

Pannónia Scholarship Excellence Programme

The aim of the Pannónia Scholarship Excellence Programme is to support high quality mobility activities of outstanding doctoral students in specific fields of study (mainly STEM+ and related disciplines) in cooperation with leading higher education institutions of the world, thus contributing to the improvement of the educational and scientific excellence of the participating universities in Hungary.

Activities eligible under the Excellence Programme scheme at the University of Debrecen:

Mobility of doctoral students for the period of 1 to 6 months, between 15th May 2025 and 31st January 2027

To be eligible for a scholarship of excellence, doctoral students must have been accepted for mobility to a higher education institution abroad ranked in the top 250 in the Times Higher Education¹ or Quacquarelli Symonds² international higher education rankings³ and meet the following condition:

All mobility periods abroad must form part of the student's programme of study for the doctoral degree. The process of credit acquisition and recognition should be set out in the mobility agreement of the doctoral student by the sending institution and the credits acquired and the activities completed during the mobility should be matched by the sending institution's own curricular structure. Overall, therefore, the activities carried out during the student's mobility must be accepted by the sending institution and correspond to its curricular structure, on a pro rata basis with respect to the duration of the student's mobility.

Excellence grant, housing and travel allowance, host university fees

Within the framework of the Pannónia Scholarship Excellence Programme, a total of 10,000,000 HUF (25,000 EUR) funding may be requested, from which the following grants may be awarded to the students:

- a scholarship of 500,000 HUF/month 475,000 HUF/month 450,000 HUF/month depending on the host country
- travel allowance (based on actual costs incurred);
- housing allowance (based on actual costs incurred).
- host university fees (based on actual costs incurred);

¹ <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2024/world-ranking>

² <https://www.topuniversities.com/world-university-rankings>

³ In addition, Tempus Public Foundation may, upon specific request, authorise the acceptance of foreign higher education institutions ranked in the top 250 of the subject rankings as institutions of excellence, on the basis of the guidelines of the Ministry of Culture and Innovation. The request must be submitted in writing to TPF, indicating the potential host university, the ranking in question and a brief justification.

There is no upper limit on the amount of the host university fees, travel and accommodation allowances that can be granted to students, but a maximum of 10,000,000 HUF of the above may be awarded to a student on an Excellence Scholarship, with the proviso that the scholarship must be provided to the student for the duration of the physical mobility. Only the cost of one return journey between the sending institution's headquarters or the outgoing student's place of residence and the host institution's city is eligible for the travel grant.

Documents necessary for the application:

- Online application form: Application will open on 20 January 2025.
- Certificate of credits of the semesters completed. The certificate must include the subjects completed and the scholarship index.
- Proof of language proficiency of at least B2 level (language examination certificate for the language of study/work);
- A professional curriculum vitae, including the student's academic achievements to and the list of publications;
- A study/research plan signed by the supervisor and the head of the doctoral school at the home institution
- A letter of invitation/letter of acceptance signed by the host institution and a declaration that the student's study/research plan has been acknowledged and supported;
- A letter of motivation stating how the planned mobility will contribute to the student's professional goals and to the development of the University of Debrecen's academic cooperation;
- Budget plan of the expected costs of the mobility (travel fees, accommodation cost, fees indicated by the host institution)
- Proof of student engagement in public activities (optional);