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1 Interpretative provisions

Any CDP: the 2020 Cooperative Doctoral Programme, the 2021 Cooperative Doctoral Programme, the 2021 Cooperative Doctoral Programme National Defence Subprogramme, the 2023 Cooperative Doctoral Programme, and the University Research Scholarship Program Cooperative Doctoral Programme.

URSP: UNIVERSITY RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

URSP-CDP: Cooperative Doctoral Programme implemented as part of the University Research Scholarship Programme

Government Decree: Government Decree No. 24/2013 (II. 5.) on National Higher Education Excellence

NRDI Fund: National Research, Development and Innovation Fund

NRDI Office: National Research, Development and Innovation Office

Scholarship holder: an applicant who has been awarded the URSP scholarship

Applicant: a person submitting an application for the URSP scholarship call

Grantor: University of Miskolc

2 Objectives of the Call

2.1 The Ministry of Culture and Innovation provides support to the University of Miskolc from the National Research, Development and Innovation Fund (hereinafter: NRDI Fund), through the National Research, Development and Innovation Office (hereinafter: NRDI Office), pursuant to Government Decree No. 24/2013 (II. 5.) on National Higher Education Excellence, for the purpose of establishing and operating the University Research Scholarship Programme.

2.2 The aim of the call for University Research Scholarship Programme is to ensure the supply of new teaching and research staff for the institution of higher education and researcher-developer staff for innovative Hungarian companies, and to involve the most talented students in higher education talent management.

2.3 The scholarship applications announced within the framework of the programme in 2026 support excellence in higher education by providing funding for students—enrolled in bachelor's, master's, or doctoral programmes—as well as young lecturers and researchers who carry out productive research and creative activities within the higher education institution.

3 Statutory Obligations of the Higher Education Institution

3.1 The higher education institution holding a URSP framework is obliged to announce the URSP scholarship call for all levels of study specified in the Government Decree, provided that it offers such training programmes.

3.2 The URSP scholarship calls are announced by the higher education institution and published on its website. At least 30 days prior to the announcement, the higher education institution shall submit the URSP scholarship calls to the NRDI Office for approval.

3.3 The higher education institution is responsible for the full administration of the scholarship application process via electronic means, including, in particular, the evaluation of applications, the making of funding decisions, the preparation of contracts related to the scholarship programme, and the disbursement of scholarships awarded through the application process.

3.4 Furthermore, the higher education institution is tasked with organizing an event at least once a year for current scholarship holders and former scholarship holders who have already obtained their degrees.

3.5 Regarding the aforementioned tasks, the higher education institution shall prepare a professional and financial report for the NRDI Office by November 30 of each scholarship year in relation to each academic year. The evaluation of the professional and financial report shall be taken into account by the Research Excellence Council when determining the URSP framework for the following year.

4 Form and Amount of the Scholarship

4.1 The support is awarded through an application process in the form of a scholarship. The Grantor shall ensure the disbursement of the scholarship to the bank account specified by the applicant in their application.

4.2 Pursuant to the Government Decree, the amount of the URSP scholarship **is a minimum of HUF 125,000/month/person and a maximum of HUF 250,000/month/person**. The specific rates of the scholarships, as well as the supported training programmes, doctoral schools, and organisational units, are determined based on **Table 1**. The rates of the scholarships are determined based on Table 1 in Section 5.

4.3 The duration of the scholarship period may be:

- 5 months (1 September 2026 – 31 January 2027 / 1 February 2027 – 30 June 2027)
- 7 months (1 February 2027 – 31 August 2027)
- 10 months (1 September 2026 – 30 June 2027)
- 12 months (1 September 2026 – 31 August 2027)

4.4 The scholarship status shall terminate upon the termination of the underlying legal status establishing eligibility during the scholarship period, or on the last day of the semester in which the certificate of completion (*absolutorium*) is obtained.

5 Eligibility Criteria and Application Categories

Applications for this scholarship call may be submitted by natural persons who fully meet the following criteria, have not yet reached the age of 45, and possess outstanding scientific and/or professional and/or academic achievements. The Rector may waive the age limit requirement in the event of circumstances deserving special consideration.

5.1 Bachelor's Category

- the applicant must have an active student status in any bachelor's programme at the University of Miskolc, in any work schedule (full-time or part-time).
- In the case of Type "I" prospective senior year applications
 - for bachelor's programmes in the fields of Agriculture, Engineering, IT, Medicine and Health Sciences, or Natural Sciences, the weighted grade point average (GPA) of the last two completed semesters must be at least "3.51" per completed semester.
 - for bachelor's programmes in other fields of study, the weighted grade point average (GPA) of the last two completed semesters must be at least "4.00" per completed semester.
 - If the applicant has completed only one semester, the weighted GPA of that single completed semester shall be taken into account.
- In the case of Type "II" prospective first-year applications

- the average of the academic results from the last two completed semesters in secondary education must be at least "4.00" per completed semester.
- If the applicant has completed only one semester, the weighted GPA of that single completed semester shall be taken into account.

5.2 Master's Category

- the applicant must have an active student status in any master's programme at the University of Miskolc, in any work schedule.
- In the case of an application for a divided Master's programme, a further condition for "Type I" prospective first-year students is that
 - for bachelor's programmes in the fields of Agriculture, Engineering, IT, Medicine and Health Sciences, or Natural Sciences, the weighted grade point average (GPA) of the last two completed semesters must be at least "3.51" per completed semester.
 - for bachelor's programmes in other fields of study, the weighted GPA of the last two completed semesters must be at least "4.00" per completed semester.
- In the case of an application for an undivided Master's programme, a further condition for "Type I" prospective first-year students is that
 - in the case of scientific applications, for applicants applying to a master's programme, the average of the results from the last two completed semesters of secondary education must be at least '4.00' per completed semester.
 - for arts applications: the applicant's performance in the first round of the arts entrance practical examination must be graded as "pass" (or "satisfactory") by the receiving higher education institution.
- In the case of applications for divided or undivided Master's programmes, a further condition for "Type I" and "Type II" prospective senior-year students, prospective final-year students, and prospective final-year students applying for doctoral training is that
 - for master's programmes in the fields of Agriculture, Engineering, IT, Medicine and Health Sciences, or Natural Sciences, the weighted grade point average (GPA) of the last two completed semesters must be at least "3.51" per completed semester.
 - for master's programmes in other fields of study, the weighted grade point average (GPA) of the last two completed semesters must be at least "4.00" per completed semester.
 - If the applicant has completed only one semester, the weighted GPA of that single completed semester shall be taken into account.

5.3 Doctoral Category

- the applicant is pursuing active doctoral studies as a student in any work schedule at one of the doctoral schools of the University of Miskolc.

5.4 Young Lecturer and Researcher Category

- the applicant conducts teaching and/or research activities at one of the organisational units of the University of Miskolc; and
- has obtained a certificate of completion (*absolutorium*) in a doctoral programme but has not yet obtained their doctoral degree, OR has obtained their doctoral degree within the last 5 years¹; and

¹ Pursuant to Section 10(2) of Government Decree No. 24/2013 (II. 5.) on National Higher Education Excellence, regarding the duration specified in point (d) of paragraph (1), the higher education institution may exercise equity if the conditions set out in Section 45 (2) of Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education (hereinafter: NHE Act) are met.

- has an employment relationship or other legal relationships aimed at the performance of work at the University of Miskolc.

5.5 Eligibility criteria must be met starting from the first day of the scholarship period. For all types of applications, it is an additional requirement that applicants be able to verify the legal status establishing their eligibility at the time of commencement of the scholarship status. To determine eligibility for the scholarship and to verify the fulfilment of the conditions set out in the Application, the Application Coordinators are entitled to verify the active student legal status/employment relationship/other legal relationships aimed at the performance of work with the University of Miskolc through the organisational units responsible for maintaining records of such relationships for the entire duration of the scholarship period.

Table No. 1: Detailed Application Categories

Application category	Application type	Application code	Description	Scholarship amount
Bachelor programmes	I	EKÖP-26-1-I	Prospective senior year student for the 2026/2027 academic year.	HUF 125000/month
	II	EKÖP-26-1-II	Prospective first-year student for the 2026/2027 academic year.	HUF 125000/month
Master programmes	I	EKÖP-26-2-I	Student participating in a master's programme for the 2026/2027 academic year.	HUF 150000/month
	II	EKÖP-26-2-II	Prospective final-year student for the 2026/2027 academic year, applying for a doctoral programme.	HUF 150000/month
Doctoral programme	I	EKÖP-26-3-I	Persons who have submitted or intend to submit an admission application for a doctoral programme in any work schedule for the 2026/2027 academic year.	HUF 200000/month
	II	EKÖP-26-3-II	Students enrolled in a doctoral programme in any work schedule for the 2026/2027 academic year who will have completed their complex exam by the start of the scholarship period.	HUF 200000/month
Young lecturer, researcher	I	EKÖP-26-4-I	Doctoral candidate who has obtained a certificate of completion (<i>absolutorium</i>) but has not yet obtained their doctoral degree.	HUF 250000/month
	II	EKÖP-26-4-II	Post-doctoral researcher who obtained their doctoral degree within the last 5 years.	HUF 250000/month

6 Grounds for exclusion

6.1 An applicant shall not be eligible for a scholarship if:

- it is conclusively proven that, at the time of submitting the application, they provided false, forged, or misleading data, or made such statements that materially influenced the content of the funding decision;
- they receive any CDP scholarship during the URSP scholarship period;

- they fail to make the declarations or submit the documents required in the call for applications or as a condition for concluding the scholarship contract, or if they withdraw a previously made declaration;
- they were the person who made the funding decision or participated in the preparation of the funding decision.

6.2 An application shall not be eligible for support if its implementation, or the manner or result of such implementation:

- constitutes a criminal offense or an incitement to commit a criminal offense;
- violates fundamental human or constitutional rights;
- causes injury to the dignity of the nation, or of national, ethnic, linguistic, or other minorities, or other nations, or violates other fundamental interests of society, in particular, if it conflicts with public order, public morality, or the requirements for the protection of families and minors.

6.3 An applicant shall not be eligible for a scholarship if:

- they have received support in the URSP (including its predecessor, the New National Excellence Programme – NNEP) on at least five occasions;
- they receive any CDP scholarship during the URSP scholarship period;
- they fail to make the declarations or submit the documents required in the call for applications or as a condition for concluding the scholarship contract, or if they withdraw a previously made declaration;
- they were the person who made the funding decision or participated in the preparation of the funding decision, or is a relative living in the same household as a person participating in such tasks, or is a close relative as defined in Section 8:1 of Act V of 2013 (Civil Code).

6.4 In the event of simultaneously winning both URSP and URSP-CDP scholarships, the scholarship holder may receive one of the scholarships of their choice.

6.5 A person who has submitted a URSP application in the current year, or is a relative living in the same household as a person who has submitted a URSP application, or is a close relative as defined in Section 8:1 of Act V of 2013, may not participate in the professional evaluation process.

7 Administration of the Application Process

7.1 The total budget available for supporting applications in the 2026/2027 academic year is planned to be HUF *202 589 886*.

7.2 Submitted applications will be evaluated through a scoring system by experts invited by the Rector, in accordance with the methods and criteria specified in this call for applications. Based on the ranking of the evaluated applications, the Rector shall decide on the awarding of scholarships by *15 August 2026*.

7.3 The Rector may deviate from the ranking established by the expert evaluation based on professional grounds (e.g., in line with the strategic goals of the institution, such as the Institutional Development Plan, priority disciplines, or priority research topics).

7.4 The institution shall publish the funding decision on its website.

7.5 It is the responsibility of the Grantor to evaluate, approve, or reject the final professional reports of the scholarship holders.

8 Scholarship Period

8.1 The scholarship period shall be the period defined in point **4.3** of the call for applications.

8.2 A successful applicant may, at their own risk, begin the implementation of the activities set out in their application prior to the funding decision being made. The duration, as well as the start and end dates of the scholarship period, shall not be affected by an earlier commencement of the activities set out in the application.

9 Submission of the Application

9.1 Applications may be submitted between **1 May 2026 and 31 May 2026**.

9.2 The scholarship is an individual grant; therefore, applications may only be submitted individually.

9.3 Method and Location of Submission

9.3.1 The application form must be completed and the required attachments uploaded via the following links:

- For applicants with a University of Miskolc Microsoft 365 email address:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-AEyxNh8REGQgOxZRyU1WOWPyHmz759Mhg6jhIFZUEVUQVNGQ1NBSjBaQ0tjQlcxN0VWVjRJMVRKViQIQCN0PWcu>

- For prospective first-year Bachelor's or Master's applicants without a University of Miskolc Microsoft 365 email address:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-AEyxNh8REGQgOxZRyU1WOWPyHmz759Mhg6jhIFZUEVUN1ZaVkNERUhJRDZFN0pGOEhDRDFBWDhQMCQIQCN0PWcu>

9.3.2 In the case of applicants possessing a University of Miskolc Microsoft 365 email address, the Application Form, signed by hand or with an electronic signature in accordance with Section 12, must be uploaded in PDF format to the <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-AEyxNh8REGQgOxZRyU1WOWPyHmz759Mhg6jhIFZUEVUN1o2TUY5MEpOSDI3MEjMMVdWVFZQRktOSyQIQCN0PWcu> by 31 May 2026.

9.3.3 For prospective first-year Bachelor's or Master's applicants without a University of Miskolc Microsoft 365 email address: The Application Form, Research Plan, and Applicant Declaration (signed by hand or with an electronic signature according to Section 12) must be sent in PDF format, and the Research Plan must also be sent in an editable format, to the ekop@uni-miskolc.hu e-mail address by 31 May 2026.

10 Mandatory Commitments

10.1 Applicants in all categories undertake the following:

- to conduct research activities under the supervision of a supervisor² (or independently in the Young Lecturer and Researcher category) during the scholarship period, and to make the results

² A person who has an employment relationship as a lecturer or researcher, or another legal relationship for the performance of work, and who carries out teaching or research activities within the discipline specified in the scholarship research plan. Upon request, the Scientific Students' Association (SSA) networks of the higher education

of their scientific research and development work accessible to the Grantor during the scholarship period;

- to participate in the institutional URSP conference;
- to contribute to the academic catching-up (remediation) and mentoring of students of the higher education institution and to talent management; and
- to promote the results of their research activities.

10.2 Bachelor's Category:

- to prepare a Scientific Students' Association (SSA) paper related to their research plan during the scholarship period and present it at an SSA conference organized by any higher education institution;
- to present the results of the research activities conducted during the scholarship period at an internal institutional URSP event and at an external (national/international) conference or other professional event;

10.3 Master's Category:

- to prepare a Scientific Students' Association (SSA) paper related to their research plan during the scholarship period and present it at an SSA conference organized by any higher education institution; In the event that no SSA conference is organized during the awarded scholarship period, the scholarship holder shall³ publish⁴ at least one scientific publication or have it accepted for publication by the publisher.
- to present the results of the research activities conducted during the scholarship period at an internal institutional URSP event and at an external (national/international) conference or other professional event;
- if the scholarship holder, exercising the option set out in Section 53 (3a) of the NHE Act, participates in doctoral training preparation concurrently with the final academic year of their Master's studies, they further undertake:
 - to complete a minimum of four credits per semester that are recognizable in doctoral programmes;
 - to apply for a doctoral programme;
 - to complete the doctoral entrance examination;

10.4 In the Doctoral Category:

- to perform additional research activities⁵ exceeding the research work required by the doctoral studies;

institutions can assist in the selection of a supervisor. Their contact information can be found at: <https://otdk.hu/intezmenyi-tdk/tdt-tisztsegviselok/>

³ National or international communications, articles, monographs, books, or book chapters, in Hungarian or a foreign language, submitted to a professional journal and related to the research activity undertaken in the research plan supported by the application. Conference proceedings and other published studies, as well as printed and electronic journals, are also acceptable.

⁴ As proof of fulfillment of the publication requirement, a publisher's/editor's certificate of acceptance or a publisher's statement is also acceptable if the publication does not take place by the end of the scholarship period.

⁵ The research funded under the scholarship may be related to the research work required by the doctoral studies but must be an additional research activity that is demonstrably distinct from it.

- to publish⁶ at least one prestigious scientific publication⁷ (a journal article indexed in WoS, Scopus, or on the HAS/MTA list) or have it accepted for publication by the publisher; and to present the results of the research activities conducted during the scholarship period at an internal institutional URSP event and at an external (national/international) conference or other professional event;

10.5 Young Lecturer and Researcher Category

- to publish at least one prestigious scientific publication (a journal article indexed in WoS, Scopus, or on the HAS/MTA list) or have it accepted for publication by the publisher; and to present the results of the research activities conducted during the scholarship period at an internal institutional URSP event and at an external (national/international) conference or other professional event;
- to fulfil at least one of the following activities:
 - acting as a supervisor for at least one student preparing an SSA paper; or
 - holding a college for advanced studies (szakkollégium) or other educational course for the students of the receiving higher education institution, consisting of at least 3 sessions of 90 minutes each.

11 Evaluation Criteria

- the applicant's excellence and performance in scientific or artistic fields;
- the applicant's excellence in the field of innovation, with particular regard to holding industrial property rights (applicable to all training levels!); and
- the excellence of the applicant's research plan (in particular: the level of detail, feasibility, scientific importance of the topic, novelty, and the direct utilization or usability of the research results).

The specific evaluation criteria for each category of the applications are included in Annex 4.

12 Documents to be Submitted

12.1 Mandatory documents to be submitted with the applicant's signature/authentication (no possibility for subsequent completion/rectification):

- Application Form: completed fully in Hungarian at the following links:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-AEyxNh8REGQgOxZRyU1WOWPyHmz759Mhg6jhIFZUEVUQVNGQ1NBSjBaQ0tjQlCxN0VWVjRjMVRKViQIQCN0PWcu>

(for prospective first-year Bachelor's or Master's applicants without a university email address:

- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-AEyxNh8REGQgOxZRyU1WOWPyHmz759Mhg6jhIFZUEVUN1ZaVkNERUhJRDZFN0pGOEhDRDFBWDhQMCQIQCN0PWcu>)

When submitting the application form, it is necessary to save the responses. After saving, the completed form can be printed. Please upload the application form, signed by hand or with an electronic signature, in PDF format to the following interface
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=->

⁶ As proof of fulfillment of the publication requirement, a publisher's/editor's certificate of acceptance or a publisher's statement is also acceptable if the publication does not take place by the end of the scholarship period.

⁷ National or international communications, articles, monographs, books, or book chapters, in Hungarian or a foreign language, submitted to a professional journal and related to the research activity undertaken in the research plan supported by the application. Conference proceedings and other published studies, as well as printed and electronic journals, are also acceptable.

AEyxNh8REGQgOxZRyU1WOWPyHmz759Mhg6jhIFZUEVUN1o2TUY5MEpOSDI3MEJMMVdWVFZQRktOSyQIQCN0PWcu, or, if you do not possess a University of Miskolc Microsoft 365 email address, send it to the ekop@uni-miskolc.hu email address. A preview of the application form is available in Annex 1, and technical guides are available in Annex 6.

- **Research Plan:** (in the format of the template attached to the Application Form; the supervisor's signature is not mandatory for this submission. However, winning applicants must submit a research plan also signed by the supervisor to the University of Miskolc by 21 September 2026, for the conclusion of the scholarship contract). It must be completed fully in Hungarian, signed by hand or with an electronic signature, and attached during the completion of the application form. The research plan template is available in Annex 2.
- **Applicant Declaration:** (in the format of the template attached to the Application Form). It must be completed fully in Hungarian, signed by hand or with an electronic signature, and attached during the completion of the application form. The applicant declaration template is available in Annex 3.

12.2 Requirements for documents provided with hand-written or electronic signatures:

- The declaration must be provided with at least an advanced electronic signature based on a qualified certificate; or
- the declaration must be authenticated via the ePapír service, using the Ügyfélkapu+ (Client Gate+) / DÁP (Digital Citizenship Program) identification; or
- a scanned format of the printed and hand-signed document is acceptable.

12.3 Further mandatory documents to be submitted:

- certificate of academic results (weighted grade point average printed from the NEPTUN or ETR student information system and authenticated by the Education Strategy Center), completed fully in Hungarian;
- for Doctoral Category II applicants: a certificate of the successful completion of the complex examination;
- for doctoral candidate applications: a document certifying the acquisition of the final certificate of completion (*absolutorium*);
- for doctoral and doctoral candidate applications: a document certifying the total number of credits earned up to the last completed semester;
- for post-doctoral applications: a document certifying the acquisition of the PhD degree (if the degree has been obtained by the time of application submission);
- for Young Lecturer and Researcher applicants: a "Tud-O-Méter" datasheet (<https://www.hit.bme.hu/~ghorvath/tudometer/>) with self-scoring based on data in the MTMT (Hungarian Scientific Bibliography), provided as a screenshot or printed in landscape PDF format with colour background graphics;
- for Young Lecturer and Researcher applicants: a Scientometrics datasheet (<https://scientometrics.org/mtmt/>) showing the classification in the relevant field of science based on Hungarian Scientific Bibliography data, provided as a screenshot or printed in landscape PDF format with colour background graphics;
- documentation certifying language proficiency;
- certificate of the implementation of the application within a research team, if relevant.

12.4 Documents Supporting the Applicant's Performance

- documents certifying participation in SSA or NSSA (National Scientific Students' Association Conference), NSSA ranked awards, or the Pro Scientia / Pro Arte Gold Medal;
- certificate of activity in a college for advanced studies (szakkollégium);
- certificates of scientific/artistic awards or scholarships;
- certificates of professional-community activities, participation in research projects, or research fieldwork;
- documentation of scientific dissemination / science communication activities, scientific or artistic performance, and participation in international competitions;
- publication list: if the applicant records and maintains their data in the Hungarian Scientific Bibliography, providing the Hungarian Scientific Bibliography ID is sufficient. If the applicant does not use Hungarian Scientific Bibliography, a Hungarian Scientific Bibliography reference is sufficient for electronically uploaded or paper-based publications;
- documents certifying conference participation or exhibitions;
- documentation of further scientific achievements;
- certificates of participation in the finals or results achieved in the National Secondary School Academic Competition (OKTV) recognized by the Educational Authority;
- certificates of participation in the finals or results achieved in a national academic competition recognized by any specialized ministry;
- certificates of participation or results achieved at the National Conference of Researching Students;
- officially documented participation in the Summer Camp ("Young Scientist" / Kis Tudós) organized by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) across various fields of science.
- officially documented participation in scientific research camps organized for secondary school students by the colleges or foundations of higher education institutions;
- documents certifying evaluable and documented achievements attained during individual and/or group scientific or artistic activities in secondary school;
- documentation presenting other professional (scientific and educational) activities.
- document(s) certifying language proficiency;

Any scientific or artistic activity that cannot be verified by a document must be described in text format in the relevant field of the Application Form.

In the case of documents in a foreign language, a certified Hungarian translation must also be submitted electronically.

The University of Miskolc may perform random spot checks of the original documents for verification purposes.

Electronically submitted documents are accepted in the following formats/extensions: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, PDF, JPG.

12.5 Supporting Documents for Age Limit Waivers (if relevant)

The resolution establishing eligibility for childcare support pursuant to Act LXXXIV of 1998 on the Support of Families, or for cash benefits of health insurance for the purpose of childcare pursuant to Act LXXXIII of 1997 on the Benefits of Compulsory Health Insurance.

13 Tasks of the Supervisor

13.1 During the scholarship period, the supervisor is responsible for providing professional assistance related to the implementation of the scholarship holder's research plan, maintaining regular contact with the scholarship holder to facilitate research activities, and preparing consultation logs. Furthermore, the supervisor shall prepare a professional evaluation as part of the scholarship holder's final professional report.

13.2 As part of their duties, the supervisor is obliged to conduct a personal or online consultation with the scholarship holder at least once a month to provide professional support for the research activity. To certify these sessions, the supervisor shall issue a consultation log, also signed by the scholarship holder, which must be attached to the scholarship holder's final professional report.

13.3 The supervisor is not entitled to any remuneration from the URSP budget.

14 Use of the Scholarship and Reporting Procedures

14.1 The total amount of the scholarship may be used freely, without any obligation to provide an itemized accounting of expenses.

14.2 Within **15 days** from the last day of the scholarship period specified in the scholarship contract, the scholarship holder is obliged to submit a detailed **final professional report** to the Grantor regarding the fulfilment of the mandatory commitments stated in the Call and the tasks set out in the accepted research plan. The templates for the consultation log and the final professional report are available in Annex 6.

14.3 The final professional reports shall be evaluated and graded by Deans, Doctoral School heads invited by the Rector, or by experts appointed by them, based on a fixed set of criteria.

14.4 The Grantor shall complete the evaluation of the final professional reports no later than **31 October 2027**.

15 Method of Scholarship Financing

15.1 The Grantor shall enter into a contract (hereinafter: Scholarship Contract) with the scholarship holders, specifying the terms and rules for the disbursement of the scholarship. The disbursement of scholarships may commence following the conclusion of the Scholarship Contracts. A prerequisite for concluding the Scholarship Contract is that the scholarship holder must possess a tax identification number.

15.2 The scholarship holder acknowledges that, pursuant to points 4.12.1. c), 4.12.2., and 4.12.3. of Annex 1 of Act CXVII of 1995 on Personal Income Tax, the scholarship paid to them is considered personal income tax-exempt income under Hungarian law.

15.3 In order to receive the scholarship, the applicant must maintain a bank account at a Hungarian financial institution from the date of concluding the Scholarship Contract until the end of the scholarship period at the latest.

16 Formal Compliance Review and Rectification of Deficiencies

16.1 The receipt and formal compliance review of applications shall be performed by the Grantor.

16.2 Within *ten days* of the receipt of the application, the Grantor shall inform the applicant whether the application has been accepted, and its substantive evaluation has commenced. In the event of a rejection without substantive examination, the Grantor shall state the reasons for the rejection and *the procedure for lodging an objection*.

If an applicant submits multiple applications under this call, any application submitted later than the first one shall be rejected without substantive examination (regardless of the outcome of the first application).

16.3 No rectification of deficiencies is permitted, and the application shall be rejected without substantive examination in the following cases:

- the applicant does not meet the requirements specified in Section 5;
- the application is illegible, or contains false or misleading data;
- failure to submit mandatory, non-rectifiable documents within the deadline.

16.4 If, during the formal compliance review, the Grantor determines that the application is incomplete, but the deficiencies are rectifiable and the application can be made formally compliant, the applicant shall be issued a single request for rectification. This notification will be sent to the email address provided in the Application Form, specifying the errors, deficiencies, and the method of rectification, and setting a deadline of no more than *5 working days* from the date the notification is sent.

16.5 An application is invalid if the applicant fails to rectify the deficiencies even within the framework of the request for rectification or fails to do so in the manner specified in the request for rectification or fails to meet the deadline set out in the request for rectification. In the case of an invalid application, the Grantor shall establish the invalidity and notify the applicant electronically, stating the reason for invalidity and the rejection of the application without further examination.

16.6 The Grantor shall notify the applicant of the results of the formal compliance review no later than *25 June 2026*.

17 The Evaluation Process

17.1 Upon the applicant's request, the Grantor shall provide an opportunity to view the evaluations electronically, while ensuring the anonymity of the reviewers.

The received and accepted applications shall be distributed for evaluation to experts appointed by the Deans of the relevant Faculties. The experts shall have 21 calendar days to evaluate the submitted applications.

Based on the expert results, the URSP Ranking Committee shall perform the ranking of the applications and decide on the winning entries. The members of the URSP Ranking Committee are the Rector of the University of Miskolc, the current Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation, and the current Chairperson of the University Doctoral Council.

18 Waiver, Suspension, Termination of Scholarship Status, and Other Provisions

18.1 Waiver

If an applicant or scholarship holder waives their scholarship, they must immediately notify the Grantor in writing. The scholarship holder is not eligible for the scholarship from the first day of the month in which the waiver is announced, and the scholarship may not be disbursed. If payment has nevertheless occurred, the scholarship holder is obliged to refund the unduly received

scholarship to the Grantor within 30 days of the waiver, without further notice. Within 30 days of the announcement of the waiver, the scholarship holder must submit a final professional report to the Grantor, which the Grantor shall evaluate by involving experts. If the scholarship holder fails to submit the report, or if the Grantor does not accept the report or the reason for the waiver, the Grantor may propose the exclusion of the scholarship holder from applications for a period of three years. Furthermore, the Grantor may establish that previous scholarship payments constitute unduly received support. In the case of unduly received support, the repayment obligation shall cover the total amount of the support unduly claimed by the scholarship holder. The Grantor shall reclaim any scholarship amount paid unduly from the scholarship holder.

18.2 Suspension

If a long-term illness, pregnancy, childbirth, extended stay abroad, or any other equitable reason prevents the execution of the submitted application in its original form, or if the scholarship holder's student legal status is suspended (passive semester) but they intend to continue the research, it is possible to suspend the scholarship status for a period of at least 2 and at most 5 months (fractional months are not permitted). The request for the suspension of the scholarship legal relationship—along with the modified Research Plan and documents supporting the reason for suspension as attachments—must be submitted to the Rector, which request shall be decided by the Grantor, involving experts if necessary. If the scholarship holder suspends their scholarship status, they are not eligible for the scholarship during the period of suspension. If the scholarship has already been paid for the duration of the suspension, the scholarship holder is obliged to refund it to the Grantor within 30 days without further notice. The duration of the suspension of the scholarship status does not extend the total duration of the scholarship period.

18.3 Termination of the Scholarship Status

18.3.1 Inadequate Performance

If the scholarship holder fails to fulfil the obligations set out in the scholarship contract, or fulfils them inadequately, the Grantor may decide to withdraw the support and may establish that previous payments constitute unduly received support. In the case of unduly received support, the repayment obligation of the scholarship holder shall cover the total amount of the support unduly disbursed. The Grantor shall reclaim the unduly received scholarship from the scholarship holder. The scholarship status shall terminate on the day of the written notification of the Grantor's decision to withdraw support. Within 30 days of this date, the scholarship holder must submit a final professional report on the implementation of the research activities to the Rector, which the Grantor shall evaluate by involving experts.

18.3.2 Termination of the Underlying Legal Status

If the legal status of the scholarship holder that forms the basis of their eligibility (e.g., student or employment status) terminates during the scholarship period, the scholarship status, and consequently the disbursement of the scholarship, shall also cease. The scholarship holder is not eligible for the scholarship from the first day of the month in which the underlying legal status terminates. The scholarship holder must refund any scholarship amount paid unduly to the Grantor. Within 30 days from the date of the termination of the underlying legal status (which is also the date of termination of the scholarship status), the scholarship holder shall submit a final professional report on the implementation of the research to the Rector, which the Grantor shall evaluate by involving experts.

18.4 Change of Higher Education Institution and/or Change of Faculty or Major within the Institution

It is not possible to change the higher education institution, or to change the faculty or major within the institution, during the scholarship period. If the scholarship holder changes institution, faculty, or major within the scholarship period, their scholarship status shall terminate. They shall not be eligible for the awarded scholarship from the day the institutional decision regarding the change of institution, faculty, or major becomes legally binding. Within 30 days from the date of termination of the scholarship status (the date the institutional decision becomes legally binding), the scholarship holder shall submit a final professional report on the implementation of the research to the Rector, which the Grantor shall evaluate by involving experts.

19 Accounting of Institutional Support

Regarding the accounting procedures of the higher education institution, the provisions of the Grant Certificate issued by the NRD Office (National Research, Development and Innovation Office) to the higher education institution shall apply.

20 Publicity

In their communication and publications, the scholarship holder must indicate the name of the University Research Scholarship Programme (URSP/EKÖP), the name of the Ministry of Culture and Innovation, and the name of the National Research, Development and Innovation Fund. Furthermore, if the form of communication permits, the official graphical logo of the Fund must be displayed. The logo can be downloaded from the following website: www.nkfi.gov.hu.

21 Other Conditions

By signing the relevant declaration, the applicant and the supervisor—in accordance with the provisions set out therein—consent to the processing of their personal data by the Grantor, the Ministry of Culture and Innovation, and the National Research, Development and Innovation Office.

22 Handling of Objections

22.1 No appeal for legal remedy may be submitted to any other body against the funding decision.

A request for legal remedy, addressed to the Rector of the University, may be submitted via the application platform (ekop@uni-miskolc.hu). Regarding the request for legal remedy, the Rector of the University shall send a notification to the applicant submitting the request within 8 working days.

23 Further information

23.1 The Call and its Annexes together constitute the application documentation and contain all the necessary conditions for submitting an application.

23.2 The documents of the application package can be downloaded *from the University of Miskolc website at the following link: <https://www.uni-miskolc.hu/egyetemi-kutatoiosztondij-program>*

23.3 The applicant may request further information regarding the application at the following contact address:

Contact details (e-mail, telephone number)

For applicants to the Bachelor's and Master's programme categories:

*Lehoczkyné Tóth Alexandra
06 (46) 565-111 / extension 10-37
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For applicants to the Doctoral and Young Lecturer/Researcher categories:

*Szarvas Beáta
06 (46) 565-111 / extension 23-43
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Enclosures

- 1. Application data sheet*
- 2. Research Plan*
- 3. Applicant's declaration*
- 4. Evaluation Criteria*
- 5. Scholarship Agreement template*
- 6. URSP logos*
- 7. Guides (Information for submission, schedule, checklist, consultation log sample, report template)*

The application is to be submitted exclusively in Hungarian. Any translations provided are for the information of international students only and do not constitute official source documents.