

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE AND SPORT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF HUNGARY
ON
COOPERATION
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF
THE STIPENDIUM HUNGARICUM PROGRAMME
FOR THE YEARS 2023–2025**

Driven by the desire to strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries and to promote cooperation in the field of higher education and in pursuance of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of Hungary on the provision of Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarships entered into force on 11 January 2023, the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary (hereinafter referred to together as the “Participants” or individually as the “Participant”) have agreed to implement the following Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) for the years 2023–2025.

I. Objective of the MoU

The objective of the present MoU is to facilitate, in the long term, the extension of cooperation between the Participants, thus contributing, in the interest of developing a knowledge-based society, to mutually beneficial collaboration in the field of higher education.

II. Stipendium Hungaricum scholarships for the citizens of the Republic of Armenia

1. Within the framework of the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme (hereinafter referred to as the “Scholarship Programme”), the Hungarian Participant offers at most 30 scholarships annually to the citizens of the Republic of Armenia for pursuing studies in Hungary either in Hungarian or in a foreign language.
2. Scholarships may be granted for pursuing:
 - full-time undergraduate (BA/BSc), graduate (MA/MSc), one-tier Master’s (OTM) and/or doctoral (PhD/DLA) studies in any available field of study; and/or
 - three (3) to ten (10) months’ training programmes.

3. The list of the available study programs at the different study levels will be published by the Tempus Public Foundation (www.tpf.hu) in the given year's call for application.

III. Commitments of the Hungarian Participant

1. Regarding scholarships offered in Paragraph II of the present MoU, the Hungarian Participant undertakes to provide the following to the Armenian scholarship holders:
 - tuition-free courses,
 - dormitory places on the campus of the receiving higher-education institution or contribution to the accommodation costs as stipulated by the relevant legal regulations in effect at the time of the present MoU's signing,
 - entitlement to health services and the option for additional health insurance covering services in a foreign language,
 - use of free library services,
 - monthly allowance in accordance with the prevailing legal regulations defining the amount of the scholarships for international students, in effect at the time of the signing of the scholarship contract.
2. The Scholarship Programme is operated by the Tempus Public Foundation on behalf of the Hungarian Participant. Further information as regards the application and the scholarship (actual monthly allowance, accommodation, entitlement to health services) will be published in the given year's call for application.

IV. Commitments of the Armenian Participant

1. The Armenian Participant undertakes to call attention to and promote the call for applications and to select and rank the applicants to be nominated for the scholarships based on the applications submitted to Tempus Public Foundation. In addition to the primary list of nominees, the Armenian Participant will also compile a secondary, standby list of applicants.
2. In every year, the Armenian Participant undertakes to inform the Hungarian Participant, within the timeframe specified in the call for application, about the primary and secondary list of persons selected and to be nominated.
3. International travel expenses shall be borne by the student.
4. Within the framework of bilateral cooperation and on reciprocal basis, the Armenian Participant is ready to further consider the possibility of implementing scholarship programs for Hungarian citizens to study in higher educational institutions of the Republic of Armenia. The details will be worked out and agreed upon by the competent ministries of the Participants.

V. Requirements for participation in the Scholarship Programme

1. Students applying for undergraduate (BA/BSc) and undivided, one-tier master's (OTM) studies have to possess certifiable secondary education; students applying for graduate (MA/MSc) studies have to be in possession of an adequate and appropriate Bachelor's (BA/BSc) degree; students applying for full doctoral (PhD/DLA) studies have to be in possession of an adequate and appropriate graduate (MA/MSc) degree.
2. Prior to commencing studies in the Hungarian language, students without at least an intermediate-level command of Hungarian shall take part in a one-year preparatory course organized by the Hungarian Participant. The terms and scholarship conditions for students enrolled in the preparatory year will be identical to those applying to undergraduate students.
3. Students applying for studies in a language other than Hungarian shall have relevant knowledge of that language at the level prescribed by the host institution.
4. Applicants must comply with the admission requirements of the Hungarian higher-education institution they applied to.
5. Scholarship holders must be at least eighteen years of age at the time of beginning their studies.
6. Any other conditions of the scholarship will be published in the given year's call for application.

VI. Alumni Programmes

1. In order to facilitate the development of bilateral relations, the Participants will encourage graduates of the Scholarship Programme to participate in various alumni programmes and, upon return to their home country, to maintain contact with their compatriots who have also graduated in Hungary, as well as with the Hungarian higher-education institution they have graduated from.
2. To this end, the Hungarian Participant undertakes to organize regular alumni meetings in Hungary, inviting all citizens of the Republic of Armenia who have graduated from a Hungarian higher-education institution within the framework of the Scholarship Programme and registered in the alumni database operated by the Hungarian Participant.

VII. Amendment of the MoU

The present MoU may be amended by the mutual consent of the Participants in writing, through official channels. These amendments will constitute an integral part of the MoU.

VIII. Resolution of differences

Any differences that may arise concerning the interpretation, application, or implementation of this MoU will be resolved in a friendly manner, through consultations or negotiations between the Participants.

IX. Entry into effect, duration, termination

1. The present MoU will take effect on the day of its signing and will remain in effect until 31 December 2025.
2. This MoU is not an international agreement and does not create any rights and obligations governed by international law.
3. Paragraphs II through V are to be implemented from the application period starting after the present MoU has taken effect.
4. The present MoU may be terminated by either of the Participants in writing, through diplomatic channels. In this case, the termination of the MoU will take effect after the expiry of a six (6) months period after receiving the notification about its termination. In the event of this MoU's expiry or termination, its provisions will continue to be implemented with respect to all ongoing programmes and projects until they are completed.

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