

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION – FIRST STEPS TO HUNGARY



Scholarship Programme  
for Christian Young People



## I. INITIAL ONLINE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

### SCHOLARSHIP

1. After receiving the notification about being awarded the Scholarship for Christian Young People, the first thing you need to do is enter the online application system and **accept the scholarship**.

Please, keep in mind that there is **no way to change the host institution, the study programme, or the study mode** that you are allocated to. Yet, you can decide whether you wish to start your studies there or not.

2. After you accepted the scholarship in the online system, you will be able to **download the Letter of Award** from the system, which will be one of the required documents when applying for your visa to Hungary. This letter is issued by Tempus Public Foundation.

Mind you, you will not be able to download the Letter of Award until you upload all those certificates that were required but you did not have earlier. The final **deadline for submitting the missing documents is 1 August 2019**.

### HOST INSTITUTION

Although you can take it for granted that **your future host institution** will also **contact** you, if it does not happen for some reason, take action and write to your coordinator for Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People: [CLICK HERE](#)

- a. They will send you your Letter of Admission, which is the other document required for visa application, together with the Letter of Award.
- b. They will let you know about the date when you are expected to arrive in Hungary, i.e. when the registration period starts and ends. It is normally during the first few days of September but your host institution will provide you with exact information.

### VISA PROCESS

When you have both the Letter of Award and the Letter of Admission, please start the **visa application process right away – within two weeks the latest!**

It is important to make the necessary arrangements well ahead of time because it may take 30 days until a visa is issued. In order to apply for a visa to Hungary, you need to contact the relevant consular office. For more information, please consult the website of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade: [CLICK HERE](#)

## II. PREPARING FOR YOUR STAY IN HUNGARY

### TRAVEL

Please be informed that you will need to buy your own plane ticket. Ask your host institution if they can offer you airport transfer or not. Even if they cannot arrange it for you, they will be able to explain to you the best way of how to arrive at the institution.

### ACCOMMODATION

Regarding **your accommodation in Hungary**, your host institution will provide you help. Basically, you will have two options:

1. if the university/college is able to offer you a dormitory place, you can choose that option and in that way, your dormitory costs will be funded
2. if the university/college is not able to offer you a dormitory place or you do not wish to live in a dormitory, you can rent an apartment. In this case, you will receive a monthly allowance of 40.000 HUF from your host institution as a contribution to the costs of renting, and they will probably be able to help you find a place, as well.

### ADMINISTRATION

As soon as you know your arrival date to Hungary, inform your coordinator for Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People at your host institution about it. After arrival, contact him/her again immediately, because you will need to make a lot of **necessary arrangements through your university/college** in order to have:

- › a bank account
- › a student ID
- › a tax number
- › health insurance
- › residence permit
- › a scholarship agreement

## III. TIPS & TRICKS

1. We strongly advise you to read the **Rules and Regulations** on our website to become familiar with the rules and regulations of the Programme as well as your rights and duties: [CLICK HERE](#)
2. As there are a lot of administrative duties at the university (see II/7.) without which it is impossible to transfer your scholarship allowances, you can expect to receive the first transfer only around November.

Therefore it is important to arrive with some **financial reserve** that will help you in the first two months. To have an idea of the living costs in Hungary, you can visit our cost calculator on this website: [CLICK HERE](#)

3. You can find a lot of useful information
  - › about life and education in Hungary on the Study in Hungary website: [www.studyinhungary.hu](http://www.studyinhungary.hu)
  - › if you read the Frequently Asked Questions section of the website: [CLICK HERE](#)
  - › if you join our vivid [Facebook](#) community to get the vibe of international students in Hungary
  - › after you finish your studies, you should join the Alumni Hungary Network where you can connect and (re)unite with your former fellow students and alma mater, get practical news and tips regarding career and further education possibilities
4. You can bring your **family members** but please keep in mind that the scholarship allowance contributes to one person's costs of living and it does not provide either visa or additional benefits or administration services for the persons and family members who accompany the scholarship holder.
5. If you cannot start the study programme, you have two options:
  - a. You can withdraw from the scholarship. If you come to this decision, please inform your host institution and Tempus Public Foundation, as well.
  - b. **Postponing the start of the scholarship studies** is not possible in principle – except for very special, unforeseeable, vis maior cases. If you find yourself in such a situation, you need to send a written request to Tempus Public Foundation until 30<sup>th</sup> September, attaching the approval of the host institution.

The scholarship holder automatically loses the scholarship if s/he does not indicate his/her intention of postponement by 30<sup>th</sup> September at the latest. Please note that postponement can be requested only once and only for one school year as a maximum.

**We wish you a successful study period in Hungary.**