

## Call for Applications

## MATE International Summer School 2026

20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July 2026 // Kaposvar, Hungary

## Modern Methods of Efficient Research and Publishing

## Executive Summary

We invite university students and early-career researchers to join us for an enriching summer school program focused on modern methods of efficient research and publishing. The professional program includes lectures and workshops led by experts, covering cutting-edge research techniques and practical strategies for publishable results in prestigious journals.

## Program Goal and Structure

The seminar provides a practical overview of cutting-edge research methods, emphasising publishable results in top journals, with 75% general topics, and 25% social and economic research specifics. No informatics background is required. Sessions will run daily, blending lectures, workshops, and case studies.

## Key Topics

- ❑ Basic science concepts, science-innovation links (Oslo/Frescati models), triple helix.
- ❑ Research ethics, GDPR, plagiarism prevention, academic integrity.
- ❑ Performance evaluation: *bibliometrics, scientometrics, key databases*.
- ❑ Review writing: *systematic reviews* (PRISMA, PROSPERO, Cochrane), *tips/tricks*.
- ❑ Quantitative tools: *databases, time-series, panel analysis, structural equations*.
- ❑ Academic writing: *article crafting, system dynamics, grant applications, manuscript management*
- ❑ R ecosystem intro, big data bibliometrics, qualitative methods (interviews, eye-tracking).

## How to Apply

- ❑ Submit your application online via [apply.uni-mate.hu](https://apply.uni-mate.hu)
- ❑ The call for applications is open until **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.
- ❑ Notification of acceptance will be sent to selected participants by **30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**; spots are limited, with certificates awarded upon full attendance and participation.

## Participant requirements

- ❑ Be university students or early-career researchers
- ❑ Be motivated to engage in trans-disciplinary discussions on research methods and publishing.
- ❑ Be available for the entire duration of the Summer School, and must be prepared to participate in all activities.
- ❑ Have a good command of spoken and written English.
- ❑ Bring laptops with administrator rights for software demonstrations.



## Financial Details

The Summer School will be self-funded at **€550** covering:

- Professional program
- Double-room dorm accommodation
- Three daily meals, and social activities.

An additional non-refundable application fee of **€50** applies.

Payment is due upon acceptance.

Please note that no scholarships are available.

## Health Insurance

It is highly advisable to obtain health insurance for the duration of your stay, in addition to the European Health Insurance Card, which covers only basic services.






## Venue & Leisure

The Summer School will be hosted at MATE's Kaposvár Campus in southwestern Hungary, south of Lake Balaton. The Campus features modern teaching facilities, dormitory accommodation, indoor/outdoor public places and a restaurant, creating an ideal setting for a memorable experience.

The programme also includes leisure and cultural activities. Participants will spend time at the nearby Lake Deseda, the longest artificial lake in Hungary, where they can enjoy walking, swimming, boating, cycling, and the surrounding natural environment.

Other activities include:

-  An excursion to Bószénfai Deer Farm.
-  A visit to a demonstration lab at Kaposvár University Hospital)
-  Shared culinary activities preparing traditional Hungarian dishes; gulyás & kürtőskalács



For more information about the 2026 MATE Summer School, kindly contact Prof. Dr. Zoltán Lakner at the following address: [lakner.zoltan@uni-mate.hu](mailto:lakner.zoltan@uni-mate.hu)

We look forward to welcoming you in Kaposvar in July 2026!