



Hungarian Rectors' Conference

The whole higher education institution system is represented by the Hungarian Rectors' Conference (HRC), a body comprising the heads of higher education institutions in accordance with the regulation of operation of HRC laid down in its Statutes. Our aim is to highlight the vast and diverse academic landscape in Hungary, showcasing the numerous opportunities for cooperation and shared values.

Hungarian Higher Education in Figures - 2026

Higher Education Institutions in Hungary

Higher Education Institutions in total **63**

Universities	42
• Universities of applied sciences	12
• Universities of the arts	5
Colleges	21

By type of funding

State Institutions	5
Religious Institutions	26
Public Interest Trust Foundation Institutions	21
Private Institutions	11

Studies

Bachelor's	171 ¹
Master's	415 ¹
Undivided training programmes	25 ¹
Postgraduate programmes	2323 ¹
PhD programmes	150 ¹
 English programmes	763 ¹
 German programmes	61 ¹

Students in 2025/2026

Students in total	350 989¹
Foreign students	49 458 ¹
First year students	121 516 ¹

Graduates in 2024/2025

Degrees in total	56 241¹
Foreign graduates	8 025 ¹

Graduates by type of degree

Bachelor's	33 403 ¹
Master's	20 788 ¹
Doctorates	2 050 ¹

Internationality

Foreign students in total in 2025/26	49 458¹
of which from	
1.Germany	3 460 ¹
2.China	3 124 ¹
3.Romania	3 083 ¹
4.Iran	2 100 ¹
5.Turkey	1 994 ¹
6.Slovakia	1 874 ¹
7.Serbia	1 848 ¹
8.India	1 554 ¹
9.Pakistan	1 548 ¹
10.Bangladesh	1 509 ¹

Finances in 2023

Expenditure on higher education institutions in total	1 500bn HUF ² (2,1% of GDP)
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Research in 2024

Total HEI expenditure on R+D	150,225bn HUF ²
of which from the state budget	131,781bn HUF ²

Staff in 2025/26

Staff in HEI in total	90 058¹
Lecturers	31 451 ¹
Lecturers with PhD degree	16 981 ¹
Lecturers without PhD degree	14 470 ¹
Administrative, technical and other staff combined	58 607¹

Available Scholarships

- **Stipendium Hungaricum⁵**

Available across five continents in over 100 countries, the programme attracts tens of thousands of international students each year and offers around 900 full degree programmes.

- **Erasmus+⁶**

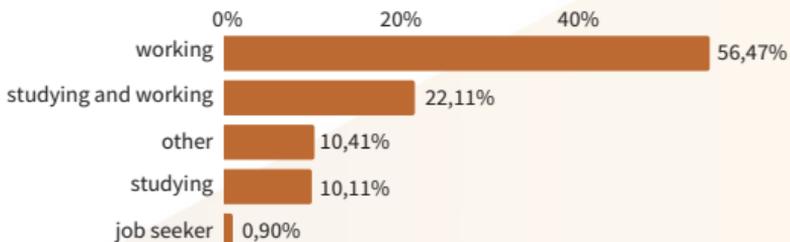
- **Pannonia Scholarship Programme⁷**

Offers short- and long-term mobility opportunities for Hungarian higher education students and staff to study, research, teach, or complete traineeships abroad in any country worldwide. Funding is further offered to HEIs to invite guest lecturers.

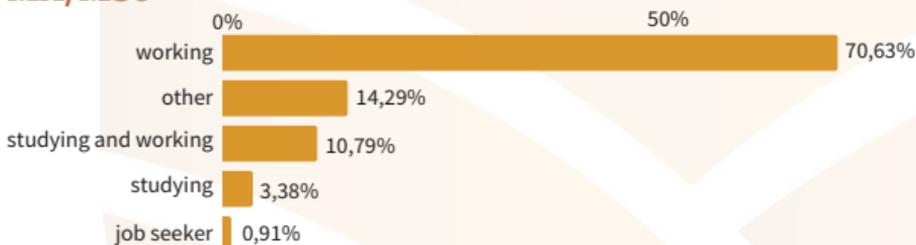
Employment rates of recent graduates

Status of 2021/2022 graduates in 2023

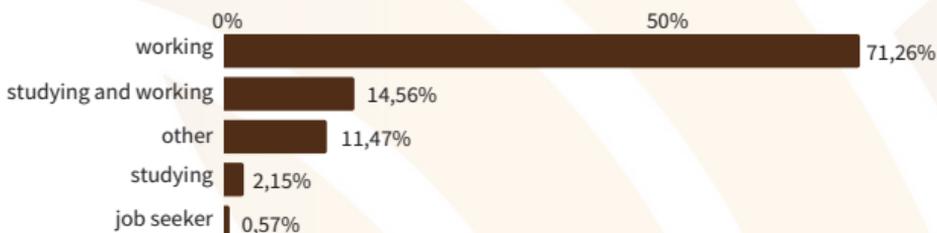
BA/BSc/BProf ¹



MA/MSc ¹



Undivided Programmes ¹



International rankings

QS World University Rankings 2026³

- 563. University of Debrecen
- 584. Eötvös Loránd University
- 597. University of Szeged
- 711-720. Budapest University of Technology and Economics
- 741-750. University of Pécs
- 1001-1200. MATE Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- 1001-1200. Széchenyi István University
- 1001-1200. Obuda University
- 1201-1400. University of Miskolc
- 1201-1400. University of Pannonia

THE Ranking 2026

- 251-300. Semmelweis University
- 601-800. Obuda University
- 801-1000. Eötvös Loránd University
- 801-1000. University of Debrecen
- 1001-1200. University of Pécs
- 1001-1200. University of Szeged
- 1201-1500. Budapest University of Technology and Economics
- 1201-1500. MATE Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- 1501.+ Pázmány Péter Catholic University
- 1501.+ Széchenyi István University
- 1501.+ University of Miskolc
- 1501.+ University of Pannonia

Sources

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