

Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies Programs: the Balassi Bálint Scholarship Program

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- One of the most important tools of cultural and science diplomacy are the educational programs offered to foreigners. Through these, we can train professionals who take a role in the development and deepening of the economic, political and cultural relations between their country and Hungary.
- We are looking forward to receiving Estonian students for the scholarship programs supervised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Some of these programs look back 60 years of tradition with modern methodology of instruction in a friendly international classroom atmosphere.
- We would highly recommend our Hungarian language related studies (Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies Program; Literary Translation Program; Balassi Summer University) to the Estonian partner.
- We would like to ask the Estonian partner to support of promotion of our scholarship programs.

Hungarian language related scholarship studies

A) Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies Program (Balassi scholarship program)

(Call for application: February-March)

The Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies Program is for those university students and young graduates who are either studying or have studied Hungarian language/Hungarian Studies at university, and/or intend to deal with Hungarian language and culture in the future. Students get ECTS credits for the subjects as the program functions as a program of the University of Pécs.

The participants have a large number of lessons per week in Hungarian and in all kind of Hungarian Studies subjects (Literature, Theater, Ethnography, Geography, History, etc.) in small groups according to their level of language skills. Absolute beginners of Hungarian language are accepted as well. They study Hungarian language in the first semester in 24 classes/week. The language training is completed with an international ECL language exam (international and Hungarian accreditation). Since the beginning of the training (2002), more than 1000 students from 57 countries have participated in it.

*After the beginning of the program, between 2002 and 2010, **15 Estonian students** studied in the course. But since then only three students participated in it. The last one of them graduated seven years ago, in the academic year 2016/17.*

The Hungarian Language and Hungarian Studies (Balassi) scholarship includes:

- full tuition fee
- stipend paid monthly
- free accommodation
- student card (offering discounts)
- basic health services

It is also possible to join the program through the Tempus Public Foundation.

B) Literary Translation Program (Balassi scholarship program)

(Call for application: February-March)

Our **Literary Translation Program** aims to develop the skills and knowledge of those who wish to work in the future on translating Hungarian literature and introducing Hungarian culture abroad. It also offers a comprehensive understanding of the institutional systems and major phenomena of contemporary Hungarian literary life.

Participants make translations of pieces of Hungarian literature over the ten months. Translation work is supported by a native-language professional reviewer (translator consultant).

After the start of the program, between 2005 and 2010, 4 Estonian students studied on the course, but since then only one participated in it. At the same time, there were scholarship holders who achieved serious translation results: Reet Klettenberg (academic year 2009/10) translated among others the following works: Géza Ottlik: School at the frontier, Dezső Kosztolányi: Anna Édes. Siiri Kolka (academic year 2008/09) won the most prestigious literary translation award in Estonia in 2020 with the translation of László Krasznahorkai: Sátántangó.

The Literary Translation (Balassi) scholarship includes:

- full tuition fee
- stipend paid monthly
- free accommodation
- student card (offering discounts)
- basic health services

C) Balassi Summer University (Balassi scholarship program)

(Call for application: March)

We also offer a shorter, light-hearted program for foreigners interested in Hungarian language and culture. **Balassi Summer University** combine intensive Hungarian language lessons with lectures on Hungarian literature, history, folk and fine arts, movie history, wine culture etc. in a 4-week program. The course taking place in Budapest provides an opportunity to learn about Hungarian cultural heritage, as well as to discover and experience individually a variety of cultural programs offered by the Hungarian capital city in summer.

1-1 Estonian students participated in the Balassi Summer University in 2018 and 2019.

The Balassi Summer University scholarship includes:

- full tuition fee
- course material
- free accommodation
- three meals a day
- a 30-day pass for public transport