## 2018-2019 call for applications for a National Higher Education Scholarship

# Scope of applicants

As per the amendment of Act CCIV of 2011 On National Higher Education (henceforth referred to as ANHE) in force from July 10, 2016, and in accordance with Item c) of Section (1) of Article 114/D. and Section (3) of Article 114/D., the **scholarship is** to be **named** the '**National Higher Education Scholarship**' beginning from February 2017.

The regulations pertaining to awarding the National Higher Education Scholarship — as per the ANHE and Decree 51/2007. (III. 26.) Korm. on the benefits of, and certain fees payable by students partaking in higher education — remain unaltered in the 2018-2019 academic year.

A National Higher Education Scholarship is valid over a period 10 months, i.e., an entire academic year, and amounts to HUF 40.000 per month [ANHE, Item c) of Section (1) of Article 114/D.].

Students taking part in a state-funded or fee-paying full-time undergraduate, master's or undivided training program who have been, or were during earlier studies, enrolled for at least two semesters and earned a minimum of 55 credits, may **apply** for a National Higher Education Scholarship.

In line with the provisions of the Act, undergraduate students who are enrolled in a master's program may also apply for a National Higher Education Scholarship, provided that they meet other conditions necessary for seeking a National Higher Education Scholarship.

In accordance with the ANHE, the option to apply for a National Higher Education Scholarship is available on a continuous basis to all students who wish to carry on higher education studies as *degree changing students* in the semester following the application, i.e., the period of payment.

Pursuant to Section (2) of Article 59 of the ANHE and in line with Item d) of Section (1) of Article 59 of the ANHE, the student status of students participating in undergraduate programs shall not be terminated if they are admitted to a master's program for the semester following the semester they completed their undergraduate studies.

## Conditions for application

A National Higher Education Scholarship may be awarded to students with outstanding achievement in studies or outstanding professional work performed in the relevant training period of academic year 2017-2018, maintaining a high level of study or professional achievement. An estimated number of **94 student applications** is expected to be accepted by the University of Szeged.

As a prerequisite for outstanding achievement in studies, the student applying shall attain 90% of the 100% study achievement recorded for the Faculty concerned.

In addition, performance concerning social life, sports, and other activities may be included in the assessment of overall student performance to an extent not exceeding 10%.

Overall student performance is established on the basis of study achievement, professional output and, at the discretion of the Faculty, performance of the student in areas related to social life, sports, and other activities. Evaluation of the applications received will proceed in line with the provisions of the Regulation of the University of Szeged on Awarding a National Higher Education Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as the Regulation):

- enrolling for and failing to complete a mandatory course during the application period (academic year 2017-2018) is considered a disqualifying criterion;

- a student regarding whom an effective disciplinary decision has been passed may not apply for a National Higher Education Scholarship during the effect of that decision.

## Disbursement of the scholarship

A scholarship awarded for the academic year 2018-2019 may be disbursed only during the academic year 2018-2019. In case a student completes studies, in line with the training period, in an odd academic semester (i.e., at the end of the first, autumn semester of the academic year 2018-2019), he or she will be entitled to receive scholarship only if he or she continues studies in the following semester (that is, in the second, spring semester of academic year 2018-2019).

In the event of the termination or suspension of student status as foreseen in Article 45 and Section (1) and (3-4) of Article 59 of the ANHE, the student may not receive the National Higher Education Scholarship any longer.

### Application procedure

The deadline for submitting student applications for a National Higher Education Scholarship is July 2, 2018 (Monday), 23:59 p.m.

Applications must be submitted by filling in the application form. The application form is valid only together with a detailed and validated evaluation of the institution.

Applications for a National Higher Education Scholarship may be submitted only electronically, via the Modulo website (<u>https://modulo.etr.u-szeged.hu</u>), by filling int he application form and attaching the enclosures. (The location of submission is the virtual office named University of Szeged.)

Application forms filled in defectively will be rejected.

#### Parallel applications – premium educational scholarship

Students may apply for a National Higher Education Scholarship and a **premium educational** scholarship simultaneously (using the National Higher Education Scholarship application form).

Regulations regarding the premium educational scholarship are specified in Article 2 of Chapter II of the Regulation of the University of Szeged on the conditions and determination of ad hoc student benefits. Paragraph (2) thereof stipulates: "A premium educational scholarship may be awarded to as many students as the number of students receiving a National Higher Education Scholarship. A precondition for applying for a premium educational scholarship is that the applicant submit an application for a National Higher Education Scholarship in the semester concerned; the other conditions are the same as those for a National Higher Education Scholarship."

A condition for awarding a premium educational scholarship is the availability of a rejected National Higher Education Scholarship. Otherwise, the same conditions apply.

## Publication

The entire text of the application is available on the website of the University of Szeged (<u>www.u-szeged.hu</u>) as well as on Neptun (<u>www.neptun.u-szeged.hu</u>). The order and conditions of the institutional evaluation of the application are detailed in the Regulation of the University of Szeged on Awarding a National Higher Education Scholarship, available under the Szabályzatok (Regulations) menu of the website of the University of Szeged.

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