

Call for applications for scholarships to Ireland in 2016.

The Irish Embassy Bursary Programme

The Irish Embassy to Hungary is now accepting applications for its Irish Embassy Bursary Programme.

The Irish Embassy Bursary Programme was established by the Embassy of Ireland in Hungary, the Irish Hungarian Business Circle (IHBC), and by the Forum of Scholars of Irish Studies in Budapest in 2014. The Bursary programme was established with the purpose of supporting a limited number of Hungarian undergraduate, graduate and, or postgraduate students' academic activity, scholarly research on Irish topics in history, society, language, literature, culture, politics, music or visual arts each year in Ireland by means of paying or contributing towards the costs associated with attending a summer school or conducting research in an Irish institute. In 2015/2016 visual arts and music are added to the qualifying subjects.

Eligibility for the grant:

Hungarian undergraduate, graduate and post graduate students are eligible for the award to

- 1) Attend a summer school in Ireland relating to the topic of the candidates research
- 2) Visit an Irish Research Institute (e.g.: National Library of Ireland, TCD Library, NUI Galway, Irish Film Institute or other relevant institution) to carry out research directly related to their research topic.

Criteria of application:

Applicants must:

- 1) Have completed - or will have completed by the time of taking up the Bursary - their B.A. Degree at a Hungarian academic institution and have completed at least one but preferably more than one course, projects or pieces of work related to Irish topics as part of their B.A. Studies (e.g.: literature/language/culture/politics/history/society/music/visual arts) or are writing/ have written a B.A thesis on an Irish related topic.
- 2) Or be currently registered for an M.A. Programme or a Ph.D. Programme at a Hungarian academic institution. Proof of acceptance for admission to postgraduate studies must be provided, EITHER be researching – or preparing to research – an M.A. or Ph.D. thesis on a subject dealing partly or wholly with an Irish topic.

Application process:

The applicant must submit a set of documents, by the indicated deadline, to

Embassy of Ireland: budapestembassy@dfa.ie by both email and by post: Embassy of Ireland, 1054 Budapest, Szabadsag ter 7-9, Bank Centre, Platina II . VI floor. These shall consist of:

1. Completed Official Form
2. CV
3. A letter of invitation from the institution where the applicant intends to pursue research or a letter from the director of the summer school the applicant intends to attend.
4. Applicants intending to pursue research, must submit a research proposal signed by his/her supervisor from his/her home institution. Students aiming to attend a summer school must submit a letter of recommendation from an academic from his/her home institution.

5. All applications should be submitted by email and by post and meet the given deadline. Application calls are published from 21st December 2015 till 31st January 2016.
6. Application deadline for scholarship: 19th February, 2016.
7. Any application submitted after 19th February, 2016 will be automatically rejected.
8. Official results: 17th March, 2016.

The Irish Embassy shall inform the successful candidate that he/she is granted the award in March 2016 and invite him/her to sign a Bursary Contract with Irish Hungarian Business Circle. In the Bursary Contract, the contracting parties (IHBC and grantee) specify what costs the grant is used for, and what costs the grantee has to justify with receipt. In the Bursary Contract, the grantee undertakes that with the acceptance of the award he/she shall conclude the research or attend the summer school that is specified in his/her work plan by the given deadline, and submit a brief report on completion. Each bursary grantee shall arrange all travel practicalities with TENSI Travel Agency and the transfer of tuition fees and registration fees shall take place through IHBC. The grantee is obliged to abide by the terms of the Bursary Contract signed with IHBC. In case the grantee fails to complete the programme he/she is responsible for repaying the bursary amount.

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Programme starts: 17th March 2016

Programme ends: 20th November 2016.

For further Information, contact: Embassy of Ireland

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