proposed Host Institution declaring that the supervisor undertakes to supervise the student's work within the doctoral program (if required by the doctoral school) - (for Ph.D. applicants)- Some doctoral schools request students applying for their doctoral programs to have a supervisor at the Host Institution, who, in the case of the successful application process, will undertake the supervising of the student’s doctoral education and research activities within the frameworks of the doctoral program chosen by the applicant. 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. ***Please make sure whether the doctoral program you are applying for requires a statement of acceptance.***
* Admission Letter by a university in Hungary (in case of individual applications sent directly to university);
* Signed Statement by applicant for missing documents;
* Additional documents for art applicants (Portfolio- photographs of three works of art / sketches (indicating the date of creation);
* Applicants applying for studies in the field of Music need to upload the following document as well: Audio Portfolio- audio track of three works (indicating the date of the creation);
* STATEMENT FOR APPLICATION (online);
* Medical Certificate/Mandatory only for the applicants nominated by the Sending Partners - scanned copy of a medical certificate of satisfactory health condition - please use the following form (compulsory): tka.hu/docs/palyazatok/mandatory\_medical\_certificate\_template.pdf

- certificates have to be issued and signed by a physician to declare the medical condition of the applicant (according to the diseases listed on the form) - must be submitted until 15 April- Scholarship holders will take part in medical examinations organized by universities upon their arrival.

The scholarship 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 by clicking here: <http://www.studyinhungary.hu/living-in-hungary/menu/your-costs-of-living.html>

Related to the allocation of applicants, in order to support student diversity, the number of eligible applicants from the same country may be limited in case of certain study programs due to the limited number of places offered in the Stipendium Hungaricum program (e.g. medical programs).

We would like to strongly recommend you to visit Stipendium Hungaricum website later for new updates.

**Application Deadline**

* The online application deadline is specified in the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship call.
* Hard copy applications must be submitted ***no later than five (5) days*** after the online application deadline.

Please note the following information aboutthe **Selection Process:**

* Priority will be given to the applicants who have not benefited from the previous calls of the Stipendium Hungaricum.
* Priority will be given to applicants who have uploaded all the required documents by the application deadline.
* Priority will be given to applicants applying for specific study programs in accordance with the **Stipendium Hungaricum Program (MoU 2020-2023)** Agreement.
* This scholarship is provided by the Stipendium Hungaricum program. The application evaluations and decisions of all the respective committees are final.

Please note that the program is implemented through direct cooperation with the responsible authorities of the Sending Partner. The application does not have any additional costs, therefore, we highly recommend that you do not apply through any agencies.

Please make sure that:

➢ You read and understand all parts of the Call for Application, especially the eligibility criteria (e.g., age and citizenship requirements);

➢ You read the guide (available at: www.stipendiumhungaricum.hu website) for the online application system;

➢ You visit the website of Tempus Public Foundation (http://studyinhungary.hu/study-inhungary/menu/find-a-study-programme/study-finder.html) and the Dream Apply online application system, and of the Host Institution of your choice for details about the admission requirements of specific study programs, curricula, etc.;

➢You meet any additional requirements set forth by the sending country - General information from the Ministry of Education in your country, available at <https://masht.rks-gov.net/>.

With best wishes for a successful completion of the application process,

The MESTI Team