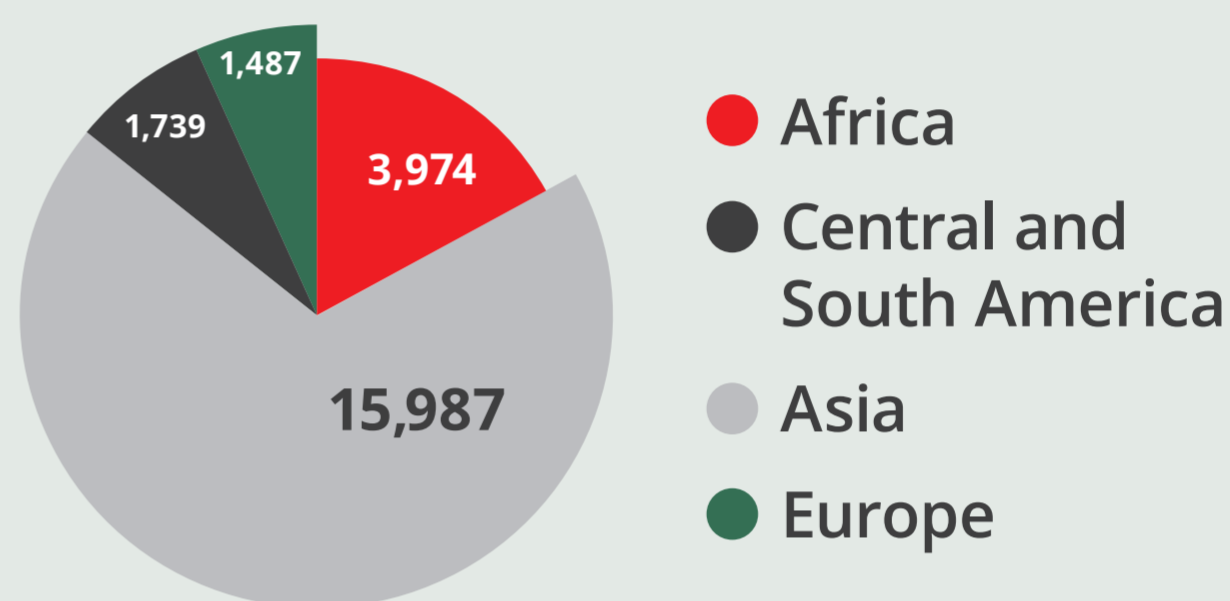


The Hungarian Government established the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship programme in 2013 to promote the internationalisation of Hungarian higher education and attract top students from all around the world who can establish valuable personal and professional links to Hungary while enjoying high-quality education in the heart of Europe.



More than **23,000** scholarship holders



During the past decade, the programme has become a brand in its own right, demonstrating Hungary's commitment to supporting international education and cultural exchange. The programme's success is a testament to the excellence and competitiveness of Hungarian higher education as well as the country's contribution to knowledge diplomacy. Through the programme, Hungary has significantly increased its Official Development Assistance efforts, making it an effective tool for facilitating development and growth in partner countries.



Around **275,000** applications over the past ten years



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More than **600** full degree programmes conducted primarily in English



More than **90** sending partners on 5 continents

The scholarship programme plays a crucial role in strengthening bilateral relations between Hungary and the SH partner countries as well as higher education institutions. Additionally, the programme allows students to showcase Hungary's rich cultural heritage and promote cultural exchange between nations. The expanding alumni network serves as a strong pillar for bilateral relations and further fosters Hungary's cultural and educational diplomacy.



**28** higher education institutions offering academic programmes for scholarship holders



**8,230** Stipendium Hungaricum alumni members



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### *Hungarian language and culture*

The Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship programme provides high-quality education at Hungarian universities covering all higher education fields at all degree levels. Besides the ever-growing number of programmes conducted in English, scholarship holders can also apply for programmes and courses taught in Hungarian, which contributes to the successful integration of scholarship holders and enables them to explore the Hungarian language and culture beyond their professional field.



More than **3,400** scholarship holders  
in Hungarian language programmes

Stipendium Hungaricum also offers a one-year Hungarian preparatory course, and since 2021, every scholarship holder studying in a full-time bachelor or master programme has learned Hungarian as a foreign language for two semesters during their university years.



Around **750** scholarship holders  
at Hungarian preparatory courses



## *Students at Risk Subprogramme*

Besides contributing to the scholarship holders' personal and professional development, and to the development of Hungarian higher education, Stipendium Hungaricum has proven to be an efficient and flexible tool for humanitarian assistance by reacting promptly to the situation that arose in Ukraine in February 2022.

In the framework of the programme, the Hungarian Government established the Students at Risk Subprogramme to provide scholarships for Ukrainian citizens and international students from Stipendium Hungaricum partner countries. Students fleeing the war in Ukraine could apply for the scholarship from as early as April 2022.



Around **350** scholarship holders  
in the academic year 2022/23

As the subprogramme is built on the framework of Stipendium Hungaricum, hundreds of education programmes became available at all levels; furthermore, the subprogramme provides tuition-free education, monthly stipend, accommodation contribution, and medical insurance for scholarship holders. The Students at Risk programme was not only a one-time offer but is still available and regularly announced for applicants in need.

### *Alumni Network Hungary*

The first graduates of the Stipendium Hungaricum programme, five altogether, finished their studies in 2015. Thanks to the dynamic growth of the programme, the number of graduates has reached and exceeded 10,000 by 2022, but their connection to Hungary does not end with their studies. The Alumni Network Hungary, the official alumni network of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme, was launched in 2018.

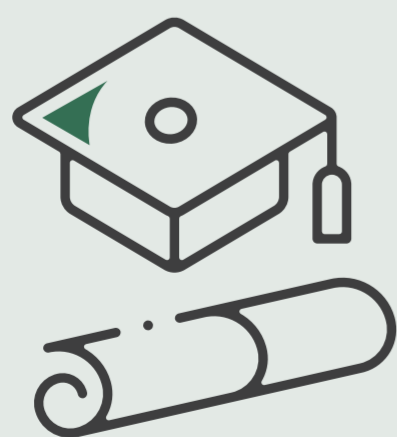


**8,230** Stipendium Hungaricum alumni members



Around **35%** more alumni members each year

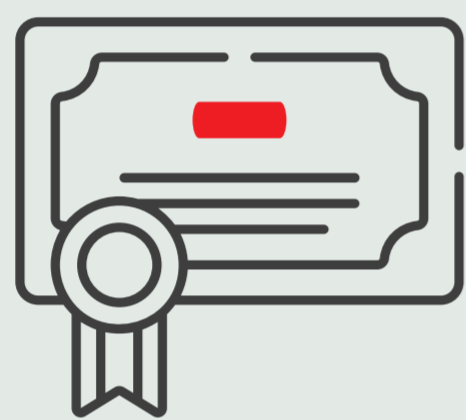
The members of the Network can stay in touch with Hungary, and each other, and their professional and personal development is supported by various alumni services. The development of the Network is also supported by a volunteer programme aimed at creating self-organising communities, the so-called local chapters of alumni members.



Around **10,000** graduates by 2022

## *Student excellence*

The steady increase in the number of scholarship holders over the past decade has created a need to provide multiple, high-quality student services within the Stipendium Hungaricum programme. Through these services, current students and graduates may build professional and personal networks, delve deeper into the Hungarian language and culture and establish their future career path.



**64** Student Excellence Awardees  
since 2021



from  
**22** higher education institutions

Within the Stipendium Hungaricum programme, the Student Excellence Award was established in 2021 to reward the achievements and successes of outstanding scholarship holders and provide them with the opportunity to excel at a national level. In 2021 thirty, while in 2022 thirty-four scholarship holders were awarded who, in addition to the recognition, are also entitled to an increased monthly stipend.



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### *Internship programme*

To provide students with valuable real-life experience even during their studies, an internship programme was also launched in 2021 to connect scholarship holders with Hungarian companies and facilitate their professional experience in the labour market. Since 2023, the Stipendium Hungaricum internship programme has been announced continuously.



More than **1,200** applications for internship opportunities



**TOP FIELDS** of open positions:

- Engineering Science,
- Computer Science and Information Technology,
- Economic Science,
- Agriculture,
- Social Science

Services are available for students not only during their studies in Hungary but also after their graduation. Even from their enrolment, scholarship holders may join the Alumni Network Hungary, where they can gain access to a wide range of services.



### *Stipendium Hungaricum Mentor Network*

Several Hungarian organisations and networks support the professional and personal advancement of Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship holders. One of them is the Stipendium Hungaricum Mentor Network by the National Union of Students in Hungary which was established in 2018 to assist the higher educational integration of freshman students by organising different training courses, cultural and tourist events. Hungarian and international mentors attending the same higher education institutions guide the everyday life of scholarship holders, who – through the mentor programme – get to know other cultures and make life-long friendships.



**446** active mentors in 2022



**2/3** of mentors are Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship holders



Almost **15,000** mentees over the past 5 years





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### *DOSZ Ambassadors*

To support international PhD students studying at Hungarian doctoral schools and promote the internationalisation of the Hungarian young research community, the Association of Hungarian PhD and DLA Candidates' Ambassador System was established in 2021 with ambassadors from 16 countries.



DOSZ ambassadors represent  
**47** countries

The primary role of ambassadors is to represent and build a community from their home country's doctoral students currently studying in Hungary, organise conferences, professional workshops, and cultural events and participate in events organised by diplomatic courts. The number of ambassadors is increasing yearly and has reached 73 by 2023/2024.



Number of ambassadors:

2021/2022

**16**

2022/2023

**37**

2023/2024

**39**



### *Stipendium Hungaricum and internationalisation in Hungary*

Scholarship holders are not the only beneficiaries of Stipendium Hungaricum as it also supports the internationalisation of Hungarian higher education. The programme has greatly contributed to the boost in the improvement of the quality and competitiveness of the Hungarian higher education sector, since participating universities are motivated to integrate intercultural dimensions and cross-border cooperation into their operation.



The number of international university students in Hungary has increased from **23,000** to **42,000** (2013–2023)

Stipendium Hungaricum helped to put Hungary on the map, and Hungarian institutions have also recruited new students and established fruitful partnerships by attending international educational fairs with the support of the programme. As a result of enhanced internationalisation, Hungarian institutions have been achieving higher ranking on global university rankings.



Hungarian institutions attended **166** student fairs and **33** institutional fairs over the past 10 years all over the globe

## *Stipendium Hungaricum and internationalisation in Hungary*

Stipendium Hungaricum directly and indirectly impacts the progress of internationalisation of higher education institutions as the presence of international students is a powerful driving force behind many developments. Internationalisation has led to the growing number of foreign language courses, the creation of an international curriculum and international campus, a wide range of student services (legal aid, mental health support, career consulting, etc.) as well as the university staff's improved intercultural and language skills. International students attending Hungarian universities have a positive impact on Hungarian students as well, since they find themselves in a diverse intercultural environment in their home country.

Scholarship holders and fee-paying students together spend more than **500 million** euros in Hungary annually\*

The growing number of Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship holders also impacts the number of all international students in Hungary. As Hungary became more well-known and attractive among the international student community, the number of fee-paying students also increased. Their presence directly affects the economic growth of Hungary's GDP.

*\* According to research conducted between 2019 and 2020.*

## *Stipendium Hungaricum and internationalisation in Hungary*

Internationalisation must be present in all activities of any higher education institution: not as a separate aspect, but as an overarching goal. By creating the Stipendium Hungaricum licence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Tempus Public Foundation aim to support Hungarian institutions to further integrate internationalisation into their strategies. The licence provides a framework to identify focus points for an efficient internationalisation strategy. It is flexible enough to let institutions define their individual goals and needs, making progress on their own terms and not in competition with other licence holders.



**28** Hungarian higher education institutions hold the SH licence in 2023

Over the last ten years, Stipendium Hungaricum have impacted Hungarian higher education in many ways. While it is important to celebrate the achievements, we should also look forward to future developments. Possible focus points for future internationalisation could be classroom integration of international and domestic students, further enhancing student-centered approach in teaching and learning, removing the obstacles of student mobility (e.g., credit recognition), sharing knowledge and best practices as well as enhancing strategic planning.