



YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO

STUDYING IN HUNGARY



Everything you need to know about studying in Budapest

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INTRODUCTION TO HUNGARY

Welcome to Hungary — The Heart of Europe

Hungary is a Central European gem that has captivated visitors for over a thousand years. Nestled along the banks of the majestic Danube River, this nation of nearly 10 million people offers an extraordinary blend of rich history, stunning architecture, world-class thermal baths, and a vibrant modern culture — making it one of Europe's most exciting destinations for international students.

Quick Facts About Hungary

Capital:	Budapest (the "Paris of the East")
Population:	~9.7 million
Language:	Hungarian (Magyar) — English widely spoken in universities
Currency:	Hungarian Forint (HUF)
EU Member:	Since 2004 — Schengen Area member
Climate:	Continental — warm summers, cold winters

Budapest — A City Like No Other

Budapest is actually two cities in one — Buda and Pest — united by the iconic Chain Bridge across the Danube. As a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is home to the stunning Parliament Building, medieval Buda Castle, the fairy-tale Fisherman's Bastion, and over 120 natural thermal springs. The city combines affordable living with world-class culture, famous ruin bars, and excellent public transport.



Fisherman's Bastion



Hungarian Parliament

WHY STUDY IN HUNGARY?

Hungary has become one of Europe's most attractive destinations for international students. Here are the top reasons:

World-Class Education

Home to Europe's oldest universities. 13 Nobel Prize laureates. Degrees recognized worldwide.

Affordable Living

Monthly costs average just €400–€700. One of Europe's most budget-friendly capitals.

500+ English Programs

Over 500 programs taught entirely in English — from medicine to business. No Hungarian required.

EU Recognized Degrees

EU member since 2004. Degrees recognized across all 27 EU states and beyond.

Excellence in Medicine

Semmelweis University ranks among the world's top medical schools. Students from 70+ countries.

Rich Cultural Experience

Thermal baths, ruin bars, Sziget Festival — an unforgettable student experience.

65,000+

International Students

170+

Countries

500+

English Programs

13

Nobel Laureates

Student Life in Hungary

Campus Life

Vibrant student organizations, buddy programs, sports clubs, and cultural events to help you integrate.

Social & Nightlife

Famous ruin bars, Sziget Festival, affordable restaurants, cozy cafés, and a thriving arts scene.

Accommodation

Dormitories (€100–€200/mo), shared flats (€200–€350/mo). Universities help find housing.

EDUCATION & ADMISSION

3–4 years Bachelor's (BSc/BA)

Foundation-level programs. Entry: completed secondary education.

1–2 years Master's (MSc/MA)

Specialized programs. Entry: relevant bachelor's degree.

3–4 years Doctoral (PhD/DLA)

Research-focused with dissertation. Many funded positions.

5–6 years One-tier Programs

Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Veterinary, Law, Architecture.

Top Universities in Budapest

- Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) — Sciences, humanities, law
- Budapest University of Technology (BME) — Engineering
- Semmelweis University — Medicine & health sciences
- Corvinus University — Business & economics
- University of Debrecen — International medical hub

Admission Requirements

Secondary school diploma (Bachelor's) or Bachelor's degree (Master's)
 Official academic transcripts — translated into English
 Valid passport or national ID (copy)
 Proof of English: IELTS 5.5–6.5 or TOEFL iBT 60–80
 CV / Resume + Letter of Motivation
 Letters of Recommendation (1–2, program-dependent)
 Medical certificate (health programs) / Portfolio (arts)

Student Visa (D-Visa)

Non-EU students need a D-type student visa: admission letter, proof of accommodation, bank statement of €8,000, health insurance, and clean criminal record. Processing: 30–60 days.

Post-Study Opportunities

9-Month Work Permit

Non-EU graduates can stay to seek employment or start a business.

EU Career Mobility

Your degree is recognized across all 27 EU member states.

100+ Multinationals

Google, Microsoft, Morgan Stanley, BP, Bosch all operate in Budapest.

COST OF LIVING & WORK

One of Hungary's biggest advantages is its remarkably affordable cost of living. Compared to Western European capitals, Budapest offers an exceptional quality of life at a fraction of the cost.

Monthly Budget Breakdown

Expense Category	Budget Range	Average
Accommodation (dormitory)	€100 – €200	€150
Accommodation (shared flat)	€200 – €350	€275
Food & Groceries	€100 – €150	€125
Public Transport (student pass)	€15 – €30	€20
Mobile Phone & Internet	€10 – €20	€15
Study Materials	€20 – €40	€30
Entertainment & Social	€50 – €100	€75
Health Insurance	€30 – €50	€40

ESTIMATED MONTHLY TOTAL

€400 – €700 / month

Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship

The Hungarian Government's flagship scholarship covers full tuition, accommodation, health insurance, and a monthly stipend of €140–€460. Available to students from 80+ partner countries.

Work While Studying

EU/EEA Students:

No limitation on working hours.
Only need a registration card.
Same rights as Hungarian workers.

Non-EU Students:

Up to 30 hours/week during term.
90 days or 66 working days in holidays.
Need valid residence permit.

Popular Student Jobs

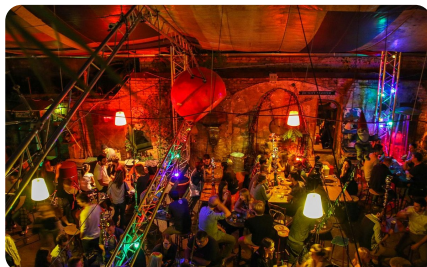
Language Tutoring	€10–€20/hr	IT & Freelancing	€12–€25/hr	Hospitality	€5–€8/hr
Customer Service	€6–€10/hr	Research Assistant	€8–€15/hr	Translation	€10–€18/hr

DISCOVER HUNGARY

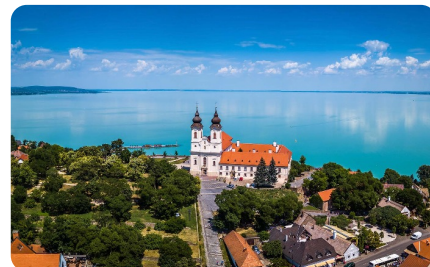
Beyond academics, Hungary offers an incredible cultural experience. From world-famous thermal baths to stunning architecture and delicious cuisine, here are the must-experience highlights:



Széchenyi Thermal Baths



Famous Ruin Bars



Lake Balaton

Must-Visit Places & Experiences

1 Thermal Baths

With 1,500+ natural hot springs, Hungary is the thermal bath capital of Europe. The Széchenyi Baths are the largest medicinal bath complex — perfect for relaxing after exams!

2 Buda Castle & Castle District

UNESCO World Heritage Site with breathtaking views, the Hungarian National Gallery, and Budapest History Museum.

3 Ruin Bars

Budapest's unique ruin bars in abandoned buildings in the Jewish Quarter. Szimpla Kert is the most famous — an atmosphere unlike anywhere else.

4 Lake Balaton

Central Europe's largest lake — the 'Hungarian Sea.' Popular for swimming, sailing, and wine tasting on weekends.

5 Hungarian Cuisine

Hearty goulash, crispy lángos, sweet chimney cake (kürtőskalács). Budapest's Central Market Hall is a food lover's paradise.

6 Sziget Festival

One of Europe's largest music festivals, held every August on a Danube island. 500,000+ visitors, 60+ venues.

Taste Hungary!

Goulash, Lángos, Chimney Cake
& more await you...

HOW SCHOLAREV HELPS YOU SUCCEED

At Scholarev, we believe every student deserves access to world-class education. Here is how we support you every step of the way:

1 University Selection

We help you find the perfect program matching your goals, budget, and career aspirations from our partner universities in Budapest.

2 Application Support

From document preparation to motivation letters, we guide you through every step to maximize your admission chances.

3 Visa & Documentation

Our team handles the paperwork, ensures your documents are in order, and guides you through the visa application process.

4 Scholarship Guidance

We identify scholarship opportunities including Stipendium Hungaricum and university-specific grants, and help prepare winning applications.

5 Pre-Departure Support

We prepare you for life in Hungary — accommodation arrangements, cultural orientation, and travel planning.

6 Ongoing Assistance

Our support continues after arrival: settling in, academic challenges, and any issues during your studies.

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From university selection to your first day in Budapest.

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