

CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

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1. Interpretative provisions

Any KDP: the 2020 Cooperative Doctoral Program, the 2021 Cooperative Doctoral Program, the 2021 Cooperative Doctoral Program National Defense Sub-Program, the 2023 Cooperative Doctoral Program, the University Research Scholarship Program Cooperative Doctoral Program

EKÖP: University Research Scholarship Program

EKÖP-KDP: Cooperative Doctoral Program implemented as part of the University Researchers' Scholarship Program

Government Decree: Government Decree No. 24/2013 (II.5.) on National Excellence in Higher Education

NRDI (NKFI) Fund: National Research, Development and Innovation Fund

NRDI (NKFI) Office: National Research, Development and Innovation Office

Scholarship holder: winner applicant of the EKÖP scholarship

Applicant: the person submitting the application for the EKÖP application

Supported by: **Semmelweis University**

2. Objectives of the grant application

2.1. The Ministry of Culture and Innovation provides support to **Semmelweis University** for the development and operation of the University Researchers' Scholarship Program from the National Research, Development and Innovation Fund (hereinafter referred to as the NRDI Fund) in accordance with the Government Decree 24/2013 (II.5.) on National Research, Development and Innovation Fund through the National Research, Development and Innovation Office (hereinafter referred to as the NRDI Office).

2.2. The aim of EKÖP is to ensure the supply of teachers and researchers of higher education institutions, as well as the supply of researchers and developers of innovative Hungarian enterprises, and to involve the most talented students in the talent management of higher education.

2.3. The scholarship applications of the program to be announced in the year of 2026 will support the excellence of students and researchers in higher education by supporting students – in bachelor's, master's or PhD programs – as well as young teachers and researchers who are engaged in successful research and creative activities in the higher education institution.

3. Legal obligations pertinent to institutions of higher education

3.1. A higher education institution with an EKÖP framework is obliged to announce the EKÖP scholarship application at all training levels specified in the Government Decree, if it launches such a training program.

3.2. EKÖP scholarship grant applications are announced by the higher education institution, which are published on its website. The higher education institution shall send the EKÖP scholarship grant applications to the NRDI (NKFI) Office for approval at least 30 days prior to the announcement.

3.3. The full electronic implementation of the scholarship application procedure, in particular the evaluation of grant applications, the grant decision, the preparation of the contracts related to the scholarship program and the disbursement of the scholarship awarded through the grant application shall be carried out by the higher education institution.

3.4. It is also the duty of the higher education institution to organize an event at least once a year for scholarship holders and former scholarship holders who have already obtained a PhD degree.

3.5. The higher education institution shall prepare a professional and financial report on the above tasks for the NRDI (NKFI) Office by **30 November** of each academic year with a scholarship. The qualification of the professional and financial report will be considered by the Research Excellence Council when establishing the EKÖP framework for the following year.

4. Form and amount of the scholarship

4.1. The grant may be obtained through grant application in the form of a scholarship, the disbursement of which shall be ensured by the Sponsor to the bank account specified by the applicant in the grant application.

4.2. Based on the Government Decree, the amount of the scholarship is at least **HUF 125,000 per month per person** and at most **HUF 250,000 per month per person**. The amounts of the scholarships, as well as the supported study programs, doctoral schools, and organizational units, are determined according to the table set out in **Annex 1**.

4.3. The duration of the scholarship period may be:

Category	Duration	Scholarship Period
<i>Bachelor's programme, Master's programme, Undivided programme</i>	<i>5 months</i>	<i>1 September 2026 – 31 January 2027 or 1 February 2027 – 30 June 2027</i>
	<i>10 months</i>	<i>1 September 2026 – 30 June 2027</i>
<i>Doctoral programme, doctoral candidate, young lecturer, researcher category</i>	<i>5 months</i>	<i>1 September 2026 – 31 January 2027</i>
	<i>7 months</i>	<i>1 February 2027 – 31 August 2027</i>
	<i>12 months</i>	<i>1 September 2026 – 31 August 2027</i>

4.4. The scholarship status shall be terminated upon the termination of the legal relationship establishing the entitlement during the scholarship period, or on the last day of the semester of obtaining the *absolutorium*.

5. Eligibility criteria, categories of the grant applications

Applications for this scholarship may be submitted by natural persons who fully meet the following conditions: who are under 45 years of age and have outstanding academic and/or professional and/or academic results. The Rector may grant an exemption from the age limit requirement in cases where there are exceptionally justified circumstances. In such cases, the application must **also include the authorization issued by the Rector granting the exemption**.

5.1. Bachelor's degree (BA) category

- the applicant has an active student status in one of the bachelor's programs listed in Annex 1 in any work schedule, and
- by the start of the scholarship, the applicant will have a certified completed semester
- the weighted average of academic result of the previous completed semester is at least 4.00
- Prior to the start of the scholarship, the applicant has been doing TDK work for at least 1 semester (in the case of undivided training).

5.2. Master's Degree/Undivided Training Degree

- has an active student status in one of the master's programs listed in Annex 1 in any work schedule, and
- by the start of the scholarship, the applicant will have a certified completed semester
- the academic (weighted) average of the previous completed semester is at least 4.00
- Prior to the start of the scholarship, the applicant has been doing TDK work for at least 1 semester (in the case of undivided training).

5.3. Category of PhD training

- The applicant is actively pursuing PhD studies in one of the Doctoral Divisions listed in Annex 1 in any work schedule, and

As a condition of outstanding scientific/professional performance, the applicant is expected to meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Has presented the results of their scientific activity at at least one OTDK conference, or
- Has at least one scientific publication, or
- Has achieved an innovation result (e.g. a patent or utility model), or
- If there was a previous EKÖP or ÚNKP winning application, its final professional report received an “excellent” rating.

5.4. In the category of PhD candidates

- The applicant is currently pursuing or has completed their doctoral studies at Semmelweis University, and during the support period must maintain an employment relationship of at least 20 hours per week with Semmelweis University, which must be verified at the time of contract conclusion (voluntary status is not accepted),
- Has obtained, or is expected to obtain by the start of the scholarship period, the absolution (completion of coursework),
- Has not yet obtained their PhD degree at the time the scholarship relationship is established,
- If there was a previous EKÖP or ÚNKP winning application, its final professional report received an “excellent” rating,
- As a publication requirement, the applicant is expected to have at least one scientific publication affiliated with Semmelweis University and/or an innovation result (e.g. a patent or utility model),
- Has not previously been awarded an EKÖP doctoral candidate scholarship.

5.5. Young Teacher and Researcher

- The applicant maintains an employment relationship of at least 20 hours per week with Semmelweis University (voluntary status is not accepted),
- Carries out teaching and/or research activities at one of the organizational units listed in Annex 1,
- Obtained their doctoral degree within the past five years,
- Has not yet obtained their doctoral degree, but will do so no later than 31 July 2026,
- Among the first-author publications used for obtaining the doctoral degree, at least one is classified as D1, or, following the completion of the doctoral degree, the applicant has a D1-classified first- or last-author publication, or
- Is the named inventor on a patent,
- If there was a previous EKÖP or ÚNKP winning application, its final professional report received an “excellent” rating,
- The applicant is expected to participate in talent development activities at Semmelweis University (e.g. supervision of TDK students, PhD supervision, delivering elective course lectures, etc.).

5.6. The eligibility criteria must be met starting from the first day of the scholarship period.

In the case of all types of applications, a further condition is that the applicants are able to prove their legal relationship establishing eligibility at the time of establishing the scholarship relationship.

6. Grounds for exclusion

6.1. Applicants shall not receive a scholarship:

- who can be credibly proven to have provided untrue, false or misleading data that would have a significant impact on the content of the grant decision at the time of submitting the grant application, or made such a statement,
- who is receiving any KDP scholarship during the EKÖP scholarship period,
- who fails to make the declarations specified in the call for grant applications or as a condition for concluding the scholarship contract, fails to submit documents or withdraws the declaration made,
- who made the support decision or who participated in the decision making of the support decision as a decision maker.

6.2. An application is not eligible for funding, the implementation of which or the method or result of implementation:

- constitutes a criminal offence or incitement to commit a criminal offence,
- violates a fundamental human or constitutional right,
- it entails an infringement of the dignity of the nation, national, ethnic, linguistic and other minorities, as well as of other nations and other fundamental interests of society, in particular it violates public order, public morality, and the requirement of the protection of the family and minors.

7. Implementation of the grant application

7.1. The budget available for the support of grant applications in the 2026/2027 academic year is planned to be **HUF 321 744 768**

7.2. The submitted grant applications shall be evaluated by scoring by the experts invited by the Rector in the manner and in accordance with the criteria specified in this call for grant applications. Based on the ranking of the evaluated grant applications, the Rector will decide on the award of scholarships **by 10 August 2026**.

7.3. The rector may deviate from the ranking established the expert assessors on the basis of professional reasons (e.g. along the strategic goals of the institution - Institutional Development Plan, priority scientific discipline, priority research topic).

7.4. The institution shall publish the grant decision on its website.

7.5. The Sponsor is responsible for qualifying, accepting or rejecting the final professional reports of the scholarship holders.

8. Scholarship period

8.1. Scholarship period: the period specified in **Section 4.3.** of the Call for Grant Applications.

8.2. Prior to finalizing the grant decision, the applicant who has been awarded the grant may start the implementation of the contents of his/her grant application at his or her own risk. The length of the scholarship period and the start and end dates are not affected by the earlier start of the implementation of the grant application.

Submission of the grant application

9.1. Applications can be submitted ***between 28 April 2026 and 28 May 2026***.

9.2. The scholarship is an individual grant, so the grant application can only be submitted individually.

9.3. Method and place of submission of applications are available at this website:
www.palyazz.semmelweis.hu

10. Binding commitments

10.1. In each category, the applicant undertakes to:

- carry out research activities under the supervision of the grant supervisor¹ ((in the Young Teacher or Research category working independently), and during the scholarship period, and during the grant period he/she makes the results of his/her scientific research and development work available to the Sponsor,
- participates in the institutional EKÖP conference: PhD Scientific Days,
- promotes the results of his/her research activities

¹ A person with an employment relationship as a lecturer or researcher or other legal relationship at Semmelweis University aimed at performing work, who performs teaching and research activities in the field of science undertaken in the research plan of the scholarship holder.

- participates in the catching up course of the students of the higher education institution and in the management of talent, which can be fulfilled by completing at least one of the following activities:
 1. holding a specialized college course for advanced studies,
 2. mentoring TDK students,
 3. Holding a PhD seminar with the participation of at least 5 students (in the categories of PhD candidates, young lecturers and researchers).
 4. teaching catch-up courses in chemistry, biology, etc. for first-year students,
 5. participation in the Mentor program coordinated by the Institute of Behavioral Sciences and running at each faculty, and
 6. participation in the Kerpel Program,
 7. Individual mentoring for students studying at secondary schools of Semmelweis University.

10.2. In the category of bachelor's (BA) training:

- during the scholarship period, prepares a Scientific Students' Associations (TDK) paper related to his/her research plan and presents it at a TDK conference organized **in any** higher education institution,
- During the scholarship period, at least one Hungarian- or foreign-language piece of professional literature undertaken in the research plan must be processed each month, which shall be submitted as part of the final professional report.
- the results of the research activities carried out during the scholarship/fellowship period at the EKÖP event within the institution (PhD Scientific Days).

10.3. In the category of Master's Degree/Undivided Training:

- During the scholarship period, the scholarship holder shall prepare a Scientific Students' Association (TDK) paper or abstract related to the research plan, which shall be presented at a TDK conference organized by any higher education institution,
- During the scholarship period, at least one Hungarian- or foreign-language piece of professional literature undertaken in the research plan must be processed each month, which shall be submitted as part of the final professional report,
- The results of the research activities carried out during the scholarship period shall be presented at an internal EKÖP event of the institution (PhD Scientific Days), and
- The scholarship holder shall participate in at least one external (national or international) conference or other professional event, where they present their research results.

10.4. In the category of PhD training:

- performs additional research activities² in addition to the research work required by PhD studies,
- publishes³ at least **one** scientific publication⁴ or the publisher accepts it for publication,
- The results of the research activities carried out during the scholarship period shall be presented at an internal EKÖP event of the institution, specifically at the PhD Scientific Days, and
- The scholarship holder shall present their research results at an external (national or international) conference or other professional event.

10.5. In the category of doctoral candidates:

- performs additional research activities⁵ in addition to the research work required by PhD studies
- In addition to the minimum publications 6 are published⁷ requirements prescribed for state-funded PhD programmes, the scholarship holder shall publish at least one Q1-ranked scientific publication or have it accepted for publication by a publisher.
- The results of the research activities carried out during the scholarship period shall be presented at an internal EKÖP event of the institution (PhD Scientific Days), and
- Presented at an external (national or international) conference or other professional event,
- The scholarship holder shall submit their doctoral dissertation during the scholarship period.

10.6. In the category of young teacher and researcher:

- publishes at least **one** first-author scientific publication with at least a Q1 rating or a scientific publication with any author at least a D1 classification, or accepts it for publication by the publisher,
- The results of the research activities carried out during the scholarship period shall be presented at an internal EKÖP event of the institution (PhD Scientific Days), and
- Presented at an external (national or international) conference or other professional event,

² The research funded within the framework of the scholarship may be related to the research work required by the PhD studies, but it must be additional research activity beyond that, demonstrably separable from it.

³ A scientific publication or article, submitted to a domestic or international scholarly journal in either Hungarian or a foreign language, and related to the research activities undertaken within the research plan supported under the grant application. The publication requirement may only be fulfilled by a publication presenting original research findings.

⁴ The publisher's/editor's certificate accepting the submitted publication or the publisher's statement may also be accepted as proof of the completion of the publication requirement, if the submitted scientific paper is not published out by the end of the scholarship period.

⁵ The research funded within the framework of the scholarship may be related to the research work required by the PhD studies, but it must be additional research activity beyond that, demonstrably separable from it.

⁶ **Hungarian- and foreign-language publications or articles submitted to national and international academic journals**, related to the research activities undertaken in the research plan supported under the application. The publication requirement may only be satisfied through a publication presenting original research findings.

⁷ The publisher's/editor's certificate accepting the submitted publication or the publisher's statement may also be accepted as proof of the completion of the publication requirement, if the submitted scientific paper is not published by the end of the scholarship period.

- The scholarship holder shall **participate in talent development activities at Semmelweis University** (e.g. supervision of TDK students, PhD supervision, delivering elective course lectures, etc.).

11. Evaluation/Assessment criteria

I. In the category of Bachelor's/Master's and Undivided training

Evaluation/Assessment criteria	Max. points that can be awarded	Score
RESEARCH RESULTS (results achieved within 5 years prior to the submission of the application)	at most 275	
1. The applicant received the Pro Scientia/Arte Gold Medal awarded by the National Council of Scientific Students' Associations If the applicant has multiple OTDK placements and Pro Scientia / Pro Arte Gold Medals, the Application Form must list the Pro Scientia Gold Medal and one first-place OTDK result; however, only the Pro Scientia / Pro Arte Gold Medal may be taken into account for scoring purposes , as it represents the achievement with the higher score.	100	
2. The applicant has achieved first place at the National Conference of Scientific Students' Associations (OTDK). If the applicant has achieved multiple placements at the OTDK, only the best result must be indicated on the Application Form. Points for OTDK first place, second place, or special prize may only be awarded once.	75	
3. The applicant has achieved second place at the National Conference of Scientific Students' Associations (OTDK). If the applicant has achieved multiple placements at the OTDK, only the best result must be indicated on the Application Form. Points for OTDK first place, second place, or special prize may only be awarded once.	50	
4. The applicant has received a special prize at the National Conference of Scientific Students' Associations (OTDK). If the applicant has achieved multiple placements at the OTDK, only the best result must be indicated on the Application Form. Points for OTDK first place, second place, or special prize may only be awarded once.	40	
5. Outstanding international competition results An international competition result considered outstanding in the given field of science, the assessment of which falls within the competence of the host higher education institution. In the case of multiple results classified as outstanding or other international competition results, only one result may be taken into account, and points for international competition results may only be awarded once.	75	
6. The applicant is either an author of a scientific paper ranked in accordance with the Scimago Journal Ranking in Q1/Q2 or an author of scientific publications published in journals classified as "A" or "B" by the scientific departments of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.	100	
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES	at most 65	
7. Academic performance (applications may only be submitted with a weighted grade point average of at least 4.00) For bachelor's programmes in the fields of medical and health sciences or natural sciences , the arithmetic mean of the weighted grade point averages of the last two completed semesters , minus 3.5 and multiplied by	30	

20 (if only one semester has been completed, the weighted grade point average of that semester shall be used).		
8. Scientific and artistic activities carried out until the submission of the application ➤ Participation in TDK or OTDK (participation associated with a Pro Scientia Gold Medal or ranked placement may not be taken into account under this criterion), ➤ College for Advanced Studies activities (4 points), ➤ Scientific awards, scholarships (4 points), ➤ Professional and community activities, participation in research projects or research fieldwork (5 points), ➤ Science popularization activities (6 points), ➤ International scientific competitions (5 points), ➤ Publication activity (points awarded only for publications not evaluated under point 6), including other published articles, papers, studies (2 points), ➤ Delivery of professional lectures / exhibitions (3 points), ➤ Participation in national and international conferences or exhibitions (4 points), ➤ Presentation of other relevant professional activities (2 points).	35	
OTHER ASPECTS/CONSIDERATIONS	at most 205	
9. The research plan is implemented within a research group operating at Semmelweis University. Cooperation within the research group must be substantiated.	4	
10. The applicant's performance and excellence in the field of innovation, in particular the possession of industrial property protection (maximum 125 points) ➤ Patent: applicant's share x 150 points ➤ Design protection: applicant's share x 100 points ➤ Participation in a Hackathon or other innovation competition, participation in a university utilization enterprise, participation in an R+D+I (K+F+I) project, participation in a Proof of Concept competition, etc. - up to 1 x 50 points	125	
11. Language skills ➤ one advanced language exam /C1/ – 4 points; ➤ one intermediate level language exam /B2/ – 2 points; HOWEVER, a maximum of 6 points can be obtained for certified foreign language knowledge	6	
12. Research plan The elaboration and feasibility of the research plan, the scientific importance, novelty of the topic, its national strategic significance, the direct utilization of the results of the research, its usability, publication/application opportunities, the planned schedule for the completion of the research, other (non-supervisor) recommendations and commitments related to the research topic, communication plan for the dissemination of the results.	70	
In total	at most 545	

II. PhD Training Category, PhD Candidate Category and the Category of Young Teacher and Researcher

In the PhD Training category, in the case of PhD candidates and Young lecturers and researchers		Score
I. Applicant's performance and excellence in the scientific field	up to 175 points	
Scoring of publications		
Impact Factor (IF) x Journal Reputation x Author Contribution Multiplier by journal reputation Q1: 1 D1: 3 Author Contribution Co-author: 1 first, or correspondent, or last author: 5 (divided by the number of first/correspondent/last authors).		
Scoring citations		
Independent citation received for the first/last author publication: 1 point Independent citation received for a co-authored paper: 0.5 points		
International Conference Abstract (only for students facing a complex exam)		
First/correspondent/last author: 5 points (in the case of shared authorship to be divided by the number of authors) Co-author: 1 point		
OTDK award (only for students who are about to take a complex exam)		
Pro Scientia Award	20	
I. prize	10	
II. prize	5	
Special Award/Commendation	3	
II. Applicant's performance and excellence in the field of innovation	Up to 125 points	
Patent: applicant's share x 150 points		
Design protection: applicant's share x 100 points		
Participation in hackathons or other innovation competitions, participation in a university spin-off company, participation in a Proof of Concept competition, etc. – maximum 1 × 50 points		
III. Research Plan Level of Excellence	up to 60 points	
Aspects for consideration: The elaboration and feasibility of the research plan, the scientific importance and novelty of the research topic, its national strategic importance, the direct utilization of the research results, their usability, publication/application opportunities, the planned schedule for the completion of the research plan, other (non-supervisory) recommendations and commitments related to the research topic, the communication plan for the dissemination of the results.		

IV. In case of an identical score, it is necessary to consider	up to 10 points	
Kerpel Talent Award	5	
Semmelweis Innovation Award	5	
Altogether:	up to 370 points	

12. Documents to be submitted

- Research plan (in the form of the template annexed to the call for grant applications);
- Declaration of the applicant's additional scholarship data for each type of application (in the form of the template attached to the call for grant applications).
- Exclusion grounds for all types of grant applications
- **GDPR declaration** for all application types
- Supporting documents supporting the applicant's performance
 - Qualified OTDK placement, Pro Scientia / Pro Arte Gold Medal (only results achieved within the five years preceding the submission of the application may be taken into account),
 - In the case of bachelor's/master's/undivided programmes: academic results of the last two completed semesters,
 - Certificate of student status (for bachelor's/master's/undivided programmes),
 - Copy of language certificate (for bachelor's/master's/undivided programmes),
 - Certification of TDK work,
 - Publication list printed from MTMT, certified by the Central Library, indicating impact factor, citations, and journal rankings (based on SCImago ranking: D1, Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4),
 - Documents certifying conference participation and exhibitions,
 - Documentation presenting other professional (scientific and educational) activities,
 - Proof of participation in a research group.;

Requirements for documents with a handwritten or electronic signature:

- a) the declaration shall be provided with an electronic signature based on a qualified authentication certificate at least with advanced security, or
- b) the declaration must be authenticated by using the ePaper service accessible through the Client Gate+ /DAP (Ügyfélkapu+ /SÁP) or
- c) a scanned format of a printed and hand-signed document is acceptable.

13. Duties of the grant supervisor

13.1. The grant supervisor is responsible for providing professional assistance related to the implementation of the research plan of the scholarship holder during the scholarship period, as well as for maintaining regular contact with the scholarship holder and preparing a consultation sheet for the performance of the research activity. Furthermore, as part of the scholarship holder's final professional report, the preparation of the grant supervisor's professional evaluation.

13.2. Within the framework of his/her duties, the grant supervisor is obliged to conduct a face-to-face/online consultation with the scholarship holder at least once a month in order to provide professional support for the scholarship holder's research activities, as proof of which he/she shall

issue a consultation sheet signed by the scholarship holder, which shall be attached to the scholarship holder's final professional report.

13.3. The grant supervisor is not entitled to remuneration from the EKÖP budget.

14. Use of the scholarship, reporting schedule

14.1. The full amount of the scholarship may be used freely without the burden of accountability.

14.2. Within **30 days** of the last day of the scholarship period specified in the scholarship contract, the scholarship holder shall submit a detailed **professional final report** to the Sponsor on the implementation of the compulsory commitments communicated in the Call for Grant Application and the tasks specified in the undertaken research plan.

14.3. The Sponsor shall evaluate the professional final report **by 31 October 2027 at the latest**.

15. Means of funding the scholarship

15.1. The Sponsor shall conclude a contract with the scholarship holders (hereinafter referred to as: Scholarship Contract), in which it shall lay down the conditions and rules for the disbursement of the scholarship. After the conclusion i.e. signing of the Scholarship Contracts by all parties, the disbursement of scholarships to the scholarship recipients may begin. The condition for signing the Scholarship Contract is that the scholarship holder has a tax identification number.

15.2. The scholarship holder acknowledges that the scholarship paid to him or her is income exempt from personal income tax in accordance with Sections 4.12.1 (c), 4.12.2 and 4.12.3 of Annex 1 of Act CXVII of 1995 on Personal Income Tax.

15.3. In order to receive the scholarship, the applicant must have a bank account with a Hungarian financial institution from the date of signing the Scholarship Contract until the end of the scholarship relationship.

16. Formal verification of the validity of the grant application, correction of deficiencies

16.1. The acceptance and formal verification of applications is carried out by the Sponsor.

16.2. Within seven days after the closing of the deadline for submission of the grant application, the Sponsor shall inform the applicant that the grant application has been accepted and its substantive evaluation has begun, and in the case of a rejection without a substantive examination, the reason for the rejection and ***the method of submitting the applicant's objection***.

Of the several applications submitted by the same applicant under this call for grant applications, the one submitted later (regardless of the result of the first application submitted) will be rejected without examination of its merits.

16.3. In the following cases, no deficiencies may be rectified/submitted, the application will be rejected without a substantive examination:

- the applicant does not meet the requirements set out in point 5,
- the application is illegible or contains false or misleading information,
- the application was submitted after the submission deadline

16.4. If, during the formal verification of the grant application, the Sponsor establishes that the grant application is incomplete and the deficiencies are of such a nature that they can be rectified during the correction of deficiencies and the application can be made formally compliant by rectifying/submitting deficiencies, the Sponsor shall call upon the applicant to rectify the deficiencies in an electronic notification sent to the e-mail address provided on the Application Form, indicating

the errors, deficiencies and the method of rectification of deficiencies at the same time, with a deadline of no more than **3 working days** from the date of sending the notification .

16.5. The grant application shall be invalid if:

- the applicant did not remedy the deficiencies within the framework of the deficiency correction/rectification or did not comply with them in the manner specified in the notice of deficiency rectification/correction or did not comply with them by the deadline specified in the notice for the correction/rectification of deficiencies. In the event of an invalid grant application, the Sponsor shall declare the grant application invalid and shall send an electronic notification to the grant applicant indicating the reason for the invalidity of the rejection of the grant application without further examination.

16.6. The Sponsor shall send a notification to the applicant of the result of the formal verification of the grant application by **8 June 2026** at the latest.

17. The process of grant evaluation

17.1. At the applicant's request, the Grantor shall provide the opportunity to access the evaluation reports electronically, while ensuring the anonymity of the reviewers.

a) In the case of applications submitted in the bachelor's, master's, and undivided programme categories:

The President of the Doctoral Council (EDT) commissions the Dean of the relevant faculty to organize the professional evaluation of the applications submitted to the faculty that have been deemed valid by the faculty EKÖP administrator, and to appoint expert reviewers.

Applications are evaluated based on the evaluation criteria set out in the call for applications, which may be supplemented by additional criteria determined by the Dean.

b) In the case of applications submitted in the doctoral student, doctoral candidate, and young lecturer/researcher categories:

The President of the EDT commissions the Head of the relevant Doctoral Division to organize the professional evaluation of the applications submitted to the Division that have been deemed valid by the EKÖP administrator of the Doctoral School, and to appoint expert reviewers.

Applications may be evaluated by experts who have a healthcare service relationship, an employment relationship, or another work-related legal relationship with the University, as well as by external reviewers. Pursuant to the University's decision, each application shall be evaluated by at least two experts.

The experts shall score the applications based on the evaluation criteria specified in the call for applications, and submit their evaluations and recommendations for classification to the EKÖP administrators. The professional evaluations must be prepared using the published evaluation form. The administrators shall forward the documentation to:

- a) the Faculty Scientific Committees,
- b) the Doctoral Application Committee.

The final recommendations of the Committees shall be submitted for decision by the President of the Doctoral Council to the Rector.

No appeal or objection may be lodged against the Rector's decision.

18. Cancellation or suspension of the scholarship, termination of the scholarship status, other provisions

18.1. Cancellation

If the grant applicant or the scholarship recipient renounces their scholarship, they must immediately notify the Sponsor in writing. From the first day of the month of the notification of the cancellation, the scholarship holder is not entitled to the scholarship, the scholarship cannot be paid to him/her, and if the scholarship has been paid, the scholarship holder is obliged to transfer the scholarship used unduly to the Sponsor without a separate notice within 30 days of the cancellation. Within 30 days from the date of the announcement of the cancellation, the scholarship holder must submit a final professional report to the Sponsor, which will be evaluated

by the experts on the request of the Sponsor. If the scholarship holder does not submit the final report or the final report and the reason for the cancellation are not accepted by the Sponsor, the Sponsor may make a proposal to exclude the scholarship holder for three years. The Sponsor may also establish the unauthorized use of financial support in connection with the previous payments of the scholarship. In the case of unauthorized support, the repayment obligation covers the amount of the grant unduly used by the scholarship holder. The Sponsor shall reclaim the scholarship paid unduly from the scholarship recipient.

18.2. Suspension of the scholarship

If a long-term illness, pregnancy, birth of a child, a longer stay abroad, or any other reasonable reason prevents the implementation of the submitted application in its original form, or the scholarship holder's student status is suspended (passive semester), but intends to continue the research, he/she has the opportunity to suspend the scholarship holder's legal relationship for a period of at least 2 to a maximum of 5 months (fractional months are not possible) during the scholarship relationship. The application for the suspension of the scholarship and the amended research plan as an annex thereto shall be submitted to the Rector with the documents supporting the reason for the suspension, on which the Sponsor shall decide with the involvement of experts, if necessary. If the scholarship holder suspends the scholarship holder's legal relationship, he or she is not entitled to a scholarship for the duration of the suspension. If the scholarship has been paid for the duration of the suspension, the scholarship holder is obliged to transfer it back to the Sponsor within 30 days without a separate request. The period of suspension of the scholarship relationship does not extend the duration of the scholarship relationship.

18.3. Termination of the scholarship status

18.3.1. Improper performance of the scholarship task

If the scholarship recipient fails to comply with the provisions of the scholarship agreement or does not comply with the provisions of the scholarship agreement, the Sponsor may decide to withdraw the grant and may establish that the grant has been unduly used in connection with previous payments. In the case of unauthorized support, the repayment obligation covers the amount of the grant unduly paid to the scholarship holder. The Sponsor will reclaim the scholarship from the scholarship recipient. The scholarship status shall be terminated on the day of the written notification of the Sponsor's decision to withdraw the scholarship, after which the Sponsor shall submit a final professional report on the implementation of the research activity to the Rector within 30 days, which shall be evaluated by the experts at the request of the Sponsor.

18.3.2. Termination of the legal relationship eligibility/entitlement

If the scholarship holder's legal relationship establishing eligibility is terminated during the scholarship period, the scholarship holder's legal relationship and consequently the disbursement of the scholarship will also be terminated. From the first day of the month in which the legal relationship establishing the entitlement is terminated, the scholarship holder is not entitled to the scholarship. The scholarship recipient must repay the scholarship to the Sponsor. Within 30 days of the date of termination of the legal relationship establishing the entitlement (also the date of termination of the scholarship relationship), the scholarship holder submits a final professional report on the implementation of the research to the Rector, which is evaluated by experts at the request of the Sponsor.

18.4. Change of institution of higher education and/or change of faculty or majors (i.e. undergraduate/postgraduate degree programs) within the institution of higher education

It is not possible to change higher education institutions or change faculties or majors (i.e. undergraduate/postgraduate degree programs) within the higher education institution during the scholarship period. If the scholarship holder changes higher education institutions, faculties or majors (i.e. undergraduate/postgraduate degree programs) within the scholarship period, or the scholarship holder's legal relationship is terminated, he or she is not entitled to the scholarship awarded to him or her from the date on which the institution's decision on the change of institution, faculty or major (i.e. undergraduate/postgraduate degree program) becomes final. Within 30 days from the date of termination of the scholarship relationship (the date on which the institution's decision becomes final), the scholarship holder submits a final professional report on the implementation of the research to the Rector, which is evaluated by experts at the request of the Sponsor.

19. Accounting for institutional support

The provisions of the deed of support issued by the NRDI Office (NKFI Hivatal) to the higher education institution shall govern the financial settlement of the higher education institution.

20. Publicity

The scholarship holder shall, in their communications and publications, indicate the name **University Research Scholarship Programme (EKÖP)**, the name of the **Ministry of Culture and Innovation**, as well as the name of the **National Research, Development and Innovation Fund**, and—where the form of communication allows—their **official graphic logo**.

The logo can be downloaded from the following website:
<https://nkfih.gov.hu/palyazoknak/aktualis-felhivasok/osztondijak>

21. Other terms

By signing the relevant statement, the applicant and the grant supervisor consent to the processing of their personal data by the Sponsor, the Ministry of Culture and Innovation and the National Research, Development and Innovation Office in accordance with the provisions of the statement.

22. Objection handling

22. No legal remedy may be submitted to any other body against the grant decision.

23. Further information

23.1. The Call for Grant Applications and its annexes together constitute the application documentation and contain all the conditions necessary for the submission of the grant application.

23.2. The documents of the grant application package can be downloaded from the <https://semmelweis.hu/phd>

23.3. The applicant may request further information about the grant application at the following contact details:

Contact details

Semmelweis University

EKÖP Coordinator: Csilla Csorba-Jónás

Email address: ekop-koordinator@semmelweis.hu

Compulsory Annexes

1. Supported study programmes, doctoral schools, and organizational units
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Annex 1: Supported trainings and organizational units

Category	Name of the training / Organizational unit	Monthly amount of the scholarship
Training	Semmelweis University Faculty of Health Sciences	125.000 Ft
Training	Semmelweis University András Pető Faculty	125.000 Ft
Training	Semmelweis University Faculty of Public Health Service	125.000 Ft
Master's Degree	Semmelweis University Faculty of Health Sciences	150 000 Ft
Master's Degree	Semmelweis University András Pető Faculty	150 000 Ft
Master's Degree	Semmelweis University Faculty of Public Health Service	150 000 Ft
Undivided training	Semmelweis University Faculty of Medicine	150.000 Ft
Undivided training	Semmelweis University Faculty of Pharmacy	150.000 Ft
Undivided training	Semmelweis University Faculty of Dentistry	150.000 Ft
PhD training	Semmelweis University Doctoral School PhD training before the Complex Exam	175 000 Ft
PhD training	Semmelweis University Doctoral School PhD training after the Complex Exam	200 000 Ft
PhD training	Semmelweis University Doctoral School PhD Candidate Training	225 000 HUF
Young teacher, researcher	Semmelweis University Doctoral School Postdoctoral training	250 000 HUF

Annex 2: Classification by scientific disciplines

A. Classification of scientific disciplines

	Field of Science		Branches of science and art
I.	Agricultural Sciences	1	Veterinary Sciences
	Agricultural Sciences	2	Animal Husbandry Sciences
	Agricultural Sciences	3	Food Sciences
	Agricultural Sciences	4	Forestry and game management sciences
	Agricultural Sciences	5	Crop production and horticultural sciences
II.	Humanities	1	Philosophical Sciences
	Humanities	2	Literary and Cultural Studies
	Humanities	3	Arts and Cultural History
	Humanities	4	Art History
	Humanities	5	Ethnographic and cultural anthropology
	Humanities	6	Educational Sciences
	Humanities	7	Linguistics
	Humanities	8	Psychological Sciences
	Humanities	9	History Sciences
	Humanities	10	Religious Studies
III.	Theological sciences	1	Theological sciences
IV.	Technical Sciences	1	Agricultural Engineering Sciences
	Technical Sciences	2	Materials Sciences and Technologies
	Technical Sciences	3	Biological, Environmental and Chemical Engineering
	Technical Sciences	4	Architectural Engineering
	Technical Sciences	5	Civil Engineering
	Technical Sciences	6	Mechanical Sciences
	Technical Sciences	7	Informatics
	Technical Sciences	8	Military Technical Sciences
	Technical Sciences	9	Transportation and Vehicle Sciences
	Technical Sciences	10	Electrical Engineering
V.	Arts	1	Architecture
	arts	2	Film and Video Arts
	Arts	3	Applied arts
	arts	4	Fine arts
	Arts	5	Multimedia art
	Arts	6	Theatre Arts
	Arts	7	Dance and movement arts

	Arts	8	Music
	Field of science		Branches of science and art
VI.	Medical Sciences	1	Health Sciences
	Medical Sciences	2	Theoretical Medicine
	Medical Sciences	3	Pharmaceutical Sciences
	Medical Sciences	4	Clinical Medicine
	Medical Sciences	5	Sports Sciences
VI.	social sciences	1	Political and Legal Sciences
	social sciences	2	Management and Organizational Sciences
	social sciences	3	Military Sciences
	social sciences	4	Economics
	social sciences	5	Administrative Sciences
	social sciences	6	Media and Communication Studies
	social sciences	7	Political Sciences
	social sciences	8	Regional Sciences
	social sciences	9	Law Enforcement
	social sciences	1 0	Sociological Sciences
VIII.	Natural science	1	Biological Sciences
	Natural science	2	physical sciences
	Natural science	3	Earth Sciences
	Natural science	4	Chemical Sciences
	Natural science	5	Environmental Sciences
	Natural science	6	Mathematics and Computer Sciences
	Altogether:	5 5	

B. Fields of instruction/training¹
in the case of applicants applying for a bachelor's or master's (undivided) program, for the
evaluation of the applicant's academic results

	Field of study
1.	Agriculture
2.	Political Science
3.	Humanities
4.	Economics
5.	Informatics
6.	Legal
7.	Technical
8.	Art
9.	Art mediation
10.	Medical and Health Sciences
11.	Teacher training
12.	Sports Science
13.	Social science
14.	Natural science

¹ Based on the amendment of the Ministry of Human Resources EMMI Decree No. 18/2016. (VIII. 5.) specified in the Decree No. 8/2013. (I. 30.) on the training and outcome requirements of higher education vocational training, bachelor's and master's training, as well as on the common requirements of teacher training and the training and outcome requirements of individual teaching professions