

DOMUS HUNGARICA SCIENTIARIUM ET ARTIUM

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AUTUMN 2009

(for the period between 1 January 2010 and 30 June 2010)

The Domus Hungarica Committee established by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Education offers scientific scholarships to Hungarian researchers, as well as foreign researchers whose mother tongue is not Hungarian but whose field of research is related to Hungary. Through this scholarship the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Education wish to enable researchers representing Hungarian science abroad to participate in Hungarian scientific life and research carried out at institutes of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences as well as the universities.

Applications may be submitted *once a year* by researchers of foreign or dual nationality, with permanent residence and employment abroad, who consider themselves Hungarian or partly Hungarian, as well as by foreign non-Hungarian researchers, who wish to carry out research in Hungary for 1-3 months (or 6 months in exceptional cases) for their research field, which is related to Hungary.

Project type research applications as well as those submitted for subjects listed by the institutes of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences are given preference by the Committee (see Appendix 1 to the Announcement). The duration of the scholarship is maximum three months in a year.

Senior scholarships are granted to researchers who hold PhD degree or equivalent and are members of the external public body of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. For further information contact the Secretariat of Hungarians Living Abroad (address: Budapest V., Nádor u. 7; phone: 36-1-411-6196; e-mail :tarnoczy.mariann@office.mta.hu).

Junior scholarships are granted to researchers under 35 years of age holding no scientific degree as yet with documentable scientific activity working in any research institute (university or college departments, museums, archives, scientific institutes) of the originating country, whose employment is confirmed by their employer. However, the Committee cannot support young researchers who carry out PhD studies in Hungary or whose PhD scholarship has ended and wish to continue their work in Hungary. **Any income from employment in Hungary is disqualifying for both junior and senior categories.**

As indicated above researchers over 35 may apply for scholarships only if they hold scientific degree and are external members of the public body of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. A copy of the certificate for the scientific degree and the membership should be attached.

Applications may be submitted for the following:

- research topics defined by the institutes of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences listed in the appendices to the Announcement,
- short *study trips in Hungary* for a maximum duration of *2 weeks*,
- *lectures or series of lectures* at higher educational institutes in Hungary on the request of the relevant university or college,
- *participation in scientific conferences in Hungary*, documenting the intention of active participation and describing the importance of the event as far as the applicant's research topic is concerned.
- *project implementation with institutional support*. In such cases the scholarship is applied by the project leader for a given number of months. Applicants with co-operation agreement concluded with one or more institutes shall be given preference. If such work proves to be successful, the project may be extended for a subsequent term or terms.

Within three months of the end of the scholarship applicants should submit a short *research report* of maximum 2-3 pages *on disk or via e-mail* to the Secretariat of the Committee and the host institute in Hungary. The head of the latter or the contact person for the applicant will verify the professional authenticity of the research report by signing it. The authorised report is to be sent to the address of the Office *via post*. The research reports will be assessed by the Committee on a regular basis, and the result of the assessment will also be considered for further scholarships.

The Committee wishes to make the reports on the use of the Domus Scholarship public; reports submitted together with the relevant assessments will be available at the web site of Domus (www.domus.mtaki.hu).

Applicants should submit one original and one carbon copy of following documents attached to the completed application form. The completed application form should be submitted in 2 copies.

1. Detailed research plan or plan for the study trip or lectures indicating the actual tasks and topics (**maximum 2 standard typewritten pages**).
2. Short professional curriculum vitae in the length of **maximum 2 standard typewritten pages** (containing the most essential data of the applicant's scientific carrier).
3. List of the 10 most important publications. Optionally, a copy of the most outstanding publication of the applicant published in the last three years, to be placed in the reference library of Domus Hungarica.
4. Copy of the certificate of the scientific degree for *senior applicants* (it is a prerequisite of senior scholarships), and a copy of the document proving that the applicant is an external member of the public body of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. No original copies are requested.
5. Copy of the certificate of membership of the public body of HSA (MTA)

6. Recommendation from an acknowledged researcher of the relevant area holding a scientific degree from the applicant's country (for the content of such recommendations see Appendix 2). If the recommendation is not in line with the criteria listed, the Committee will not consider it.

Confirmation of reception obtained from the head of the host Hungarian research institute indicated in the application (the host institute receives no extra allowance). This document is one of the most essential parts of the application, therefore it should be submitted together with the application. This document cannot be added to the application subsequently. The subject of research to be carried out in the framework of the scholarship and its feasibility in the given institute should be clearly indicated in the declaration. For applicants wishing to carry out research in a place else than Budapest, the host institute should confirm that they provide help to find accommodation for the applicant. The cost of accommodation outside Budapest will be reimbursed by Domus Hungarica up to HUF 50 thousand per month only if invoices are presented. Should any problem arise in connection with accommodation, contact Domus. For the content of the confirmation of reception see Appendix 3. If confirmation of reception is not in line with the criteria listed, the Committee will not consider it.

If the applicant wishes to work in the National Archives of Hungary or in the National Széchényi Library, a consultant should be selected in the given institute, who should confirm this role in writing.

7. Report on the use of a former scholarship in case the applicant has received Domus scholarship before. This report should be submitted even if the applicant has sent such document to the Office.
8. Invitation to the conference, the planned or approved version of the lecture, or a at least a draft thereof in addition to the documentation listed above, for the support of participation in conferences.
9. Invitation letter or confirmation of reception from the head of the higher educational or research institute for series of lectures.
10. Confirmation of employment at home and a declaration of the employer that research to be carried out in Hungary is supported for the young applicant with no scientific degree applying for junior scholarship, together with the translation of these document (which may be prepared by the applicant).

11. 2 self-addressed envelopes (without stamps).

External members of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (**not equivalent to the external members of the public body**) are required to submit only documents listed in section 1 for scholarships and sections 7 and 8 respectively for participation in conferences and lectures.

Only complete documentations (one original and one carbon copy) submitted in a timely manner will be considered. Applications received after the deadline will not be taken into account; they shall be sent back to the applicant. However these may be resubmitted for the subsequent period.

The applications will be assessed by the Committee in October 2009. Successful applicants may use their scholarship between 1 January 2010 and 30 June 2010 after preliminary reconciliation with the Domus Office. Otherwise, the scholarship successfully obtained expires and a new application should be submitted.

The amount granted should be used continuously, without interruption. You are advised to reconcile the scheduled start date with the Domus Office. Any divergence from this date should be justified and a permission from the President of the Committee should be obtained.

Appendix 3 to junior and senior application forms is a separate research plan that in addition to the description of the research task contains the schedule of the research. (The latter is especially important for research to be carried out at various research locations and towns.).

In 2010 successful applicants will be provided the following:

free accommodation, or cost reimbursement up to HUF 50 thousand per month for which invoices should be presented, if the research location is else than Budapest,

HUF 90 thousand per month for senior applicants,

HUF 70 thousand per month for junior applicants.

Scholarship holders are not entitled to any other cost reimbursement such as travel, travel pass, photocopy costs etc.

The period of the scholarship cannot be extended.

The amount of support for participation in conferences in Hungary is maximum HUF 80 thousand.

Such support may be used to cover travel costs, full cost of participation or a part of it, daily allowance for the duration of the conference (up to HUF 3000 per day) and the full cost of accommodation or a part of it. The use of the requested support is to be detailed in the application.

No appeal may be submitted against the decision of the Committee. The Committee will not publicly justify their decisions; however, applicants may reapply in the subsequent term.

The announcement and application forms may be obtained from the Domus Office (address: 1146 Budapest, Abonyi u. 10, phone/fax: 36-1-343-1079, e-mail: vargae@mpk.ph.hu).

The announcement, appendices and application forms may be downloaded from the web site of Domus (www.domus.mtaki.hu), the Domus page on the web site of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (www.mta.hu), the web site of the Ministry of Education (www.om.hu), the Minority Studies Institute of HAS (www.mtaki.hu) or the Agora Offices (www.agorairoda.net). This announcement will also be published in the

Academic Journal. The documents may also be obtained from the Gramma Research Team in Dunajska Streda, Limes Institute in Beregovo, in the regional and Cluj Napoca office of the Transylvanian Museum Association, in the centre of The Scientific Association for Hungarology Research in Subotica and in the office of the Vojvodina Hungarian Scientific Association in Novi Sad.

Applications should be sent to the address of the Domus Office:

DOMUS HUNGARICA

1146 Budapest, Abonyi u. 10., Hungary

The current deadline by which applications should be received is:

15. September 2009

Only applications sent as registered mail or submitted in person at the Domus Office will be accepted.

Only complete applications submitted in a timely manner will be considered. Applications received after the deadline will not be taken into account. The Domus Office will record the incoming applications and send a confirmation of their receipt to the applicants.

If you have any inquiries regarding the applications, please call:

36-1 343-1079, 36-1 321-0579

or send an e-mail to: vargae@mpk.ph.hu

Applications may be submitted for financial contribution for minor programs related to Hungarian science abroad that are in line with the objectives of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences to the Hungarian Science Abroad Presidential Committee through Domus Hungarica. Such applications should be sent directly to the President of the Domus Committee (gorombei@dab.hu).

Accommodation for a couple of days may be requested on the relevant form at any time, but at least ten days prior to the start date. If the request is reasonably justified, and there are rooms available in the Domus Guest House, accommodation will be provided upon the decision of the President of the Committee.

Budapest, March 2009

András Görömbei
President of the Committee

Appendices:

1. Considerations for the content of recommendations
2. Considerations for the content of the confirmation of reception