

General Information about the Stipendium Hungaricum Program (MoU 2024-2026)

We are delighted to announce the commencement of the application process for the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Program.

Through the collaboration between the Kosovo Government and the Hungarian Government is offering up to 75 scholarships to citizens of the Republic of Kosovo. These scholarships facilitate the pursuit of studies in Hungary, either in the Hungarian language or in English.

The educational cooperation agreements between Hungary and Kosovo as the Sending Partner determine which fields of study and scholarship types applicants are eligible to apply for. Under no circumstances may applicants apply for a programme that is not available for their country. Before selecting a study programme, please check the available study programmes.

Scholarships may be provided according to the following framework:

- Up to 60 scholarships for undergraduate (BA/BSc), and graduate (MA/MSc) studies in the fields of Agriculture, Social Science (especially for majors such as Library and Information Sciences, Communication and Media Science, etc.), Natural Sciences (especially for majors such as Mathematics, Astronomy, Meteorology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Cartography, Computer & Engineering, Production, and Construction), Arts and Humanities (especially for majors such as Archaeology, Hungarian Language and Literature, Culture Heritage Studies, Archival Sciences, Social Integration, etc.), Art and Design (especially for majors such as Musical Creative Arts, Classical Musical Instrumental Performance).
- Up to 5 scholarships for one-tier Master's (OTM) studies in any available field of study, excluding Medicine and Health Science.
- Up to 10 scholarships for full doctoral (PhD/DLA) studies in any field of interest.

The list of available study programs at different study levels is published by the Tempus Public Foundation <https://stipendiumhungaricum.hu/apply/>

Application Requirements (*Please note*):

Online application form (Mandatory)- the applicants must fill out and save all requested information on the online application form in English language - a recent photo of the applicant (taken not earlier than 2 years before the submission of the application)

Available Scholarship Types: For Kosovo: **Only full Degree programmes**

According to the requirements set by the Ministry, the Stipendium Hungaricum application guidelines and regulations, as well as the requirements of the host institutions in Hungary, the following documents must be submitted at the time of application:

(Please read carefully)

All listed documents are mandatory for all students applying. The application process is online: <https://stipendiumhungaricum.hu/apply/> .We require that all original documents be submitted along with their official translations. In cases where official documents are originally written and issued in English by your school/university institutions or in the Hungarian language of the selected study program, they are accepted.

- **Copy of Identification Document:** If the applicant has a passport, a scanned copy of the passport's data page should be uploaded. If the applicant does not have a passport, a scanned copy of their national ID card should be uploaded. The page must contain both personal data and a photograph of the applicant.
- **Proof of Language Proficiency (English language test, e.g., IELTS, TOEFL, etc.):** Students with valid international English language certificates receive certain points during evaluation and have priority in nomination if they meet additional criteria.
- **Motivation Letter (minimum 1 page, typed in Times New Roman 12-point font):** Written in the language of the selected study program. Check the selected University's criteria for any specific requirements.
- **CV:** Check the selected University's requirements for a specific CV format.
- **Applying for Bachelor or Integrated studies:** Upload original documents, including High school Diploma, certificates/transcripts of records (Matura Exam), and their official translations.
- **Applying for Master studies:** Upload original documents, including University/College diploma, transcripts of record with GPA-average grade, and their official translations.
- **Applying for PhD studies:** Upload University/College Diploma (Master), transcripts of record with GPA-average grade, and their official translations.
- **Note for diploma requirements:** Check if Host Universities or Stipendium call/guidelines require all previous diplomas to be uploaded.
- **Proof of NARIC Verified Documents:** Upload Apostil Stamp from the NARIC office in the Ministry in transcripts and diplomas. For more information, refer to the section below “Explanation of which documents are required to be verified by the MESTI/NARIC Center”.
- **References (Recommendation Letters):** Check selected Universities (of your choice) and Stipendium call for the number of recommendations required.
- **Research Plan (Ph.D., minimum 2 pages):** minimum 2 pages, typed in Times New Roman 12point font size letters, written in the language of the selected study programme. The work plan must indicate the resources used, the document is checked by the universities for plagiarism.
- **Statement of the Supervisor (PhD):** - a statement by the supervisor at the proposed Host Institution declaring that the supervisor undertakes to supervise the student's work within

the doctoral programme (if required by the doctoral school) - the Statement of the Supervisor (if required) must be uploaded until 15 March 2026 - declaration is required to be uploaded until 15 January 2026 (if the Doctoral School requires a Statement of Supervisor)

- **Check university requirements** for any published papers, ect. (Master-PhD applicants).
- **Admission Letter by a university** in Hungary (for individual applications sent directly to the university).
- **Signed Self Declaration/Statement** by the applicant for missing documents: Commit to obtaining and uploading missing documents by 1 August 2026. If multiple missing documents exist, upload separate declarations for each (for more information refer to the section below “Information on personal declaration requirements”)
- **Additional Documents for all Art and Music Applicants:** Portfolio- Detailed requirements: works of art (indicating the date of creation), as required by the Host Institution. It is very important to check the specific requirements of the particular study programme(s) about the portfolio. The type and number of the works that should be uploaded are set by the Host Institution, as well as the required file formats (photographs, audio or video files, etc). Applicants can check this information by clicking on the name of the study programme in the online application system. If you have any questions about the portfolio requirement, please contact the Host Institution.
- **“Statement for Application”** - all applicants need to accept the “Statement for Application” - the statement can only be accepted in the online system, therefore scanned and signed copies should not be uploaded - the statement appears in the online application system after registration – all applicants need to click on accepting it to be able to submit their applications.
- **Medical Certificate** mandatory only for those who will receive a scholarship. We strongly advise that nominated applicants start this process on time (after receiving the result of the nomination) - the medical certificate of satisfactory health condition must be issued and signed by a physician to declare the medical condition of the applicant (according to the diseases listed on the form). The template describes the attachments that are required to be presented. - the certificate must be recently issued. It means that the date of the issue on the document cannot be earlier than 1 November 2025. - Scholarship holders should not upload the certificate to the online system, but they must bring it to Hungary and present it along with the attachments during the compulsory medical examination in Hungary.
- **Scholarship holders** will undergo medical examinations organized by universities upon arrival.
- **Additional documents for self-financed applicants** continuing studies with the scholarship: Refer to the Stipendium Hungaricum guide call for specific instructions.

Please note that each applicant can submit only one application per application round. Those who apply with more than one account will be automatically rejected during the technical check.

Be extra cautious when selecting your preferred study programs in the online application system. Ensure that you choose the program marked with the study mode you desire, as it is impossible to change the study mode after the application deadline.

Apply only for full-degree programs.

Additionally, carefully read the documents' call for Non-eligibility.

Applications are based on nationality; only nationals of Kosovo may apply. Residence in a partner country (Kosovo) does not entitle applicants to apply.

Scholarship holders must be at least eighteen (18) years old when they commence their studies.

Please be aware that these provisions are intended as a contribution to the living expenses of the scholarship holders. It means that they do not fully cover all living costs, and students need to supplement them with their own financial resources to cover all living expenses in Hungary. We strongly advise all applicants to check the expected living expenses in both Hungary and the city they wish to live in before applying.

We would like to strongly recommend you to visit Stipendium Hungaricum website and Ministry of Education in Kosovo for later possible new updates and all information regarding this call and application.

The website for the call and application:

You can find the annexes of the Call for Applications for bachelor's, master's, one-tier master's, and doctoral programmes here:

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

https://stipendiumhungaricum.hu/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/BA_MA_OTM_Call_for_Applications_2026_27.pdf

https://stipendiumhungaricum.hu/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/PhD_Call_for_Applications_2026_27.pdf

(please check and read a specific call guideline for your study level and annexes and documents in the homepage of the Stipendium)

Application Deadline

The deadline for submitting the complete application is 15th January 2026 – 14:00 (Central European Time).

Explanation of which documents are required to be verified by the MESTI/NARIC Center

- All applicants who have completed their studies in Kosovo must obtain verification for the original copies of their transcripts and diplomas from the NARIC Center at the Ministry of Education in Kosovo. The verified copies, which must bear the official stamp of the Ministry, should be submitted along with other required documents enclosed in the application. The NARIC Office is located at the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation, Office nr. 9, Ground Floor, str. Agim Ramadani, Prishtinë.
- For students applying for Bachelor's studies, the verification requirements are as follows:
 1. For students who have already graduated from high school:
 - Transcript of records for Classes 10, 11, and 12.
 - Diploma and Matura Exam.
 2. For students still in the process of graduating from secondary school:
 - Transcripts of records for Classes 10 and 11.

Bachelor graduates applying for Master's programs, etc., must verify the following documents:

- University Diploma
- Transcript of Records

Master graduates applying for Ph.D. programs must verify their:

- Master's studies diploma
- Transcript of Records

Note: Students who are in the process of graduating and have not yet received a diploma should verify their transcripts of records.

We would like to remind you that the document verification process at the NARIC Office is applicable only for studies conducted in Kosovo.

If your previous studies were completed abroad, the verification/nostrification process may be assessed by the NARIC Office in Hungary. We strongly recommend that you upload any official proof of verification/nostrification issued by Kosovo or another country if you already have it.

Upon completing the verification process at the NARIC Office, here's how you can download your verification proof within your application:

Please scan the 'Apostille' stamp of verification located on the back of your diploma or transcripts of records and upload it along with your documents at the time of application.

Advice for your information on personal declaration requirements

Applicants who are unable to provide the required documents at the time of applying must upload a signed personal declaration. This declaration should state that they will obtain and upload the missing document(s) by 1 August 2026 at the latest (one declaration for each missing document). The declaration should explain the reason(s) for not obtaining a particular document at the time of application and should affirm that the applicant will submit the document by the application deadline specified in the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Call. It is mandatory to provide a declaration for each missing document, and failure to upload them will result in rejection.

Declaration Form Example (you should declare for each missing document):

[Your Name and Surname]

[Email Address]

[Phone Number]

[Date]

To whom it may concern,

I, [Your Full Name], am applying for the [Name of Scholarship Program]. By the time of application, I couldn't upload the transcript of records for grade 12/ diploma/Matura, as I am currently in the process of graduation. I hereby declare that I will upload the missing transcript of records by 1 August 2026 at the latest, by the requirements and deadline set by the Stipendium Hungaricum.

I further declare that I will meet the specified deadlines for uploading each missing document, including my diploma and Matura exam. I understand that failure to comply with the submission deadlines may result in the rejection of my application.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

[Your Signature]

Please note that students who have already graduated should ensure that all necessary documents are submitted. This is because they have already received their school/university diploma and transcripts of records. Failure to upload these documents may result in rejection.

Please note the following information about the Selection Process:

- Priority will be given to 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 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Applicants in the STEM+ fields of study are given priority during the allocation.
- This scholarship is provided and financed by the Stipendium Hungaricum program. The application evaluations/nominations and decisions of all the respective committees are final. The Hungarian timeline set for the whole process cannot be changed.
- The Ministry of Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation does not provide any financial support within the Stipendium Hungaricum Program Scholarship.

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.

Before you apply 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), Rights and Obligations, Operational Regulations, GDPR and Student Contract;
- Applicants must comply with the admission requirements of the Hungarian higher-education institution to which they applied.
- You read the guide (available at: www.stipendiumhungaricum.hu website) for the online application system;
 - You visit the website of Tempus Public Foundation, 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 – Hungaricum 2026-2027 /Application Requirements (General information) from the Ministry of Education in your country, available at: <https://masht.rks-gov.net/>

Note: We inform you that this document is prepared to help students avoid mistakes during the application. Any missing document may result in rejection.

- **By applying for this scholarship, you acknowledge that you have read and accepted all terms and conditions.**

Best wishes for a successful completion of the application process.

The MESTI Team