

STUDY in

the Heart of Europe

Opportunities of the Hungarian Higher Education



Hungarian Rectors' Conference

Dear Readers,

The Hungarian Rectors' Conference (HRC), as the unique representative body of the local higher education institutions, is proud to be one of the oldest and most prestigious organizations responsible for the university sector, academic cooperation and internationalization of the higher education in Hungary. The Hungarian higher education system is widely recognized for its supreme academic qualities and high standards of education. The oldest of the currently operating 64 universities is more than 650 years old, thus providing a learning environment that keeps all the traditional values in the country, while also being highly up to date, fresh and innovative.



During the past years a great emphasis has been put on fostering internationalization in Hungary, and the HRC is taking on a major role in enhancing incoming and outgoing student mobility, promotion of the Hungarian culture, innovations, academic life and research cooperation, as well as conducting various international projects and agreements.

HRC operates with a young and enthusiastic team, with strong engagement towards development, focusing on innovative solutions and keen to achieve outstanding success together with its partners in the realization of joint higher education projects.

We look forward to create new partnerships, receive more students from all over the world and send our colleagues abroad to learn from fellow colleagues in your universities. The endless opportunities of the Hungarian higher education system enable young people of the world to meet the requirements of global competition and this, I hope will lead us to a fruitful cooperation.

I remain with my most sincere regards, see you soon in Hungary.

DR. ZOLTÁN DUBÉCZI

Secretary General

Hungarian Rectors' Conference

Hungary at a glance

Basic information

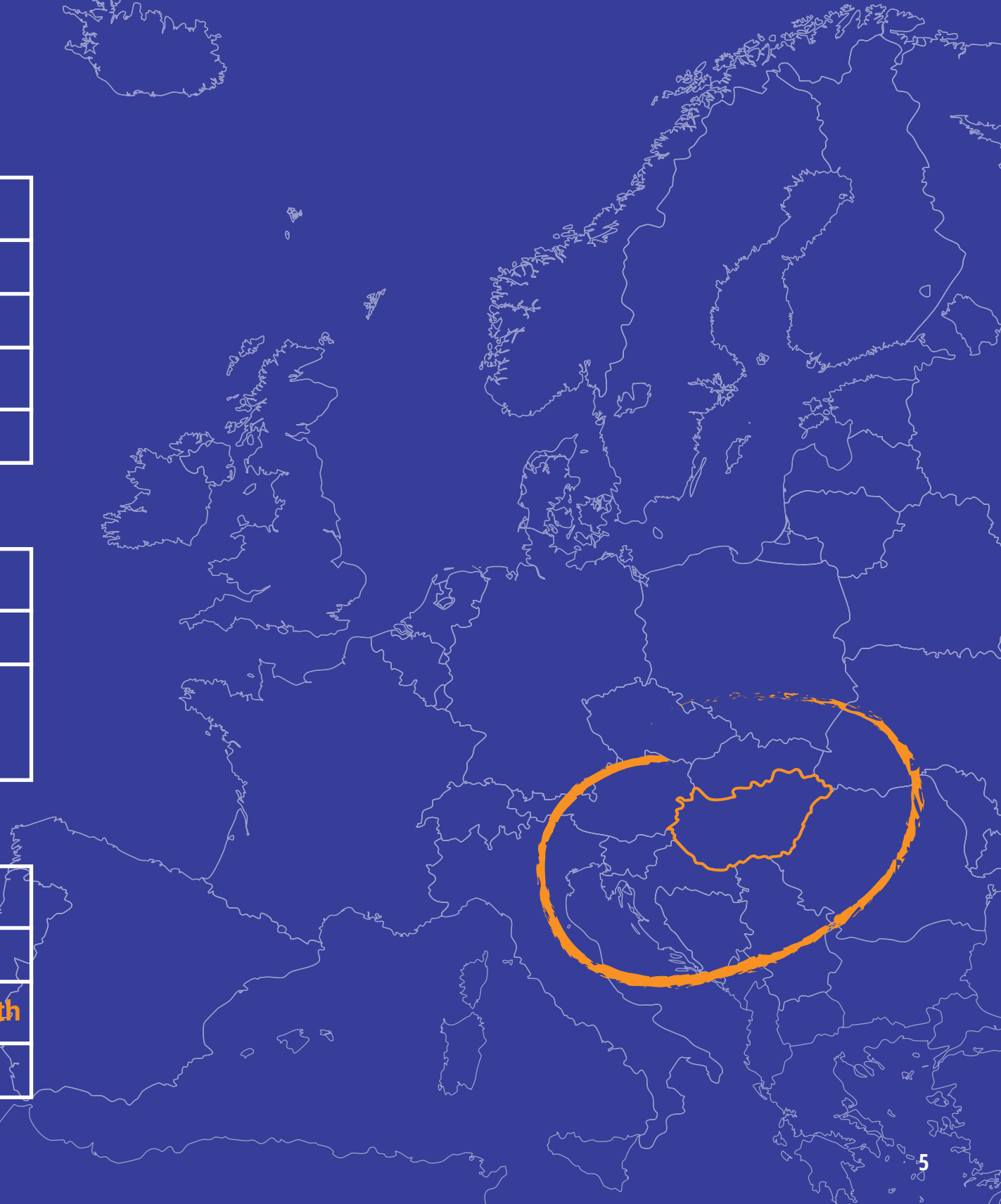
☆	CAPITAL: Budapest
🇹🇪	TERRITORY: 93 030 km²
👤	POPULATION: 9 798 000
🏠	CURRENCY: Hungarian Forint (HUF)
📊	GDP: 14 224 USD per capita

About higher education

🎓	HUNGARIAN STUDENTS: 246 000
🌐	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: 35 500
🏛️	NUMBER OF... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNIVERSITIES: 64• FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES: ~500

Everyday life

🏠	LIVING COSTS: 500-1000 USD/month
🏠	ACCOMMODATION: 200-600 USD/month
🚊	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PASS: 15 USD/month
🍽️	LUNCH MENU: ~3-5 USD



123 Rankings

1st Affordability rank at QS Best Student Cities 2019 (Budapest)

21st on 2019's Global Peace Index (Hungary)

2nd The world's best cities (Budapest)
(CNN, 2013)

2nd Top 6 European Cities To Build Up Your Startup (Budapest)
(Nestpick, 2015)

3rd Central-Eastern Europe's most-livable city (Budapest)
(Mercer, 2016)

11th The 11 Friendliest Cities In The World (Budapest)
(Business Insider, 2014)

15th The World's Best Cities for Arts and Culture (Budapest)
(Traveller Condé Nast, 2016)

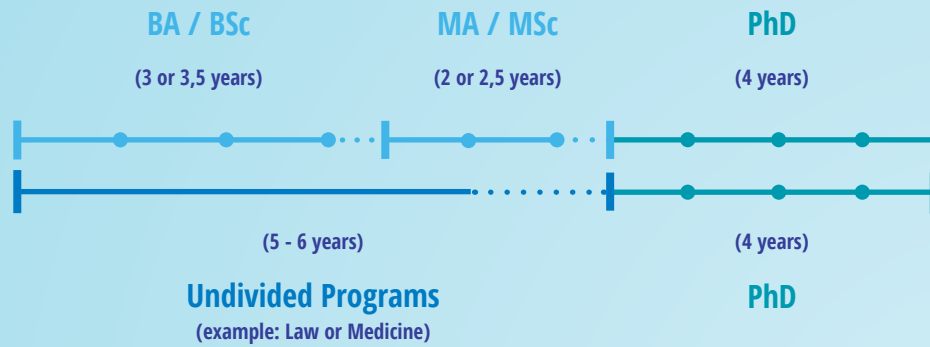
17th List of countries by Nobel laureates per capita (Hungary)

8 World Heritage Sites

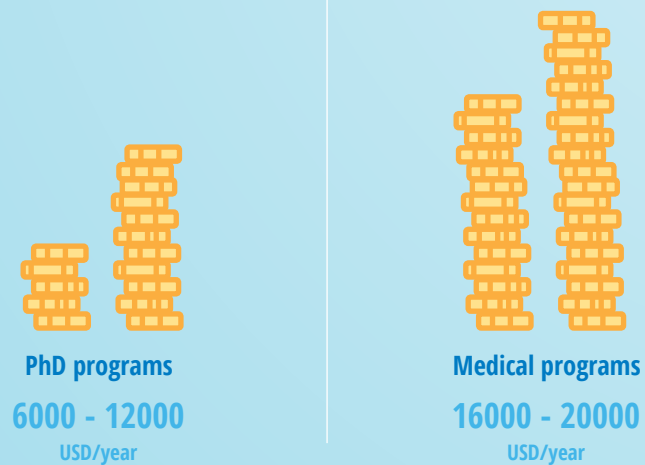


Higher Education System

Bologna System



Tuition fees at a glance



Scholarship opportunities and funding options

Part-time programs

- Erasmus+ and Erasmus+ internship (countries of the European Union + Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Turkey)
- CEEPUS (Central and South-East Europe)

Full time and part-time programs

- Stipendium Hungaricum (for eligible countries and programs check <http://studyinhungary.hu/>)
- Scholarship Programme for Christian Young People
- Bilateral State Scholarships (based on scientific and educational cooperation agreements signed by the governments of two countries – individual applications are welcome)

Working while studying

- Students coming from an EEA state (member states of the EU and Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein) face no limitation regarding working hours in Hungary.
- Citizens of a non-EEA state can be employed (with a residence permit for study purposes) and work 24 hours a week during the study period or 90 days outside the study period.



Hungarian Rectors' Conference



Main activities at national level

- the only organization representing each and every Hungarian HEI
- protecting the interest of HEIs in legislation procedures
- presenting proposals and initiatives on various fields related to HE
- policy shaping with the elaboration of HE sector positions involving relevant experts



Main activities in internationalization

- promoting Hungarian HE worldwide
- organizing roundtables, conferences and workshops
- collaborating with foreign rectors' conferences on common HE issues
- managing incoming and outgoing delegations' visits
- coordinating summer programs, scholarship programs, short-term study programs and language preparatory courses for international students
- enhancing collaboration with international partner organizations
- promoting bilateral cooperation between Hungarian and international HEIs
- participating in international education fairs worldwide
- participating in EU-funded projects
- supporting the work of the Bologna Follow-Up Group



Presence at international conferences

IAU annual and thematic conferences | EUA annual and thematic conferences | European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE) | Horizon2020 | Association of International Educators (NAFSA) | European Association for International Education (EAIE) | Asia-Pacific Association for International Education Conference (APAIE) | European Higher Education Fair (EHEF) | Brazilian Association for International Education (FAUBAI) | Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities (CGBU) | Europogrados | EuroPós (Brazil)



Connections and Collaborations

- **Partnerships in EU-funded projects (European countries):** EFFECT (European Forum for Enhanced Collaboration in Teaching), PROCSEE (Strengthening Professional Higher Education and VET in Central and South Eastern Europe), UASIMAP (Mapping regional engagement activities of European universities of applied sciences)
- **Agreements and collaborations:** INAGBE (Angola), CAPES (Brazil), CGBU (Brazil), CRUCH (Chile), Nanjing Shuangri Education Technology (China), SCENESCYT (Ecuador), APTISI (Indonesia), Iran-Hungary Scientific Leading House (Iran), University of Tokyo (Japan), Council of Rectors of Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan), Jazan University of Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia), KONUS (Serbia), FICHET (Taiwan)
- **Active cooperation** ministries, embassies (in and out of Hungary), public foundations, national agencies, universities



HRC events and programs

- **Higher educational forums and roundtables:** Indonesia (2013 / 2014 / 2015), Vietnam (2014), Taiwan (2015 / 2016), Brazilian-Hungarian Scientific Conferences (2014/2015/2016), I. Kazakh-Hungarian Rectors' Forum (2018), V4 Rectors' Conferences Forum (2018), II. Hungarian-Vietnamese Rectors' Conference (2018) XXIX. CGBU Annual Conference (2018), EURASHE Annual Conference (2019)
- **Workshops, delegation visits:** Russia (2015), Georgia (2015), Cuba (2015), Japan (2015), Serbia (2016), Malaysia (2016), Chile (2017), Brazil (2018), Iran (2019)
- **Thematic joint workshops with international organisations:** EURASHE-HRC workshop on Professional Higher Education (PHE) (twice in 2016), IAU-FMSH Paris-HRC workshop on Digital-Transform (2016), National Stakeholder Committee workshops on PHE challenges (PROCSEE, 2016, 2017, 2018), CLORA-HRK-HRC workshops on Rare disciplines (2015, 2016)
- **Coordination of the Brazilian Science without Borders scholarship program:** over 2000 incoming students from Brazil (2013 - 2016)
- **Summer universities:** Architecture program with the Jazan University (2015), Intercultural multidisciplinary program with the University of Tokyo (2016)



Memberships

International Association of Universities (IAU) | European University Association (EUA) | European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE) | Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities (CGBU)

HRC Cooperation Opportunities



PARTNERSHIPS IN EU-FUNDED PROJECTS

Potential fields for collaborations:

- any goals related to the Hungarian HE or PHE sector, as a whole
- specific themes deriving from current HE challenges, such as reducing drop-out rates, fostering the recognition of learning outcomes, fighting plagiarism, etc.

Programs:

- Erasmus+
- Horizon Europe



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF STUDENT GROUPS

Package includes (items can be added or removed on demand):

- Single channel communication to all the higher education institutions
- Access to the entire foreign language course portfolio
- Group discount in tuition fees
- Central coordination and promotion
- Assistance with the application and allocation procedure
- Developed mentor system
- Support in visa and residence permit issues
- High quality health, travel and accident insurance
- Life management counselling and psychology consultation
- Legal advice about housing and tenancy
- 7/24 available emergency number
- International dormitory vacancies
- Assistance for networking, research and internship possibilities
- Organizing events (orientation, workshops, conferences)
- Special discount for major cultural events and festivals

In order to strengthen the academic, scientific and cultural ties between Hungary and partner countries, we are eager to increase the number of joint programs, to boost participation in international projects and to contribute to research activities. Likewise, we also give prominence to mobility plans in various forms and duration as described below.



TERMINOLOGY SPECIFIC OR GENERAL LANGUAGE PREPARATORY COURSE

Duration:

4 weeks - 6 months

Fee:

1500 - 5000 USD

Package includes (items can be added or removed on demand):

- Customized language course
- Specialization courses (Maths, Sciences, etc)
- Extracurricular activities
- International dormitory vacancies
- High quality health, travel and accident insurance
- Transportation (airport shuttle, public transport pass)
- A dedicated social media platform and a 0-24 hotline



INTERCULTURAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY SUMMER OR WINTER ACADEMY

Duration:

2 - 8 weeks

Fee:

1250 - 3500 USD

Admission:

- In accordance with the sending partners
- Candidates must submit a language score report (TOEFL or IELTS)

Package includes (items can be added or removed on demand):

- Lectures, workshops and guided tours
- Accommodation during the academic program
- Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Entrance fees for cultural activities
- Transportation (airport shuttle, transfer in and out of Budapest)
- A course coordinator and Hungarian mentors
- A dedicated social media platform and a 0-24 hotline



Annual Conference of EURASHE



Hungary-Vietnam Rectors' Conference



Science without Borders Certificate Ceremony

Feedbacks from students and partners

“ Before this year, I didn't know too much about Hungary, but it's impossible to not fall in love for your country, people and culture. The last 10 months were the best months of my life and I can't still believe this experience is getting to an end. ”

CAIQUE PEIXOTO (Student | Science without Borders program | Brasil)

“ Overall, I experienced many things and I enjoyed every single day in Budapest thanks to the organizers, teachers, teacher assistant, lecturers, Japanese members, and Hungarian mentors, who spent time with me in these 2 weeks. I am grateful to everyone. Thank you. ”

SHIORI ARAI (Student | Intercultural Multidisciplinary Summer Course | Japan)

“ Being one of the biggest opportunities of my life, Hungary was by far the best choice I have ever done, since here I have all the support from every institution involved with my educational, personal and cultural development. ”

IGOR LACERDINO (Student | Science without Borders program | Brasil)

“ The Taiwan-Hungary Roundtable is an inaugural collaboration between FICHET and HRC, which successfully opened a new page for the collaboration between the universities of Hungary and Taiwan. During the organization of the Roundtable event, the colleagues of the HRC have demonstrated their profession and excellence in every aspect. ”

KIARA FU (Foundation for International Cooperation in HE of Taiwan)

“ Many thanks for the comprehensive account of activities carried out by the HRC in connection with the implementation of the Science without Borders program – as well as fostering bilateral relations. ”

BRUNO SANTOS DE OLIVEIRA (Brazilian Embassy in Hungary)

“ The staff of the HRC are friendly and proactive partners who I was very happy to work with. They coordinated the course which was rich in terms of academic contents as well as the interactive opportunities of Hungarian and Japanese students. I am very convinced that the course participants were satisfied with the course, and learned a lot about the uniqueness of one of the great European countries, Hungary. ”

YUSUKE SAKURAI (University of Tokyo)

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Orsolya HEUER // Legal Secretary

During my everyday work, I focus on dealing with the legal affairs of the public body, organizing events and conferences and making legal opinion on draft bills and other legislation. However, I have the opportunity to represent the HRC and the whole Hungarian higher education at international programs and fairs in Hungary and abroad.



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Júlia MOROVÁN // Secretary of International Affairs

I mainly focus on bilateral cooperations, partner agreements, project management and event organization; however, I perform different internationalization activities in higher education, including student recruitment, development of summer programs, and running alumni activities.



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Petra PERÉNYI // European and International Secretary

My work at the HRC has a focus on European initiatives, projects and international organisations. I manage EU-funded projects and the tasks emerging from the HRC's membership in EUA, EURASHE and IAU. Meanwhile, I am honoured to be responsible for the organisation of Rectors' Conferences Fora, international conferences and rectors' delegations visits abroad.



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Fanni PERJÉS // International Coordinator

Here at the HRC, I am more than happy to put my language skills to use, may that be English, Spanish or Korean. I find it fascinating to see how our efforts improve the higher education sector. As an international officer, I am mostly responsible for organizing conferences, communication with our foreign partners and establishing new relations.

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