

SZENT-GYÖRGYI STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2025

Open to 1st and 2nd year students of Albert-Szent Györgyi Medical School, Faculties of Dentistry, Pharmacy or Science and Informatics (Students majoring in Biology, Molecular Bionics, Chemistry or Bioengineering) at the University of Szeged

Dear 1st and 2nd year students, Future Szent-Györgyi Students,

The **National Academy of Scientist Education** (NASE) was established on September 1, 2021, with the support of the Ministry of Innovation and Technology, to provide financial and educational assistance to outstanding Hungarian students in biomedical sciences throughout their university studies. The University of Szeged (SZTE) and the HUN-REN Biological Research Centre (BRC) are proud to support top students in these fields. As part of this commitment, SZTE and BRC joined the NASE programme in November 2021 and are now welcoming applications from international students during the current recruitment period.

Students are admitted to the NASE training programme through a competitive application process. Those accepted will become Szent-Györgyi Students, gaining valuable support for their academic careers. The **key components of this programme include:**

- ✓ The opportunity to work with a top-tier biomedical research team
- ✓ Intensive mentoring from Hungarian professionals throughout the research process (a mentoring contract with the student's supervisor will be established to ensure high-quality guidance)
- ✓ Support in preparing posters, presentations, and scientific publications
- ✓ Assistance in building international scientific connections
- ✓ The chance to create a personalized academic timetable
- ✓ Regular English language training focused on conversation and public speaking

Main expectations for Szent-Györgyi Students (full details will be outlined in an agreement):

- ✓ Consistently participate in the work of their chosen research group at the SZTE or BRC (a weekly average of at least 10 hours dedicated to **laboratory work**)
- ✓ Regularly review literature relevant to their research area
- ✓ Actively contribute to the preparation of scientific publications, posters, and presentations
- ✓ Participate in professional events related to the NASE programme
- ✓ Publication requirements: By the end of their third year, Szent-Györgyi students must have submitted a co-authored **original scientific manuscript**. By the end of their final academic year, Szent-Györgyi Students are required to first-author an original scientific manuscript¹, accepted/published in a Scimago Q1-ranked journal with an impact factor of preferably at least 3. *Alternatively, this first-author requirement can be fulfilled by co-authoring a manuscript in a journal with an impact factor above 10.*
- ✓ **Payment of a tuition fee of 12,000 EUR/academic year**

¹ Successful completion of the program requires that the first-author paper be at least accepted for publication..



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Application Criteria:

- ✓ Applicants must be **1st or 2nd-year full-time students** at SZTE, actively enrolled in one of the following faculties:
 - Albert-Szent Györgyi Medical School (SZAOK)
 - Faculty of Dentistry (FOK)
 - Faculty of Pharmacy (GYTK)
 - Faculty of Science and Informatics (TTIK) (Major in: Biology, Molecular Bionics, Bioengineering, or Chemistry, Biology or Chemistry Teacher)
- ✓ Interest in research related to any branch of human life sciences or medical biology
- ✓ At least an intermediate level of English proficiency (no formal language certification required)

Preferred but Not Required for Successful Application:

- ✓ High school competition achievements in biology and/or chemistry
- ✓ Experience in biological, chemical, or medical research

How to Apply:

- ✓ Fill out the application form at: <https://forms.gle/2fAE4wbrzejtUfN67> (the application form will be made available starting September 1, 2025)
- ✓ Upload the following documents in PDF format (max. 1 MB per file; reduce the file size if necessary) *:
 - **Personal Statement** (max. 4000 characters)
 - File name format: PS + your surname + your first name.pdf (e.g., PSSzentGyorgyiAlbert.pdf)
 - **Europass CV** (<https://europass.europa.eu/en>)
 - File name format: CV + your surname + your first name.pdf (e.g., CVSzentGyorgyiAlbert.pdf)
 - **Proof of high school competition achievements in biology and/or chemistry** (optional, merge into one PDF):
 - File name format: IG + your surname + your first name.pdf (e.g., IGSzentGyorgyiAlbert.pdf)
 - **English Language Certificate (optional)**
 - File name format: AN + your surname + your first name.pdf (e.g., ANSzentGyorgyiAlbert.pdf)

* Please note: file names **must not contain accented letters!**

Selection Criteria:

- ✓ Research interest
- ✓ High school competition achievements in biology and/or chemistry
- ✓ Experience in biological, chemical, or medical research
- ✓ English proficiency: language skills will be assessed during the admission process



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Deadlines:

- ✓ **Submission of application: 21st September, 2025** (Sunday)
- ✓ **Oral interviews** will be held between **6th and 29th October, 2025**. Exact details and the schedule will be sent via email
- ✓ Please note that scheduled times cannot be changed for technical reasons
- ✓ **Results** will be announced by Friday, **31st October, 2025**

This training programme is coordinated by the **National Biomedical Foundation** and supported by the Ministry of Culture and Innovation.

For further details about the NASE training programme, please visit: <http://www.edu-sci.org>.

If you have a strong interest in biomedical or life sciences research and meet the eligibility criteria, we encourage you to apply!

For more information about the programme and application process, please contact the NASE Training Office at: szte@edu-sci.org or szbk@edu-sci.org

Szeged, 8th August, 2025

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