

Academic year 2025/2026**Semester 1****CALL FOR PROPOSALS****SOE Doctoral Excellence Scholarship**

The Foundation for the University of Sopron awards doctoral excellence scholarships to support doctoral students receiving state scholarships who demonstrate outstanding performance.

The primary purpose of the scholarship is to support doctoral students receiving state scholarships who demonstrate outstanding performance, thereby improving their living conditions and bringing the total amount of the scholarship closer to the net salary of a teaching assistant. The scholarship also aims to ensure that doctoral students do not take on full-time work alongside their doctoral studies, as the resulting time constraints make it more difficult for them to progress with their doctoral studies, thereby reducing the effectiveness of their doctoral training.

Eligible applicants:

Full-time doctoral students with active student status who are recipients of state scholarships. Applicants must not have reached the age of 40 at the start of their doctoral studies.

Amount of support:

The amount of the scholarship is HUF 100,000 per person per month (5 months in the fall semester and 7 months in the spring semester per year).

Conditions for a valid application:

- a. the applicant must not have reached the age of 40 at the start of their doctoral studies;
- b. the doctoral student undertakes to
 - participate in the educational activities of the University, including, but not limited to, participating in the preparation of classes, occasionally holding practical, laboratory, or field practice classes, and supervising thesis topics (minimum requirement: two hours of teaching per week and supervision of at least one graduate student (co-supervisor));
 - regularly attend undergraduate and master's degree classes in the doctoral school's field of study as part of their preparation for future teaching activities;
 - regularly discuss their experiences gained during their teaching activities with their supervisor (tutoring);

- actively participates in the research activities, administrative and protocol tasks of the institute or in the alumni activities, internationalisation and enrollment activities of the University.

Special conditions in the semesters preceding the comprehensive examination:

- completion of the comprehensive examination by the end of the 4th active semester (by August 31 in the spring semester and January 31 in the fall semester);
- one full-length scientific publication (not an abstract) in English must be published as the first or last author by the time of the comprehensive exam, or proof of acceptance for publication of the scientific publication must be provided.

Special conditions in the semesters following the comprehensive exam:

- commitment to obtain a final certificate (absolutorium) by the end of the 8th semester (by August 31 in the spring semester, by January 31 in the fall semester);
- by the time of the comprehensive examination, 1 full-length scientific publication (not an abstract) in English appears as the first or last author, or certifies the acceptance of the scientific publication, which is about to be published.

In the case of a multi-author publication, a statement is required from all authors regarding the doctoral student's share of authorship. The statement must contain only the doctoral student's share of authorship.

When evaluating applications, preference shall be given to students who:

- do not have an 8-hour employment relationship in addition to their doctoral training,
- or whose employment relationship or 8-hour employment relationship does not require a higher education degree and professional qualification, or who are engaged in student work.

When submitting their application, doctoral students must declare whether they have an 8-hour employment relationship or employment status, including commission or service contracts and student work. When submitting the application, you must verify the nature of the work performed and the level of education required for it.

The application can be submitted for one semester of study, and thus the scholarship can be awarded for one semester, but it can be applied for over several semesters.

The application can be submitted after completing one semester of doctoral training.

Applications must be submitted via the Neptun study system (application code: SOE_12_08).

The deadline for submitting applications is **24:00 on Wednesday, October 8, 2025**.

Attachments may only be submitted in **PDF** format.

Failure to meet the deadline will result in forfeiture of rights, and late or incomplete applications will not be considered by the evaluation committee.

Bodies involved in the evaluation of applications:

- A 5-member committee consisting of the Vice-Rector for Research and Foreign Affairs, the Vice-Rector for Education, the President of the Doctoral and Habilitation Council, and the heads of doctoral schools (advisors)
- The Board of Trustees of the Foundation for the University of Sopron (decision-making)

Further information:

The relevant body is expected to decide on the scholarship applications by November 15, 2025. Applicants will be notified of the decision in the form of a resolution via the Neptun study system. For inquiries regarding the application, please contact the following e-mail address: soea-osztondij@uni-sopron.hu.

The expected number of students receiving scholarships at the institutional level is a maximum of 15.

If the application is successful, the applicant must submit the following after the end of the semester, but no later **than February 5, 2026**:

- research report (summary of the current status of the research topic, 3–5 pages)
- certificate of completion from the director of the institute (completed teaching activities, participation in the institute's research and other activities)
- list of scientific publications (in addition to the publications specified in the application requirements)

If the doctoral student fails to pass the comprehensive exam or meet any of the scholarship requirements by the end of the fourth active semester of the program, or if the student's status is terminated based on their own decision, they must repay the scholarship awarded for each semester.

If the doctoral student does not fulfil the requirements for the final certificate or any of the conditions of the scholarship by the end of the 8th active semester of the program, or if the student's status is terminated at their own request, they must repay the scholarship awarded for semesters 5–8 for each semester.

Sopron, 15. September 2025.

Prof. Dr. Attila Fábián
rector