



# Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People

## Call for Applications

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## 1. The Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People

### 1.1. Mission of the Programme

Hungary provides high quality education in the heart of Europe. Today, there is a growing demand of international students to study in Hungary. Besides the quality of education and degrees recognised throughout Europe and beyond, students are attracted by the affordable living costs with an extremely favourable cost-to-value ratio, a safe and friendly living environment with convenient public transportation, the central location of the country in Europe and the unspoiled natural beauties combined with a 2000 year-old, rich Hungarian history and several UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Hungary is also within the top countries with the highest number of scientific Nobel Prize Winners per capita, and a numerous scientific inventions from Vitamin C to Rubik’s cube and so on.

The core mission of the Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People is to provide the possibility of studying in Hungary for young Christian students living in the crisis regions of the world and/or being threatened in their country because of their faith. After completing their studies, the scholarship holders will return to help their home community with their gained knowledge, and they will participate in the reconstruction of war-destroyed countries and contribute to improvement of social situation and preservation of culture of Christian communities.

The Programme is managed by the State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians and for the Hungary Helps Programme and organized by the Tempus Public Foundation.

### 1.2. Available Scholarship Types

#### 1.2.1. Study Levels

Scholarships are available for bachelor, master, one-tier master and doctoral programmes

Available Types	Scholarship	Duration	Qualifications at the end of programme	Available study modes
Degree programmes	Bachelor programmes	2-4 years	BA or BSc degree	full time
	Master programmes	1.5-2 years	MA or MSc degree	full time
	One-tier master programmes	5-6 years	MA or MSc degree	full time
	Doctoral programmes	2+2 years	doctoral degree	full time

**Note about one-tier master programmes:**

In the Hungarian education system, one-tier master programmes cover both the bachelor and the master level of studies; therefore it is an undivided master programme that results in a master degree. These one-tier programmes are offered in specific study fields such as general medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, architecture, law, veterinary surgery, forestry engineering, etc.

**Note about doctoral programmes:**

According to the current Hungarian legislation, the duration of doctoral programmes is 8 semesters. The doctoral studies consist of two different phases: the first one is a two-year long period for professional training and research, while the second two-year long section is for research and dissertation. At the end of the first 4 semesters, doctoral students are obliged to take a complex exam in order to assess the educational and research progress of the student. Doctoral students can only continue with the second two-year phase if they pass this exam. The amount of the monthly scholarship is different in these two phases of doctoral programmes. Please see section 1.3 about financial details and section 3.2.2. about the details of application for doctoral programmes.

### 1.3. Provisions Covered by the Scholarship

- **Tuition-free education**
  - exemption from the payment of tuition fee
- **Monthly stipend**
  - **bachelor, master and one-tier master level:** monthly amount of HUF 128 520 (cca. EUR 390) *contribution to the living expenses* in Hungary, for 12 months a year, until the completion of studies
  - **doctoral level:** according to the current Hungarian legislation, the monthly amount of scholarship is HUF 140 000 (cca EUR 450) for the first phase of education (4 semesters) and HUF 180 000 (cca EUR 580) for the second phase (4 semesters) - for 12 months a year, until completion of studies. Please see details in section 1.2.1.
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- **Accommodation**
  - dormitory place *or a contribution* of HUF 40 000 to accommodation costs for the whole duration of the scholarship period
- **Reimbursement of travel costs**
  - HUF 200 000 /academic year (cca. EUR 645)
- **Medical insurance**
  - health care services according to the relevant Hungarian legislation (Act No. 80 of 1997, national health insurance card) and supplementary medical insurance for up to HUF 65 000 (cca. EUR 205) a year/person

Please bear in mind that these provisions are **only a contribution** to the living expenses of the Scholarship Holders. It means that the monthly stipend **does not fully cover all the costs of living**, and therefore, scholarship holders might 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 at: <http://www.studyinhungary.hu/living-in-hungary/menu/your-costs-of-living.html>

## 2. Eligibility

### 2.1. Eligible Participating Countries

The Scholarship Programme is based on the cooperation between the State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians and for the Hungary Helps Programme and Churches that pursue humanitarian activities in crisis regions. For the 2019/20 academic year, the scholarship is announced for the citizens of the following countries: Egypt, Lebanese Republic, Republic of Iraq, State of Israel, Palestine, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Syrian Arab Republic, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Republic of Kenya, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Nigeria.

Local Churches are to verify and prove that the applicant belongs to their religious community. List of Churches is to be found in Annex 1.

Only those applicants can be awarded with scholarship, who have the recommendation from the local Church, and their recommendation is approved by the State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians and for the Hungary Helps Programme.

Scholarship holders must have the relevant language and education certificates, degrees requested by the host university of the selected degree programme. The scholarship holders commit themselves in the scholarship agreement that after the scholarship agreement ends, they will return to their home countries, if the local security and political conditions allow it so. The scholarship holder agreement is signed by the Host Institution and the scholarship holder for the duration of the scholarship period (see Annex 5.) after the arrival of the scholarship holder.

### 2.2 Non-eligibility

Applications will not be considered in the following cases:

- a.) Hungarian citizens (including those with dual citizenships), persons granted a refugee status (“menekült”), persons enjoying temporary protection (“menekültes”), persons admitted for subsidiary protection (“oltalmazott”) and persons granted temporary protection (“befogadott”),  
*Please note:* this requirement is not only for applicants but for Scholarship Holders as well; it means that e.g. if you obtain a Hungarian citizenship or a refugee status during your studies in Hungary, your scholarship holder status will be terminated automatically.
- b.) Applicants born after 31 August 2001 (= applicants under 18 years old as of 31 August 2019) except applicants applying for Dance study programmes. In their case, in compliance with the respective Hungarian regulations, they need to submit parental declaration (for more details, please read the Rules and Regulations of the Programme.
- c.) Those applicants who are registered self-financed / fee-paying students of a Hungarian higher education institution at the time of the application deadline.
- d.) Those former SCY Scholarship Holders who were awarded for full degree studies and who:
  - are now re-applying for full degree in the same cycle of education (non-degree studies, bachelor, master, one-tier master), therefore, SCY Scholarship Holders can apply for the programme to continue their studies at a different cycle of education, e.g. bachelor scholarship holders can apply for master studies;
  - or who have postponed the starting date of their studies and did not withdraw their scholarship before the current application deadline.

- e.) Former Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Holders can only apply for the programme for the next cycle of education while they still have a scholarship status at the time of application if they receive their degree until 31 August 2019 (eg. a bachelor student may apply for master studies if he/she will get the bachelor degree by 31 August, 2019).

### 2.3. Available Host Institutions and Study Programmes

The list of available study programmes and Host Institutions compiled by the Tempus Public Foundation and the State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians and for the Hungary Helps Programme is accessible in this call as Annex 2. (*see Annex 2*).

### 2.4. Order of Selected Study Programmes

In addition to the first choice of study programme, there is the opportunity to apply for an additional, second study programme. Therefore, each applicant can apply for **up to TWO different study programmes at the same study level, in order of preference**. These two study programmes can be both at the same Host Institution and at different Host Institutions; it is the applicants' decision.

The order of preference is essential. During the application process, the first selection and examination process will be conducted for the study programmes selected as the first choices of applicants. The first priorities will be considered first and then, **only the remaining free places will be filled with those applicants who are not approved for their first choice of programmes**. In this way, the chances of receive the scholarship are relatively higher for the study programmes selected as first choices because there are more free places at that time.

Please note that after submitting the application, the selected programmes and the order of preference cannot be changed by the applicant. We highly advise all applicants to carefully check the minimum entry requirements of the study programmes and take time to decide on the order of the two programme preferences! We also highly encourage the applicants to increase their chances of receiving the scholarship by apply for not only one, but two study programmes in total! Please note that for the same study level, the scholarship can only be awarded once .

### 2.5. Language of Study Programmes

Applicants are eligible to apply only if they meet the minimum language criteria set by the chosen host higher education institution (*see Annex 2*). In general: applicants are required to have a level of English proficiency required by the Host Institution.

### 2.6. Preparatory and Specialisation Courses

Besides full degree programmes, full-time non-degree programmes are also available within the programme in certain cases, for up to one year. **Please read this section if you are applying for study programmes in the field of Music or Engineering.**

Preparatory courses are non-degree programmes before starting a bachelor or master level degree programme at a Host Institution (both with the scholarship). Specialisation courses are non-degree

programmes after completing a bachelor or master level degree programme, therefore it is for those who already have a degree.

In case of English language full degree study programmes in the fields of Engineering and Music, during the institutional entrance examination process, and based on the professional evaluation of the applicant, the host institutions have the right to make the decision to admit the applicant for a preparatory course (up to 1 year) before they can actually start their full degree programmes. The preparatory course is only available before bachelor and master level programmes in the fields of Engineering and Music. Applicants therefore cannot directly apply for preparatory courses taught in English language; it is always the host institutions' decision whether a professional preparation year is necessary or not.

### 3. The Application Process

Please note that the following dates are indicative only.

#### 3.1. Application Timeline



#### 3.2. Application Documents to be submitted to Tempus Public Foundation

No hard copies are required from any of these documents by Tempus Public Foundation at the time of application.

##### 3.2.1. Basic Application Documents

All of the following application documents are compulsory and must be submitted via the [online application system](#) by **all applicants** until **31st March, 2019 (23:59 Budapest time)**.

**Please note that only files with a maximum size of 4 MB can be uploaded in the system.**

Application Documents	Detailed Requirements	Required to be uploaded by
Online application form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the applicants must fill out and save all requested information on the online application form in English language</li> <li>- a recent photo of the applicant (taken not earlier than 6 months prior to the submission of the application must also be uploaded)</li> </ul>	all applicants
Motivation Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- minimum 1 page, Times New Roman 12 pts font size</li> <li>- written in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian, describing why the applicant had chosen the specific</li> </ul>	all applicants

	studies and how his/her studies will contribute to the greater benefit of his/her local community in his/her homeland.	
<b>Approved recommendation</b>	<p>Recommendation of the local Christian Church to be approved by the State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians and for the Hungary Helps Programme. The Letter of Recommendation must be issued by the highest possible level, i.e: by the Bishop in the Church. In those Churches, where there are no Bishops, the Letter of Recommendation must be signed at the highest episcopal level.</p> <p>Formal criteria for the Letter of Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. must be signed and stamped by the Bishop of the relevant Church (or by the highest relevant episcopal authority, if the Church has no Bishop)</li> <li>2. must be written on the official letterhead of the relevant Church</li> <li>3. must have the name of the bishop printed on it</li> <li>4. must state all the personal details of the applicant (i.e: full name, country of residence, date and place of birth) and the date of issuance.</li> </ol> <p>For the <a href="#">list of Churches</a> See Annex 1.</p>	all applicants
<b>Proof of language proficiency and their translations in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- scanned copy of the original proof of language proficiency, with a minimum level determined by the Host Institution AND its translation</li> <li>- see section 2.4. for further details</li> <li>- in case the student has completed his/her previous level of studies in the language of the selected study programme, a proof can be uploaded about the fact that the language of education was the same as the language of the study programme that the applicant is now applying for</li> <li>- N.B.: translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian</li> </ul>	all applicants
<b>School certificates and their translations in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- bachelor level full time programmes: scanned copy of the original secondary school graduation certificate or equivalent AND its translation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ master level full time programmes: scanned copy of the original bachelor degree certificate or equivalent AND its translation</li> <li>➤ one-tier master level full time programmes: scanned copy of the original secondary school graduation certificate or equivalent AND its translation</li> </ul> </li> <li>- doctoral level: scanned copy of the original master degree certificate or equivalent AND their translations</li> <li>- N.B.: translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected study programme or in English</li> </ul>	all applicants
<b>Transcript of Records and its translation in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- copy of the original transcript of records regarding all academic semesters or school years completed during previous studies (in the highest level of education that the student has participated in) AND its translation</li> <li>- N.B.: translations only have to be attached if the copy of the original document is not in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian</li> </ul>	all applicants



<b>Medical certificate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- scanned copy of a medical certificate of satisfactory health condition issued not earlier than 15<sup>st</sup> November 2018</li> <li>- please note that there is no form provided by Tempus Public Foundation for this certificate, it can be any certificate that the particular hospital uses or the particular physician issues</li> <li>- certificates have to be issued and signed by a physician to prove that the applicant does not have the following illnesses: AIDS, Hepatitis A, B, C or any other epidemic conditions</li> <li>- please note that despite the applicants need to upload this document, the Host Institutions might require the student to take a medical test at the time of enrolment (free of charge for the Scholarship Holders)</li> </ul>	all applicants
<b>Copy of Identification Document</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- provided that the applicant already has a passport, the scan of the passport should be uploaded</li> <li>- in case the applicant does not have a passport, the applicant should upload the scanned copy of any document which may be used to prove the applicant's identity (e.g. national ID card)</li> <li>- the page that displays both the personal data and the photography of the applicant should be uploaded</li> </ul>	all applicants
<b>Statement for Application</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- all applicants need to upload the signed and scanned "Statement for Application" document (<i>please see Annex 3 to download the statement form</i>)</li> </ul>	all applicants

All documents that cannot be obtained in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian, have to be translated and the translations have to be submitted as well as a copy of the original document.

**Please note that in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of the European Union law, you need to give your consents regarding data protection and accept our Privacy Policy in order to be able to submit your application. Please read our Privacy Statement – see Annex 4.**

### 3.2.2. Additional Documents for Doctoral Level

Besides the documents listed in Section 3.2.1, applicants applying for studies on a doctoral level need to upload the following documents as well. All of the following documents are compulsory and need to be submitted to the online application surface by **doctoral applicants** until 31st March 2019.

<b>Application Documents</b>	<b>Detailed requirements</b>	<b>Required to be uploaded by</b>
<b>Research Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- minimum 2 pages, typed with Times New Roman 12 point font size letters, written in the language of the selected study programme</li> </ul>	applicants of doctoral programmes
<b>Letters of Recommendation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- two signed Letters of Recommendation from the applicant's former or current academic tutors or supervisors</li> <li>- the two letters cannot be issued by the same person</li> <li>- written in the language of the selected study programme or in Hungarian</li> </ul>	applicants of doctoral programmes

All applicants of doctoral programmes are required to visit <http://www.doktori.hu> before they submit their application. The website provides information in English and Hungarian language about the Hungarian doctoral schools, available research field and research topics as well as the supervisors of doctoral students. Thesis topic proposals on the website are available on <http://www.doktori.hu/index.php?menuid=115&lang=EN>.

Doctoral applicants are also required to contact their chosen host institutions and doctoral schools in advance in order to discuss the available research topics in the institution as well as the possible supervisors for those topics. The list of Scholarship for Christian Young People coordinators at the Host Institutions is available on <https://tka.hu/international-programmes/8004/host-institutions-and-coordinators>. These pieces of information need to be considered when preparing the application materials (e.g. Research Plan) and choosing a matching doctoral school and research area!

Please note that during the evaluation and allocation process, those doctoral applicants will have a priority who are already assigned a future supervisor who is a professor and researcher of a Doctoral School accredited in Hungary and upload a Letter(s) of Recommendation written and signed by this future supervisor.

### 3.2.3. Additional Documents for Arts and Music Applicants

Besides the documents listed in section 3.2.1, applicants applying for studies in the field of Music need to upload the below listed documents, which are compulsory and must be submitted via the online application system by **Arts and Music applicants** until 31st March 2019 (23:59 Budapest time).

Application Documents	Detailed requirements	Required to be uploaded by
<b>Portfolio</b>	photographs of three works of art / sketches (indicating the date of creation)	applicants of study programmes in the field of Arts
<b>Audio Portfolio</b>	audio track of three works (indicating the date of the creation)	applicants of study programmes in the field of Music

Please note that only files with a maximum size of 4 MB can be uploaded in the system. If the size of the portfolio or audit portfolio is larger than 4 MB, please upload a word a document that contains the link(s) where the portfolio file(s) can be downloaded from.

### 3.3. Missing Documents

All documents listed in point 3.2. are **compulsory** application documents. However, certain documents are accepted to be uploaded even after the application deadline, **provided that** the applicant could not possibly obtain the document by the deadline of application.

In this case, the applicants need to upload a signed statement that they will obtain and upload the missing document(s) until **1<sup>st</sup> August** the latest. No missing document will be accepted if the statement is not uploaded and/or if the missing documents are uploaded after **1<sup>st</sup> August**, thus such applications will automatically be rejected.

The following missing documents can be submitted after the application deadline, **but no later than 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019** (23:59 Budapest time):

Which documents can be uploaded as missing documents?	Who can upload these documents as missing documents?	What has to be uploaded until the deadline, 31st March, 2019?	What has to be uploaded until 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2019?

<b>School certificates and their translations</b>	<b>high school certificate</b>	only applicants registered for the last semester of their secondary school studies	statement signed by the applicant	high school certificate
	<b>bachelor degree certificate</b>	only applicants registered for the last semester of their bachelor programme	statement signed by the applicant AND high school certificate and translation	bachelor degree certificate
	<b>master degree certificate</b>	only applicants registered for the last semester of their master programme	declaration signed by the applicant AND bachelor degree with translation	master degree certificate
<b>Certificate of language proficiency</b>		only applicants awaiting their language test results at the time of application	statement signed by the applicant	certificate of language proficiency
<b>Copy of Identification Document</b>		only applicants awaiting their identification document to be issued	declaration signed by the applicant	copy of Identification Document
<b>Medical certificate</b>		only applicants awaiting their medical certificate	statement signed by the applicant	medical certificate

### 3.4. Submitting the Application

#### 3.4.1. Application to Tempus Public Foundation

All applications shall be submitted through the online application system of the Programme. Upon registration, the applicants will be able to access the application system and upload the required documents. Applications can only be submitted by clicking on the “submit” button in the application system. Please note that no applications will be accepted without the online submission and after the deadline. No hard copies are required.

**The deadline for submitting the complete application package:  
31st March 2019 (until 23:59 Central European Time).**

**The online application system can be reached here**

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

By submitting the application, the applicant declares that all information provided through the online application system of the programme – including the content of all uploaded documents – are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

#### 3.4.2. Application “Dos and Don'ts”

Please make sure that

- you read and understand all parts of the Call for Application,

- you visit the website of the programme and your chosen Host Institutions for details about the entrance requirements of study programmes, curriculum and so on,
- you provide precise contact details and make sure your e-mail address (or any other information) is not mistyped on your application form because all information – including the selection results – will be sent there,
- you do not accidentally apply for the wrong study levels (e.g. master studies while you are a bachelor student) and do not apply to different study levels in one application
- the documents with the correct file formats are uploaded and the files can be opened,
- you submit your application until the deadline to the online application system,
- you click on the “submit” button to submit your application because the “save” button will only save your surface but the application will not be submitted,
- you write down and remember your login name, password and your e-mail address used when you submitted your application because you will need these information later (e.g. for accepting the scholarship offer), and
- you write down and remember your application registration number because this is how we will be able to identify your application later and this is the number that Scholarship Holders will need to use.

We highly suggest you to

- increase your chances of getting admitted by applying for 2 different study programmes (in order of preference)
- not to use a hotmail or yahoo e-mail address when submitting your application in order to avoid any technical problems.

The information provided by the application – including the study programmes and their order of preference – cannot be changed after the application is submitted!

## 3.5. Selection Procedure

### 3.5.1. First round of selection: technical check and the approval of Letter of Recommendation

The applications only saved but not submitted will be automatically rejected. The applications successfully submitted in Tempus Public Foundation’s online application surface are first checked. This is called a technical check and it is done by Tempus Public Foundation. In this step, we check some of the eligibility criteria; for example the age, citizenship, the previous scholarships, and check if the applicant has applied for a scholarship type and/or study programme that is available within the framework of the programme. Also, we will formally check if the required documents are uploaded in the application system or not and check if the Statement for Application is accepted in the system. However, it is the Host Institution that checks whether the uploaded files and their quality can be accepted and whether these documents meet their entry requirements or not.

Applicants will be automatically rejected during the technical check if they :

- do not successfully submit their application in the online system until the 31st March 2019;
- do not successfully submit a Letter of Recommendation issued by their respective Church
- Letter of Recommendation issued by their respective Church is not accepted by the State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians and Hungary Helps Programme;
- are Hungarian citizens, hold a Hungarian dual citizenship or they are persons granted a refugee status, enjoying temporary protection, admitted for subsidiary protection or granted temporary protection;
- have a citizenship that is different from the sending country/territory they apply through;
- were born after 31 August 2001 (except those applying for Dance study programmes);

- do not accept the Statement for Application (please see **Annex 3** for sample) in the online system; or
- they are former SCY or Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Holders or self-financed students at a Hungarian higher education institution in cases described in Section 2.2. about non-eligibility.

After the technical check, the Letters of Recommendations will be approved by the State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians and for the Hungary Helps Programme. Only applications with an approved Letter of Recommendation will be sent to the Host Institutions for institutional evaluation and admission procedure.

### 3.5.2. Second round of selection: the institutional evaluation

The formal check of the applications is done by the Host Institutions before the entrance examinations.

#### **Applications are considered formally eligible if all criteria are met:**

- the applicant is eligible for participation in the Scholarship Programme;
- the applicant has applied for a scholarship type and study programme available within the framework of the Scholarship Programme;
- the applicant has submitted the application and all documents as required no later than the application deadline (except for cases listed in section 3.3.);
- the applicant has proved that his/her language proficiency and the language skills meet the requirements of the Host Institution.

Applicants with an eligible, formally correct application that meet the minimum entry requirements can proceed to the institutional entrance examinations. Each applicant can participate in up to two institutional entrance examinations – based on the submitted application form.

The exact date and method of the entrance examination varies by institutions. The types of examination are available on our website (*see Annex 2*). **Each applicant will be informed about further details (e.g. date of examination) directly by the Host Institutions.**

As applicants can apply for up to two study programmes, **the institutional examinations are conducted in two rounds.**

1. First, the applications for the first selected study programmes are considered by the universities. The examination process for the first selected programmes can be expected from 15 April to 30 May 2019, however the dates are indicative.

2. Finally, the applications for the second selected study programmes are considered. The examination process for the second selected programmes can be expected from 25 April to 30 May 2019, however the dates are indicative.

Depending on the Host Institutions' schedule of examinations, it is possible that there will be no entrance examinations for the second study programme selected by the applicant – in case the applicant is already approved for the scholarship for the first selected study programme, and in case the quota for the relevant course is filled up by the applicants from the first round.

Important note: the minimum point that is required to be achieved is 56 points out of the maximum of 100 points. No applicants are able to receive a scholarship offer with an examination result below 56 points.

### 3.5.3. Final decision on scholarship holders

Tempus Public Foundation is responsible for the allocation of the admitted applicants. The principles are in the following priority order:

1. the capacity (minimum and maximum number of available places) of the university's specific study programme (you can check it at the "Study Finder" section of our website),
2. the preference order of the selected study programmes on the application form (please carefully read Section 2.4 about this),
3. the examination results (maximum 100 points) given by the Host Institutions

Apart from these, priority is given to

- those doctoral applicants who upload a Letter of Recommendation written and signed by an already appointed future supervisor working for a Doctoral School accredited in Hungary (please see Section 3.2.2. for further details).

Based on the above mentioned criteria, a list of recommended scholarship holders will be compiled by Tempus Public Foundation and sent to the State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians and for the Hungary Helps Programme. As the next step, the State Secretariat will issue the complete list of recommended scholarship holders, and forward it for final decision to the Minister of Education in Hungary.

The final decision on scholarship holders is made by the Minister of Education in Hungary.

**Applicants can expect to be informed about the final result of application after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.**

## 3.6. Acceptance of the Scholarship

Applicants can receive one of the following statuses:

- approved scholarship holder
- conditionally approved scholarship holder (in case any missing documents need to be uploaded)

Those who do not accept their scholarship until the deadlines below are automatically considered withdrawn from the scholarship.

Applicants who are awarded the scholarship will not get a Scholarship Holder status if they:

- withdraw the scholarship in a written form (sent to both Tempus Public Foundation and the Host Institution) or in the application system;
- do not upload their missing application documents until 1 August 2019;
- do not accept their scholarship until the given deadline;
- do not hold a secondary school graduation certificate until 31 August 2019;
- withdraw their data protection (GDPR) consents.

### 3.6.1. Acceptance of Scholarship for Approved Scholarship Holders

In order to gain a Scholarship Holder status, approved applicants must accept their scholarship and the Rules and Regulations of the programme in the online application system **within maximum two weeks after the receiving the notification e-mail about the application decision, but no later than 1 August 2019!**

### 3.6.2. Acceptance of Scholarship for Conditionally Approved Scholarship Holders

If the applicant is conditionally approved because s/he has any missing documents that could be uploaded after the application deadline, all of these missing documents need to be uploaded in the online system immediately after receiving all documents (and after receiving the notification about the conditional status), and no later than 1 August 2019.

Please see details in Section 3.3. about missing documents.

The conditional scholarship holders are only able to accept their scholarship in the online system if all missing documents are uploaded first!

After uploading all missing documents, the conditionally approved Scholarship Holders must accept their scholarship and the [Rules and Regulations](#) of the programme in the online application system **in maximum two weeks after uploading the missing documents, but no later than 1 August 2019!**

## 4. Studying in Hungary

### 4.1. Visa Applications

You are requested to **start your visa application process immediately** after receiving the positive decision about the scholarship. Officially, it may take 30 days until a visa is issued. In order to apply for visa to Hungary, you need to contact the relevant consular office. For more information please, contact the website of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade ([www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/missions](http://www.kormany.hu/en/ministry-of-foreign-affairs-and-trade/missions)) and <http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/en>) and the Immigration and Asylum Office ([www.bmbah.hu](http://www.bmbah.hu)).

However, please note that the citizens of some countries do not need a visa to enter Hungary due **to the Visa Waiver Agreements**, at the time of writing, these countries include: Israel **from the list of eligible countries only**. Please make sure to visit the Consular Services website for up to date information about your country: <http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/visa-waiver-agreements>.

### 4.2. Arrival and Enrolment

Successful applicants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to Hungary. The scholarship covers HUF 200 000/academic year as travel allowance, which is provided by the Host Institution after the students has enrolled and signed the scholarship holder agreement. Scholarship Holders are expected to obtain their visa and arrive to Hungary no later than 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 (for study programmes starting in the Autumn Semester) – or the date set by the Host Institutions. No visa, administrative services or additional contribution to family members or accompanying persons is provided by the scholarship programme.

The applicant who is granted the scholarship must enrol to the Host Institution in the semester in which he was granted admission. If s/he does not enrol within one month after the beginning of the academic year/semester or the deadline provided by the Host Institution, s/he will be automatically excluded from the scholarship programme.

In principle, it is **not possible to postpone the start of the scholarship studies** to another semester or academic year – except for very special, unforeseeable, vis maior cases described in the Rules and



Regulations, with the special approval of Tempus Public Foundation. Therefore, in principle if the Scholarship Holder does not enrol until 30 September 2019 – or the date set by the Host Institutions, s/he will be automatically excluded from the scholarship programme.

Please note that the Host Institutions have the right to require the students to take a medical test at the time of enrolment, however it is free of charge for the Scholarship Holders.

Please visit the Rules and Regulations of the programme for details about the acceptance of the scholarship, enrolment and postponement procedures.

## 4.3. Rights and Obligations

### 4.3.1 Rules and Regulations, GDPR and Student Contract

All Scholarship Holders are bound by the [Rules and Regulations](#) of the Scholarship Programme. Please make sure to read it carefully.

Scholarship Holders are required to sign a **scholarship holder agreement** with the Host Institution including study-related details and the rights and obligations of the Scholarship Holders.

**The scholarship is a contribution to the living costs of the Scholarship Holder only, therefore –within the framework of the programme – visa-related assistance, additional allowance and administrative services are not provided for any accompanying people or family members. The legal entity of the scholarship contract are exclusively the Scholarship Holder and the Host Institution.**

The Scholarship Holders are expected to follow the regulations of the Host Institution and continue their studies in good faith, to the best of their abilities, in order to meet the academic requirements of the study programme and thus finish the programme successfully. By accepting the scholarship offer, the Scholarship Holders agree to participate in the alumni system of the programme that supports the maintenance of relationships with the Scholarship Holders and facilitates the flow of information – such as the alumni website, alumni events and surveys about the satisfaction of students, career monitoring and the evaluation of research activities.

Please note that the scholarship students generally complete 30 credits in a semester, therefore we suggest you to register courses with at least 30 credits in total. Please also note that if the scholarship students do not complete at least 18 credits during the last two semesters with an active student status, their scholarship status shall be terminated.

Please note that the Rules and Regulations of the Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People can be subject to change, and the Scholarship Holders are always bound by the regulations that is in effect at the given time.

Please note that in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in European Union law, all applicants need to give consents regarding data protection and accept the Privacy Policy in order to be able to submit an application. These consents appear in the system after registration as well as the Privacy Policy – see Annex 4.

### 4.3.2. Staying in Hungary

**Scholarship Holders are obliged to live and study in Hungary, therefore they are not allowed to live habitually in any other countries during the study period – otherwise their scholarship holder status will**



**be terminated.** The student must register in person at the international office of the Host Institution at the beginning of each semester. The Scholarship Holders are obliged to inform their host institution if they leave Hungary during the study period for more than 10 days in a row.

#### 4.3.3. Other Scholarships and Double Financing

The Scholarship for Christian Young People entitles Scholarship Holders to carry out studies in Hungary, therefore the Scholarship Holders are not entitled to use financial support for getting enrolled in full time or partial (exchange) study programmes outside Hungary (e.g. Erasmus +, CEEPUS, Campus Mundi) – except for short-term (not more than 10 workdays) periods for participation at conferences that are professionally relevant for the studies or research of the student – in case it does not affect the student in habitually living in Hungary and it can be financed by the Host Institution.

Applicants are also not eligible to receive the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship in case they have another concurrent scholarship from the Hungarian central budget for studies in Hungary. If the Scholarship Holder was awarded more than one scholarship, s/he has to choose one of the scholarships and renounce from the other ones. However, the Host Institutions are allowed to provide additional financial support for the students on a social, performance-related or other basis.

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At the end of their study period or academic year as Scholarship Holders, students are obliged to submit a Student Report to Tempus Public Foundation until the given deadline.

#### 4.3.4. Termination of Scholarship Status

The details and cases when the scholarship status is terminated are listed in the [Rules and Regulations](#) of the programme. It is important to highlight that– after the consultation with Tempus Public Foundation and in case the university does not have other interior regulations about this – the Host Institution has the right to terminate the scholarship status of the student **if the students does not complete at least 18 credits during the last two semesters** when s/he had an active student status.

Besides, the scholarship status is terminated when the Scholarship Holders

- their student status is terminated at the appointed study programme of the Host Institution,
- withdraw the scholarship in a written form (sent to both Tempus Public Foundation and the Host Institution),
- have obtained their degrees (or completed their non-degree studies) at the study programme supported by the scholarship,
- have used up all scholarship semesters awarded to them and have not handed in an extension request or when they are not entitled for extension,
- cannot prove that they live in Hungary habitually and the Host Institution terminates their scholarship status for this reason,
- do not arrive and enrol until the registration date specified by the Host Institution (except cases described in the Rules and Regulations,
- in other cases described in the Rules and Regulations of the programme in effect.

## 5. Contact Details

General information about applications:

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## 6. Annexes

- Annex 1: [List of Churches](#)
- Annex 2: **List of eligible Host Institutions**, study programmes, institutional language criteria and institutional methods of examinations
- Annex 3: **Statement for Application**
- Annex 4: [Privacy Statement](#)
- Annex 5: [Scholarship Holder Agreement](#)

**Please note that the Call for Applications of the Scholarship Programme for Young Christian People can be subject to change in the future, therefore we suggest all applicants to follow our website.**