

Call for scholarship application for the Balassi Summer University

Based on the 241/2016. (VIII.16.) Government Regulation the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (hereafter MFA), the Ministry invites applications for a Hungarian State scholarship for the

BALASSI SUMMER UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME.

The objective of the scholarship is to improve, broaden and strengthen the Hungarian language skills and cultural knowledge of the participants in the programme. The four-week long course takes place in the MFA in Budapest with the cooperation of the KKM Oktatási és Rekreációs Kft. (KKMOR Kft., a background institution of the MFA).

Individuals entitled to submit their applications are:

- **of Hungarian descent, citizens and residents of the Western diaspora communities, and of minimum 18 years of age, or**
- **of non-Hungarian descent, citizens and residents of other countries, and of minimum 18 years of age.**

Volunteer work, references from their Universities, and any other activities related to the Hungarian culture are taken into consideration in the selection of the applicants.

Description of the programme:

During the four-week long programme the students attend 80 Hungarian language classes, and they can participate in Hungarian studies lectures and extramural activities. Outside of class they will visit museums, have field trips and various programmes during which they can experience the Hungarian culture. At the end of the course they will take an oral and a written exam.

For scholarship-holders class attendance is compulsory. Should a participant miss classes without any cause, or violate the Disciplinary Guidelines, the individual will lose the right to continue the programme and the right to dormitory placement.

Programme duration: 4 weeks (22 July, 2019 – 16 August, 2019)

The scholarship includes:

- Tuition fee
- Course materials
- Student residence (2-3 persons per room)
- Three meals a day
- 30-day pass for public transportation
- Attending the cultural programmes in the afternoons
- Attending the excursions

The scholarship does not cover the following expenses:

- Travel to and from Hungary
- Fee of type “Other” visa, if necessary
- Health Insurance (the participant has to cover the expenses of any medical treatment that might be necessary during his/her stay; as well as the participant must arrange his/her Health Insurance.)
- Cost of personal expenses

Maximum number of scholarships to be awarded: 60

Deadline for electronic application: 3 April, 2019, 24:00 (CET)

Decisions about the applications are made by the MFA Board. All decisions are binding.

MFA–Balassi Institute will not consider applications submitted after deadline and/or incorrectly and/or incompletely and/or illegibly.

Applications will be evaluated by 30 April, 2019 and applicants will be notified about the results within 7 work-days afterwards via e-mail. Successful applicants must confirm the acceptance of the scholarship via e-mail.

Steps of application:

The call for application is published in English at

<https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu/balassi-summer-university-2019>

1. Filling in the application form

Download the English-language application form (Excel document) at
<https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu/balassi-summer-university-2019>

The application form and the questionnaire are two different sheets in the same Excel document. Fill both of them electronically (no handwriting!).

2. Obtaining required documents

Required documentation and references for the application:

- CV (.pdf format);
- An essay of about 200 words about why you would like to study in Hungary and how you will use the knowledge you gain here in your home country (.doc format);
- Copy of your passport (.pdf format);
- Not mandatory but recommended, a reference letter from a volunteer organization (scouts, school, foundation, church etc.) or a recognized individual (.pdf format).

3. Printing and signing the application form

Print the application form filled in electronically, then sign with blue ink and scan in colour.

NOTE! The questionnaire is not to be printed, signed and scanned.

4. Submitting the application material via e-mail to apply-balassi@mfa.gov.hu

To submitting the application the following documents have to be sent:

- Application form and questionnaire filled in electronically (Excel document),
- Signed and scanned application form (.pdf document),
- CV (required format: Word document)
- An essay of about 200 words about why you would like to study in Hungary and how you will use the knowledge you gain here in your home country (required format: Word document);
- Copy of passport (required format: .pdf)
- Not mandatory but recommended, a reference letter from a volunteer organization (scouts, school, foundation, church etc.) or a recognized individual (.pdf format).

WE ACCEPT ONLY ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS.

For further information please contact **Krisztina Szalánczi** at MFA's Department of Trainings and Skills Development.

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Further information at the webpage of MFA–Balassi Scholarship Programme:

<https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu/call-for-application-balassi-summer-university>

NOTE!

For information please use this e-mail: balassisummeruni@mfa.gov.hu

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All Hungarian speakers should fill in the form in Hungarian. Use the English form only in case you do not speak Hungarian.