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**Call for Applications No. 2  
for the  
Central European Junior Programme Scholarship**

The Central European Academy (CEA) invites applications for the

**Central European Junior Programme Scholarship**

**for the second semester of the academic year 2025/26 for doctoral students starting their second, fourth and sixth and eighth 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 Central European Academy (hereinafter referred to as: Academy) has established the Central European Junior Programme Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as Junior Programme Scholarship) to encourage students primarily from Central 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)
  - b) met the academic progress requirements for the previous semester (fulfilled the necessary credit requirements) as well as the requirements prescribed for the preceding junior internship semester;
  - c) undertake to enrol for the current semester of the CECL sub-programme and to fulfil the course enrolment obligations;
  - d) undertake 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.



### 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/the-cea-scholarship-programme/> printing and duly signing the form and sending it to [junior@centraleuropeanacademy.hu](mailto:junior@centraleuropeanacademy.hu). The contracting authority will verify ex officio that the applicant has fulfilled the academic progress requirements of the Doctoral School and the Traineeship Programme and that he/she has fulfilled the enrolment and course enrolment requirements, without the need to provide supporting documents.
2. The Academy hereby announces the scholarship in a total of six (6) categories, which are as follows:
  - **Category 1:** full-time scholarship, regardless of the applicant's nationality;
  - **Category 2:** full-time scholarship for applicants who are EU nationals, with an existing or to-be-established additional legal relationship for part-time employment of 10 hours per week with the CEA, to be carried out in person at the CEA's headquarter, exclusively for the position of junior researcher or legal officer and solely for the performance of tasks pertaining to the aforementioned positions;
  - **Category 3:** full-time scholarship for applicants who are non-EU nationals, with an existing or to-be-established additional legal relationship for part-time employment of 20 hours per week with the CEA, to be carried out in person at the CEA's headquarter, exclusively for the position of junior researcher or legal officer and solely for the performance of tasks pertaining to the aforementioned positions;
  - **Category 4:** part-time scholarship, regardless of the applicant's nationality;
  - **Category 5:** part-time scholarship for applicants who are EU nationals, with an existing or to-be-established additional legal relationship for part-time employment of 10 hours per week with the CEA, to be carried out in person at the CEA's headquarter, exclusively for the position of junior researcher or legal officer and solely for the performance of tasks pertaining to the aforementioned positions;
  - **Category 6:** part-time scholarship for applicants who are non-EU nationals, with an existing or to-be-established additional legal relationship for part-time employment of 20 hours per week with the CEA, to be carried out in person at the CEA's headquarter, exclusively for the position of junior researcher or legal officer and solely for the performance of tasks pertaining to the aforementioned positions;

A valid application may only be submitted by designating a single category. Any modification between the awarded scholarship categories within the relevant semester—subject to the Director General's approval of a request to that effect—is only possible for a category for which a lower scholarship amount is specified than for the awarded scholarship.



The Academy hereby draws the applicant's attention to the fact that being awarded a scholarship under Categories 1 and 4 above does not automatically establish a social security legal relationship entitling the person to state healthcare services in Hungary; such entitlement shall only accrue to the successful applicant in the case of a scholarship awarded under Categories 2, 3, 5, and 6, effective from the date of the commencement of the employment relationship specified therein.

**3. The deadline for submission is 28 February 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.

4. 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.

5. 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/the-cea-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.

**IV. Evaluation of the application**

1. The Academy's Scholarship Committee (SC) will decide on the applications received in a one-round procedure by 13 March 2026 at the latest.

2. Based on a formally and substantively valid scholarship application submitted within the deadline, the applicant shall be awarded the full scholarship amount corresponding to the category designated in the application, and the awarded amount shall be paid to the applicant provided that the following conditions are collectively met:

a) the applicant has been admitted to the CECL sub-program;

b) the applicant has fulfilled the academic progress requirements of the previous semester (has obtained the required credits) as well as the previous junior internship semester;

c) the applicant undertakes to enroll in the current semester of the CECL sub-program and fulfills the obligations related to course enrollment;

d) the applicant undertakes to enter into a Scholarship Agreement following the award of the scholarship, and confirms that they have fulfilled the conditions for participation in the junior internship program (hereinafter: "Internship Program") and accepts the obligations set out in the then-effective Scholarship Agreement;



e) a positive semi-annual evaluation, including a statement of support for the award of the semi-annual scholarship have been issued by the applicant's Scientific Professional Supervisor.

f) a positive semi-annual evaluation regarding the applicant's internship completed in the previous year including a statement of support for the award of the semi-annual scholarship have been issued and a positive assessment of the motivation letter have been awarded by the Junior Program Manager.

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 academic semester) and can be awarded for the duration of the doctoral studies, up to a maximum of 8 times.
2. The amount of the scholarship you can apply for:
  - **Category 1.: HUF 5,300,000;**
  - **Category 2.: HUF 4,940,000;**
  - **Category 3.: HUF 4,580,000;**
  - **Category 4.: HUF 4,400,000;**
  - **Category 5.: HUF 4,040,000;**
  - **Category 6.: HUF 3,680,000;**
3. The scholarship will be paid after the conclusion of the Scholarship Agreement and the Junior Traineeship Agreement, but retroactive to 1 March 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/>.

Candidates may report any changes to their personal data to [junior@centraleuropeanacademy.hu](mailto:junior@centraleuropeanacademy.hu). CEA's Privacy Policy is available at <https://centraleuropeanacademy.hu/en/dokumentum/>.

2. You may inquire about further information on application at: Mónika Nagy Cserge  
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