



# Welcome to MATE!

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# Reasons to study in Hungary

Located in the heart of Europe, Hungary offers:

- ✔ > High-quality education
- ✔ > Affordable tuition fees and living costs
- ✔ > Scholarship opportunities
- ✔ > A vibrant student life, rich in attractions and diverse options for leisure and culture



# MATE University overview

- Strong **reputation** in Agriculture, Life Sciences, and Environmental Studies
- Numerous **scholarship** opportunities
- **Modern** research **facilities** for practical training
- Diverse and vibrant **international community**
- Extensive student **support services**

## MATE in Figures:

**~13,000** students

**1,816** international students

**103** countries

**50** programmes in English

# MATE University overview

**Our 5 campuses combine academic excellence with a safe and beautiful green environment:**



**Buda Campus**



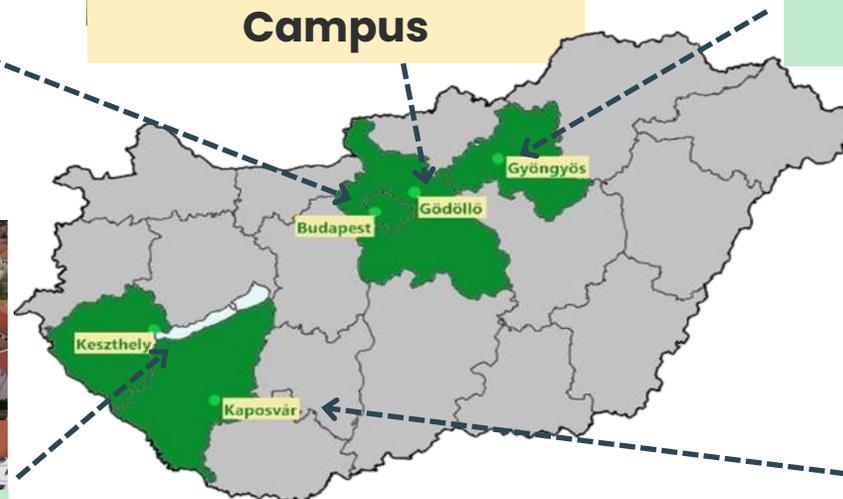
**Szent István  
Campus**



**Károly Róbert Campus  
Gyöngyös**



**Georgikon Campus  
Keszthely**



**Kaposvár Campus**

# Life at MATE

**New place, new start? We've got your back.**



## Arrival – Orientation

Visa, residence permit, practical information, social events, mentor program, mental health counselling, Medical Assistance System etc.



## Housing

Dormitories (priority of 1st-year scholarship holders) and affordable housing opportunities close to campus



## Career

Career advisors, student organizations, job fairs, workshops, scientific conferences and networking events



# Life at MATE

... more than just classes

team spirit,  
good vibes,  
great  
memories



**SZIA Garden**



grow,  
connect,  
and chill  
outdoors

**Freshmen Ball**



get to know your new home

**Orientation Week & Welcome Events**



**International Dinner**

kick things  
off with  
new friends



share your  
traditions,  
discover  
others

**Campus Tours**



**Culture Days**



# Studying at MATE

MATE offers a wide, future-focused portfolio across **agricultural, economic, social, engineering and natural sciences**, as well as **art education and the arts** – find your path for your career, and take your next step with us.



## BSc programmes

Step into your next chapter— **MATE BSc programmes** (usually 7 sem.) **build core skills in:**

- › agriculture & horticulture
- › engineering & technology
- › environment & sustainability
- › food science & processing
- › business & management
- › tourism & hospitality (8 sem.)
- › wildlife conservation
- › film & media (6 sem.)



## MSc programmes

**Ready to level up your expertise?**

Our 4-semester long\* **MSc programmes offer deeper focus areas in:**

- › biotechnology & agri-innovation
- › environmental sciences
- › engineering & water management
- › food science & safety
- › animal husbandry, aquaculture (3 sem.)
- › management & leadership, finance
- › rural development and urban systems
- › wildlife & sustainability

\*3-semester long: Biosystems Engineering, Aquaculture

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## Doctoral Schools

Ready to take your knowledge further and create research that matters?

**10 PhD programmes in  
4 doctoral schools**

### Agricultural and Food Sciences

- › Animal Science
- › Food Science
- › Plant & Horticultural Science

### Engineering Sciences

- › Mechanical Engineering
- › Landscape Architecture

### Natural Sciences

- › Environmental Science
- › Biological Science

### Economics and Regional Sciences

- › Sustainable Business and Management
- › Regional Economic Development and Management

# Funding pathways

## Self-financing

Prefer to apply independently?

**Great news:** You can submit your application through our **modern online application platform (DreamApply)**, designed to make the process clear, fast, and student-friendly – from anywhere in the world.

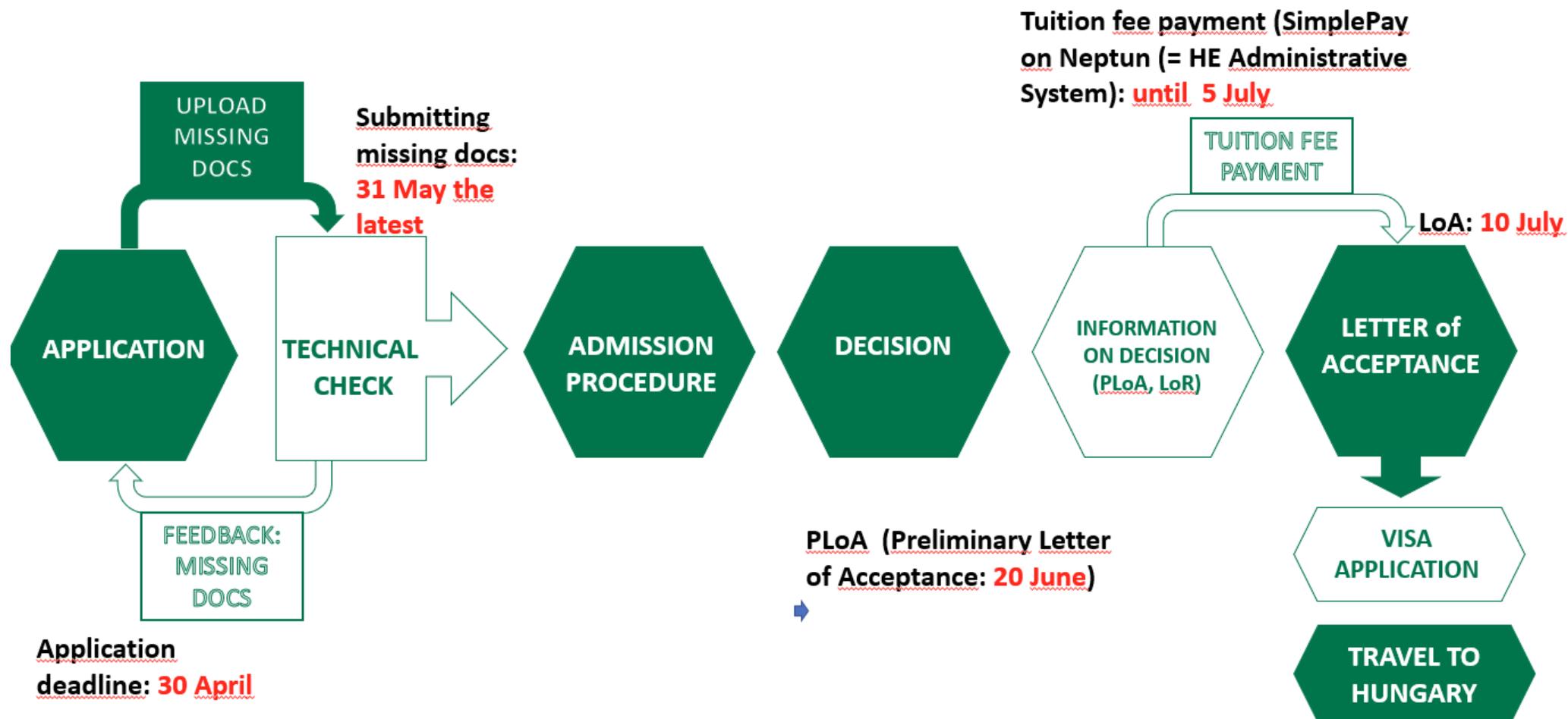
## Dreams come true – MATE DreamApply!

The screenshot displays the MATE website's homepage. On the left is a green navigation sidebar with the MATE logo and menu items: 'Find programmes', 'About us', 'More information' (with sub-items: 'How to apply?', 'Contact us', 'Social Media', 'Scholarships', 'Accommodation', 'Student life'), 'High contrast mode', 'Report accessibility issue', 'Admin login', and 'Advisor login'. The main content area features a large banner image of the university building with the text 'Tradition Innovation Global Network' and 'START YOUR PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY WITH MATE!'. Below the banner is a search bar with the text 'What do you want to study?' and a 'Search' button. Underneath the search bar, there are 'Featured Programmes' listed as 'Bachelor' and 'BSc Horticultural Engineering (Budapest)'. To the right of the featured programmes are two promotional buttons: a blue 'APPLY NOW' button with a hand cursor, and a green 'INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL OPEN DAY' button with a date of '4TH OF DECEMBER 14:00 CET' and an image of two students.

**Application deadline for 2026/27 intake: 30 April 2026**

# Funding pathways

## Flowchart of MATE DA self-financed application procedure – for applicants



# Funding pathways

## Full degree scholarships

Many of our English-taught programmes are available through prestigious funding opportunities, such as:



➤ Fully funded scholarship opportunities for students from over 100 sending partner countries.  
**Application deadline: 15 January 2026 (14:00 CET)**



➤ Study in Hungary opportunity for Christian students from crisis regions or facing faith-based persecution. **Application deadline: 10 January 2026 (23:59 CET)**

- ✓ **Tuition-free education**
- ✓ **Monthly stipend** – contribution to the living expenses in Hungary
- ✓ **Accommodation contribution** – free dormitory place or a contribution of HUF 40,000/month to accommodation costs
- ✓ **Medical insurance** – health care services according to the relevant Hungarian legislation (national health insurance card) and Medical Assistance Service

### The scholarship is announced for the citizens of the following countries:

- |   |          |   |        |   |           |   |           |
|---|----------|---|--------|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| ✓ | Armenia  | ✓ | Iraq   | ✓ | Lebanon   | ✓ | Syria     |
| ✓ | Chad     | ✓ | Israel | ✓ | Pakistan  | ✓ | Nicaragua |
| ✓ | Ethiopia | ✓ | Kenya  | ✓ | Palestine | ✓ | Niger     |
| ✓ | Ghana    |   |        |   |           | ✓ | Nigeria   |

**15 Jan 2026 (14:00 CET):** Application deadline (online + Sending Partner)  
**28 Feb 2026:** Technical check & nomination procedure  
**by 15 Mar 2026:** Statement of the Supervisor (PhD, if required)  
**by 15 Mar 2026:** Recommendation letter (for self-funded applicants only)  
**mid-Mar–end-May 2026:** Institutional admission (interviews)  
**end of Jun 2026:** Selection results announced

**2 study programmes** can be selected

**10 Jan 2026 (23:59 CET):** Application deadline (online)  
**by 15 Feb 2026:** Technical check + church recommendation approval & ranking  
**by 30 Apr 2026:** Institutional admission (interviews) and submitting medical certificate  
**mid-Jun 2026:** Decision by Minister responsible for Higher Education  
**after 1 Jul 2026:** Selection results announced  
**Only 1 study programme** can be selected (PhD!)

More information and the full list of English programmes can be found at: <https://en.uni-mate.hu/en/sh-application> & <https://en.uni-mate.hu/en/scyp-application>; <https://en.uni-mate.hu/en/bsc-and-msc-programmes-in-english> & <https://phd.uni-mate.hu/>

# Stipendium Hungaricum – Selection Process

## Selection process:

**STEP 1 – nomination period** till 28 February – for not nominated applicants: **MISP!**

**STEP 2 – admission period:** entrance exams/interviews (**middle of March – beginning of May**)

**STEP 3 – final decision** by the Board of Trustees of Tempus Public Foundation: **end of June**  
(importance of priorities: 1st choice study programme matters the most)

**Factors considered:** your ranking position on the list of nominees + result of entrance exam (0-100 scale) + quotas (country/study programme)

## Entrance exam/interview (info and invitation via email):

**BSc level:** assessment of the uploaded documents + oral interview

**MSc level:** credit recognition procedure (60 relevant credits) + oral interview  
(**motivation**, language skills)

**PhD level:** oral interview (motivation, language skills + **research topic, scientific background:** publications, presentations at conferences etc.) '*Statement of the Supervisor*' document

**Platform:** Teams / Zoom / DreamApply recorded interview (for pre-selection)

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### Missed SH or SCYP? Your scholarship journey is not over!



*The MATE International Scholarship Program (MISP) offers support to talented, MATE-aligned students who applied for SH or SCYP at BSc/MSc level but were not nominated or awarded.*



Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the  
United Nations



***Fully funded scholarships to exceptional students to obtain master's degrees in certain fields.***

**MSc in Agricultural Biotechnology**  
**MSc in Animal Nutrition and Feed Safety Engineering**

**Applications** should be submitted **via email by 28 February 2026**

Email: [REU-Scholarship@fao.org](mailto:REU-Scholarship@fao.org)

# Q&A

It's time for your questions!

**How to find a PhD supervisor and/or get a 'Statement of the Supervisor' document?**

**Which language certificates do you accept?**

**Can I take a part-time job as a student?**

**How much does it cost to live in Hungary?**

# List of Acceptable Language Certificates

Acceptable Language Certificates	Level/Band/Score
<b>TOEFL</b>	min. of 550 on PBT
	72 on iBT
<b>IELTS</b>	5.5
<b>EUROEXAM</b>	B2
<b>Cambridge First Certificate</b>	"C" (B2)
	or min. 160
<b>Oxford Test of English (OTE)</b>	speaking 110-140 (B2)
	listening 110-140 (B2)
	writing 110-140 (B2)
	reading 110-140 (B2)
<b>ECL</b>	"C" (B2)
<b>LLCCIEB</b>	Level 2: Pass (B2)
<b>TELC</b>	B2
<b>LanguageCert ESOL</b>	B2
<b>Pearson PTE</b>	min. 59
<b>Pearson Academic (PTE)</b>	min. 59
<b>Trinity Integrated Skills In English (ISE) min. ISE II</b>	B2
<b>TOEIC</b>	listening min. 400
	reading min. 385
	speaking min. 160
	writing min. 150
<b>Business English Certificate (BEC)</b>	Vantage (B2)
<b>DUOLINGO (DET) or EF SET Test</b>	<b>NOT ACCEPTABLE</b>
<b>Medium of Instruction Certificate</b> (justified by an officially signed and stamped document)	if any/ if applicable
Online Language Exams	Level/Band/Score
<b>TELC</b>	B2
<b>EUROEXAM</b>	B2

- Certificate of secondary education accomplished in English may also be taken into account.
- Bachelor's/Master's degrees from English-speaking countries are also acceptable.
- Applicants need to present an **official** (duly signed and stamped) **justification** that the medium of instruction for the applicant's entire study programme was English.

# Get in touch with us!

**NEXT Virtual Open Day:**  
**26 March 2026**

Check our [website](#) and [FB page](#)

**Contact us:**

- Self-financed – [apply@uni-mate.hu](mailto:apply@uni-mate.hu)
- SH – [sh@uni-mate.hu](mailto:sh@uni-mate.hu)
- SCYP – [scyp@uni-mate.hu](mailto:scyp@uni-mate.hu)
- MISP – [misp@uni-mate.hu](mailto:misp@uni-mate.hu)
- FAO – [fao.mate@uni-mate.hu](mailto:fao.mate@uni-mate.hu)



- **About MATE:** <https://youtu.be/RduGnNN20eE>
- **MATE's brochure:** <https://en.uni-mate.hu/mate-brochures>
- **BSc and MSc programmes:** <https://en.uni-mate.hu/bsc-and-msc-programmes-in-english>
- **Doctoral Schools of MATE:** <https://phd.uni-mate.hu/>
- **For PhD supervisor/research topic:** <https://doktori.hu/doktori-kepzes/doktori-iskolak/>
- **Application process:** <https://en.uni-mate.hu/application-procedure-for-bsc-msc>
- **Refund policy:** <https://en.uni-mate.hu/refund-policy>
- **Acceptable language certificates:** <https://en.uni-mate.hu/en/language-certificate-application>
- **Scholarships:** <https://en.uni-mate.hu/scholarships>
- **Accommodation:** <https://en.uni-mate.hu/accommodation>
- **FAQ:** <https://en.uni-mate.hu/en/faq-admissions>

## Useful links





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