



# **STIPENDIUM HUNGARICUM SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**

Academic year 2026 – 2027



# About the Programme

**The Stipendium Hungaricum Sports Scholarship Programme (SHS)** was established by World Aquatics and the Government of Hungary in 2021. This programme is implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, the Tempus Public Foundation, the Hungarian Swimming Federation and World Aquatics.

**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 invited to continue the application process for the Stipendium Hungaricum Sport Scholarship Programme. At least 8 Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarships shall be awarded.

**The geographical scope of the programme** is every country in the world, except for the countries of the European Union and the countries 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 criteria: sporting requirements

<b>NATIONALITY</b>	Applicant is a citizen of an eligible country
<b>AGE</b>	Born before 31 August 2008
<b>APPLICATION</b>	Each World Aquatics Member may apply with a maximum of two athletes per year, one for each gender. If more than one application is submitted, it is mandatory to consider gender balance. Applicant holds a recommendation of the federation
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	Applicant must be a swimmer who represented his/her country at least at one of the following competitions: Continental Championships held in 2025, World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships – Otopeni 2025, World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025 or Olympic Games – Paris 2024
<b>FUTURE PLANS</b>	The National Federation intends for the athlete to participate in the upcoming Continental Championships. Participation in the upcoming World Aquatics Championships is mandatory, provided the athlete meets the applicable qualifying criteria
<b>WORLD AQUATICS</b>	Applicant holds a World Aquatics recommendation. World Aquatics will select 20 athletes to whom the recommendation will be provided after the submission and review of the application
<b>RULES AND REGULATIONS</b>	Applicant agrees to follow the rules and regulations of World Aquatics and the Code of Conduct of the Scholarship Holders
<b>COMPETITION LICENSE</b>	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

# Eligibility criteria: academic requirements

<b>ENGLISH LEVEL</b>	Applicant has a proof of English proficiency (IELTS, TOEFL or another recognised certificate)
<b>ACADEMIC RECORDS</b>	Applicant has a record of outstanding academic results (transcript of records, Secondary School graduation certificate or University diploma) and holds a recommendation of the Educational institution where he/she studied before
<b>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS</b>	Applicant fulfils the entry requirements determined by the Host Institution (University)
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE</b>	Applicant undertakes to sign a scholarship agreement and learn Hungarian as a foreign language and culture during the first two active semesters of the studies
<b>RESTRICTION</b>	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 and doctoral degree programmes. Degree programmes lead to a bachelor, master or doctoral degree.

Available programmes		Duration	Qualifications at the end of the programme	Study modes	Requirement
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 programme selection guidelines

- ✓ Applicants are eligible to apply only for those scholarship types and study fields in which the 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**
- ✓ Applicants are required to name a course offered by a **non-Budapest based institution** as one of their choices.
- ✓ World Aquatics reserves the right to guide applicants in selecting study programmes based on the available capacity at various training locations
- ✓ The information provided on the GMS application, including the selected study programmes, **cannot be changed** after the application deadline
- ✓ Due to the limited availability at each training location, priority in allocation will be given to **higher-ranked** athletes based on their sport results

# Study programmes (Bachelor)

Title of the Institution	Course name	Course type	Language	Course location	Course duration
Budapest University of Technology and Economics	Logistics Engineering	Bachelor	en	Budapest	7 semesters
Eötvös Lóránd University	International Relations	Bachelor	en	Budapest	6 semesters
Eötvös Loránd University	Sociology	Bachelor	en	Budapest	6 semesters
Eötvös Loránd University	Computer Science	Bachelor	en	Budapest	6 semesters
Eszterházy Károly Catholic University	Computer Science	Bachelor	en	Eger	6 semesters
Eszterházy Károly Catholic University	Business Administration and Management	Bachelor	en	Eger	6 semesters
Eszterházy Károly Catholic University	English and American Studies	Bachelor	en	Eger	7 semesters
Eszterházy Károly Catholic University	Business Informatics	Bachelor	en	Eger	7 semesters
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences	Business Administration and Management	Bachelor	en	Gödöllő	7 semesters
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences	Mechanical Engineering	Bachelor	en	Gödöllő	7 semesters
Hungarian University of Sports Science	Physical Training	Bachelor	en	Budapest	6 semesters
Hungarian University of Sports Science	Sports Management	Bachelor	en	Budapest	6 semesters
Hungarian University of Sports Science	Sports and Exercise Science	Bachelor	en	Budapest	6 semesters

# Study programmes (Master)

Title of the Institution	Course name	Course type	Language	Course location	Course duration
Budapest University of Technology and Economics	Logistics Engineering	Master	en	Budapest	4 semesters
Budapest University of Technology and Economics	Autonomous Vehicle Control Engineering	Master	en	Budapest	4 semesters
Budapest University of Technology and Economics	Infrastructural Engineering	Master	en	Budapest	3 semester
Eötvös Lóránd University	Human Resource Counselling	Master	en	Budapest	4 semesters
Eötvös Loránd University	International Relations	Master	en	Budapest	4 semesters
Eötvös Loránd University	Cartography	Master	en	Budapest	4 semesters
Eötvös Loránd University	Computer Science	Master	en	Budapest	4 semesters
Eötvös Loránd University	Computer Science for Autonomous Systems	Master	en	Budapest	4 semesters
Eötvös Loránd University	Data Science	Master	en	Budapest	4 semesters
Eötvös Loránd University	Survey Statistics and Data Analysis	Master	en	Budapest	4 semesters
Eszterházy Károly Catholic University	International Relations	Master	en	Eger	4 semesters
Eszterházy Károly Catholic University	American Studies	Master	en	Eger	4 semesters
Eszterházy Károly Catholic University	Management and Leadership	Master	en	Eger	4 semesters
Eszterházy Károly Catholic University	Geography	Master	en	Eger	4 semesters
Eszterházy Károly Catholic University	Computer Science	Master	en	Eger	4 semesters
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences	Management and Leadership	Master	en	Gödöllő	4 semesters
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences	Finance	Master	en	Gödöllő	4 semesters
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences	Mechanical Engineering	Master	en	Gödöllő	4 semesters
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences	Rural Development Engineering	Master	en	Gödöllő	4 semesters
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences	Supply Chain Management	Master	en	Gödöllő	4 semesters
Hungarian University of Sports Science	International Sports Diplomacy	Master	en	Budapest	4 semesters
Hungarian University of Sports Science	Sports Coaching	Master	en	Budapest	3 semesters

# Study programmes (PhD)

Title of the Institution	Course name	Course type	Language	Course location	Course duration
Budapest University of Technology and Economics	Pál Vásárhelyi Doctoral School of Civil Engineering and Earth Sciences [Engineering Science] (Civil Engineering)	Doctoral	en	Budapest	8 semesters
Eötvös Loránd University	Doctoral School of Informatics [Engineering Science]	Doctoral	en	Budapest	8 semesters
Eötvös Loránd University	PhD (doctoral) School of Sociology [Social Science]	Doctoral	en	Budapest	8 semesters
Hungarian University of Sports Science	Doctoral School of Sport Sciences [Health Science]	Doctoral	en	Budapest	8 semesters

# Training programme

The Training programme is organised by the Hungarian Swimming Federation



## Budapest

Hosted the 2017 and 2022 World Aquatics Championships, making it Hungary's premier international swimming and diving venue.



## Gödöllő

Has hosted national swimming championships and international youth water polo tournaments, serving as a key competitive venue in the Budapest metropolitan area.



## Eger

Eger is known for hosting several national championships and international water polo tournaments.

### Training Schedule\*

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

\* Example schedule, actual training plans may vary by location



The training takes place in cities based on the location of the study programme



The coach is appointed by the Hungarian Swimming Federation



Scholarship holders participate in Hungarian National Championships, national competitions and represent the university in selected events

# Scholarship programme

## Scholarship programme provides:

- Tuition-free education
- Medical insurance
- Monthly stipend from the SHS programme of 43,700 HUF (approximately 110USD) in the case of Bachelor's, Master's and One-tier Master's programmes; 140,000 HUF (approximately 360 USD) for Doctoral programmes (first 4 semesters) and 180,000 HUF (approximately 465 USD) for the last 4 semesters
- Free dormitory accommodation (depending on institutional capacity) or an accommodation contribution of 40,000 HUF/month (approximately 100 USD) from the SHS
- Sports services: designated coach, training plans, access to training facilities and additional services, in particular team doctors and team physiotherapists
- 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 has applied for dormitory accommodation in accordance with the prescribed procedure, but does not receive it, he/she will be eligible to receive a monthly accommodation contribution of 200 USD from World Aquatics
- Round trip travel from home country to Hungary once per year

# Scholarship programme

## National Federation responsibilities:

### Visa procedure

- Provide comprehensive support to the athlete throughout the entire visa application process.
- Cover the visa & visa-related expenses (e.g. travel costs).
- Visa-related travel costs are not covered as part of the roundtrip travel support provided by World Aquatics (flight ticket from the athlete's home country to Hungary once per year).

### Competition plans

At the start of the season, each National Federation must submit a competition proposal to World Aquatics by the 30th of September:

- Athletes can participate in up to 3 competitions proposed by their National Federation
- The competition plans must be agreed upon by all parties, including the athlete, National Federation, local coach in Hungary, Hungarian Swimming Federation and World Aquatics
- National Federations are responsible for providing additional support to ensure athletes can participate in the agreed competitions, including travel and accommodation expenses

# 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 or the Olympic Games



He/she has a good knowledge of English language (minimum upper intermediate level)



He/she has a proven track record of outstanding academic achievements



He/she is motivated to successfully balance both academic and athletic commitments, consistently attending a **minimum of six mandatory swimming practices per week** while completing the recommended 30 academic credits each semester. To maintain their scholarship, athletes must complete **at least 18 credits on average over the last two semesters (in total 36 credits)**.



He/she 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	13 March	Submitting an application to World Aquatics	National Federations submit the applications through the GMS, including all the required documents and information
Step 2	21-30 March	World Aquatics may contact applicants and provide guidance in selecting study programmes	Selection is based on the capacity available at training locations and within study programmes
Step 3	31 March	First selection point: World Aquatics nominates applicants to Tempus Public Foundation	World Aquatics will nominate 20 applicants
Step 4	2 April	Tempus Public Foundation informs nominated applicants about the submission of compulsory application documents	Tempus Public Foundation contacts the nominated applicants directly
Step 5	24 April	Nominated applicants submit the required application documents to Tempus Public Foundation	The application document must be submitted online
Step 6	27 April	Second selection point: technical check of the applications	The documents are reviewed by the Tempus Public Foundation
Step 7	April - May 2026	Third selection point: institutional admission procedure	Online entrance exams and/or interviews based on the selected study programmes
Step 8	Early June 2026	Selection results: one email notification is sent by the Tempus Public Foundation to the applicants	The available locations are determined through discussions among all parties (Tempus Public Foundation, the Hungarian Swimming Federation and World Aquatics). The Tempus Public Foundation Board of Trustees makes a final decision if the admitted applicants receive the scholarship
Step 9	July 2026	Visa application process & accommodation arrangements to be finalised by the Scholarship holders	Scholarship holders must start the visa application immediately after the scholarship is awarded. It may take approximately 30 days for the visa to be issued
Step 10	August 2026	Flight tickets are arranged & Scholarship agreement is signed with the Tempus Public Foundation and World Aquatics	World Aquatics provide a flight ticket to the Scholarship holders. 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 11	Until 30 September	Arrival in Hungary: enrolment at the Host Institution & opening a bank account	Registration at the Host Institution no later than the 30 September 2026 (or by the date set by the Host Institution)

# Application documents

Please nominate your applicants through the GMS and include the following **mandatory documents** by the **13 March 2026**:

1. Proof of English language proficiency and its translation into English (pdf document)
2. 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 (pdf document)
3. Transcript of records regarding all the academic semesters completed and its translation into English (pdf document)
4. Recommendation from the National Federation (maximum 400 words)
5. Recommendation letter from an Educational institution (pdf document)
6. Motivation letter in English, explaining why the applicant wants to study in Hungary, their choice of study programme and the reasons for it, how they plan to balance their studies and training, and their goals both in the chosen study field and in swimming (minimum one page, typed in Times New Roman 12-point font) (maximum 400 words)
7. Duly signed Statement for Application (pdf document)  
[SHS Statement for Application.pdf](#)
8. Competition license or a letter from the National Federation confirming the athlete's affiliation, participation in international competitions as part of the National team and completion of a medical check-up to ensure the required fitness to participate in the programme (pdf document)



**All the listed documents  
are mandatory**

**Only fully submitted applications  
received by the  
13 March 2026 (23.59 GMT)  
will be considered**

**Nominated applicants are  
strongly advised to check their  
email inbox frequently for  
notifications regarding the  
application and selection process**

# Application documents

Certain documents are accepted to be submitted after April 24, **provided that the applicant cannot obtain the document by the application deadline:**

Type of document	In which case?	What must be submitted by 24 April 2026	What must be submitted by 1 August 2026
<b>Secondary School graduation certificate</b>	Only applicants registered for the last semester of their secondary school studies	Declaration signed by the applicant	Secondary School graduation certificate
<b>Bachelor's degree certificate</b>	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
<b>Master's degree certificate</b>	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
<b>Certificate of English language proficiency</b>	Only applicants awaiting their language test results at the time of application	Declaration signed by the applicant	Certificate of English language proficiency
<b>Copy of the valid passport</b>	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 2026 at the latest.

No missing document will be accepted if the declaration is not submitted by **24 April 2026** and/or if the missing documents are not submitted by **1 August 2026**; thus, such applications will be rejected.

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