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Call for Applications for the

Central European Junior Programme Scholarship

The Central European Academy (CEA) invites applications for the

Central European Junior Programme Scholarship

for the first semester of the academic year 2026/27 for doctoral students starting their first semesters in the CECL sub-programme.

I. The purpose of the scholarship

The aim of the scholarship is to encourage a new generation of professionally committed and experienced researchers in the field of comparative law in Central Europe. For this purpose, the CEA has established the Central European Junior Programme Scholarship to encourage students primarily from European countries participating in the English-language Central European Comparative Law (CECL) programme of the Ferenc Deák Doctoral School of Law, University of Miskolc, to promote their outstanding research and development performance, and to help them secure their studies and their stay in Hungary.

II. Eligible applicants

1. A valid application can be submitted by applicants who
 - a) have been admitted to the CECL English language correspondence sub-programme of the Ferenc Deák Doctoral School, University of Miskolc (hereinafter referred to as CECL sub-programme) – The Ferenc Deák Doctoral School will inform the CEA ex officio of the fact that the applicant has been admitted as a PhD student.
 - b) undertake enrol in the CECL sub-programme and to enter into a scholarship and junior traineeship agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Scholarship Agreement") after winning the scholarship, and confirm that they have fulfilled the conditions for participation in the Junior Traineeship Programme (hereinafter referred to as the "Traineeship Programme") and accept the obligations set out in the Scholarship Agreement in force at the time;
 - c) terminate and do not establish any other employment relationship than CEA during the period of the scholarship agreement, not including teaching or research activities at a higher education institution or relationship with a foreign partner university or a foreign law research institute or judicial organisation, institution or employing as a legal practitioner in the field of justice (part-time junior status - by the permission of the CEA Director-General upon individual and duly justified request.)
2. Maximum number of scholarship holders for the first semester: 15 (fifteen)
3. The total amount available for the grant: HUF 79.500.000.-



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III. Application language, deadline, scope, criteria and evaluation

1. Applications must be submitted in writing in English by filling in the Google-form application form available on the Academy's website (<https://centraleuropeanacademy.hu/en/junior-program/the-cea-internship-programme/>) printing and duly signing the form and sending it along with their English CV and cover letter to the following email address: junior@centraleuropeanacademy.hu.

Requirements for the content and format of the application:

- 1) completion of the entire application form,
- 2) detailed CV,
- 3) a cover letter of up to 5000 characters (further formatting requirements: *Times New Roman font, 12 point font size, 1.5 point spacing, the character count includes spaces*).

In the cover letter, the applicants should explain:

- why they consider research and professional cooperation between the Central European countries to be important;
- how they imagine their activities and future career in the field of comparative law;
- how they plan to stay in Hungary for the entire duration of the programme (4 years) and how the scholarship can contribute to that;
if they would like to participate in the CEA's Junior Programme as a part-time employee.

2. The deadline of submission is **May 10, 2026**.

Late, incorrect or incomplete applications will not be considered and will be rejected without further examination. Justification of any omission beyond the applicant's control must be provided within 15 days of the closing date for submission of applications, in the form of a reasoned written request for justification.

3. The application, including any annexes, must be submitted in English. There is no application fee. The application is only valid if the application form is completed, signed and sent in .pdf format to the e-mail address given in point III.1. Please indicate 'Junior Programme Scholarship Application' as the subject of the e-mail.
4. Further detailed rules for the Scholarship and the Traineeship Programme are set out in the Scholarship Regulations and the detailed rules for the Traineeship Programme are set out in the Central European Academy Junior Traineeship Regulations, which are available on the Academy's website (link: <https://centraleuropeanacademy.hu/en/scholarship-programme/>). By submitting the application form, the applicant acknowledges that he/she has read and understood the contents of the regulations and has received the necessary information.



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IV. Evaluation of the application

1. The Academy's Scholarship Committee (SC) will decide on the applications received in a one-round procedure by 20 August 2026 at the latest.
2. The decision will be based on the following evaluation criteria:
 - a. travel costs from the country of origin (maximum 10 points)
 - b. the cost of living during the stay in Hungary (maximum 15 points)
 - c. the score obtained in the selection process for the CECL PhD programme (maximum 15 points)
 - d. individual assessment of the cover letter (maximum 10 points)

The minimum threshold for the award of a scholarship is 30 points.

3. The Scholarship Committee will inform the applicant of the outcome of the evaluation by e-mail within 5 working days of the decision.
There is no right of appeal against the decision on the outcome of the application.

V. Duration, amount and payment of the scholarship

1. The scholarship is for a fixed term (one semester) and can be awarded up to the duration of the PhD programme (8 times).
2. The amount of the scholarship you can apply for:

The maximum scholarship amount for full-time scholarship holders is HUF 5.300.000. - per semester, for part-time scholarship holders it is HUF 4.400.000.- per semester, which includes the training costs of the PhD course for the semester in question and the amount of the scholarship to be paid in six monthly instalments.

The Academy informs the applicant that the PhD student status, as well as the Junior intern and scholarship status, do not create a social security relationship under Hungarian law upon their establishment. However, the Academy provides for the employment of interested parties—particularly those coming from countries outside the EU—under an employment contract, which establishes a social security relationship granting the employee access to health insurance benefits in Hungary.

If the full-time scholarship applicant wishes to work part-time for the Academy for 10 hours per week, the amount of the scholarship awarded may not exceed HUF 4.940.000. In the case of a full-time scholarship applicant from countries outside the European Union wish to work part-time for the CEA, the minimum number of hours per week must be at least 20 hours, and therefore the amount of the scholarship awarded may not exceed HUF 4.580.000.



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3. The scholarship will be paid after the conclusion of the Scholarship Agreement and the Junior Traineeship Agreement, but retroactive to 1 September 2026.
4. The successful applicant must be an active PhD student in the CECL sub-programme and a junior trainee (junior researcher) in the CEA Traineeship Programme for the duration of the scholarship.
5. The Academy reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship, subject to the availability of financial resources.

VI. Data management, further information

1. The CEA will process personal data in accordance with the provisions of the CEA's Privacy Policy and the GDPR Regulation, for the purposes, on the legal basis and for the period specified in the Policy. The CEA's Privacy Policy is available at <https://centraleuropeanacademy.hu/en/dokumentum/>.
2. You may inquire about further information on application at:
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