

## **Call for scholarship application for the Balassi Summer University**

Based on the 241/2016. (VIII.16.) Government Regulation and the 29/2017. (VII. 26.) Order of the Organizational and Operational Rules of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (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–Balassi Institute in Budapest.

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 Institute's Study and Exam rules or Disciplinary Guidelines, the individual will lose the right to continue the programme and the right to reside in the Institute's residence.

**Programme duration:** 4 weeks (23 July, 2018 – 17 August, 2018)

#### **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

**Maximum number of scholarships to be awarded: 60**

**Deadline for electronic application: 7 March, 2018, 24:00 (CET)**

Applications will be evaluated by 14 March, 2018 and applicants will be notified about the results within 5 work-days afterwards via e-mail. Decisions about the applications are made by the MFA–Balassi Institute Board. All decisions are binding.

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

**All applications are to be submitted electronically.**

Steps of application:

1. Open the Internet Explorer browser.
2. Register (Regisztráció) either at the Hungarian or the English webpage:  
<https://sao.bbi.hu/palyazatok/kitoltes/balassi-nyari-egyetem-2018>,  
<https://sao.bbi.hu/palyazatok/kitoltes/balassi-summer-university-2018>
3. Log in (Bejelentkezés) either at the Hungarian or the English webpage:  
<https://sao.bbi.hu/palyazatok/kitoltes/balassi-nyari-egyetem-2018>,  
<https://sao.bbi.hu/palyazatok/kitoltes/balassi-summer-university-2018>  
(Use the e-mail address and password which you entered in the registration.)
4. Fill in the application and upload the required documents (with the help of “Feltöltés” button).
5. Submit your application (with the help of "Pályázat beküldése" button).

***WE ACCEPT ONLY ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS.***

**Documents to be uploaded:**

- 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).

Should you need technical support regarding the application site, please e-mail to [sao@mfa.gov.hu](mailto:sao@mfa.gov.hu).

**The applicant must cover the following expenses:**

- Travel to and from Hungary
- Visa
- 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.)

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**Further information at the webpage of MFA–Balassi Intézet: [www.balassi-intezet.hu](http://www.balassi-intezet.hu)**

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*We accept applications in English language as well.*

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