

Call for Applications

for the **Scholarship Supporting the University Studies of Elite Athletes**
at the **Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences**

Purpose of the Support

A scholarship can be applied for to support the development of a dual career model for athletes, based on the values outlined below and for activities contributing to the reputation of the **Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (hereinafter MATE)**.

Among MATE students, elite athletes are defined as follows:

- In **team sports**, members of teams competing in the highest division of the national championship (e.g., NB I, OB I).
- In **individual Olympic and Paralympic sports**, athletes who have achieved **1st-3rd place** in adult or age-group national championships.
- **National team members** in their respective sports.
- In **non-Olympic sports**, athletes who have placed **1st-6th in World Championships or European Championships**.

The goal is to help these athletes **balance their sporting careers, academic studies, and preparation for civilian life**.

Eligible Applicants

This call for applications is open to students enrolled at the University (including foreign-based programs) who have an active student status, as well as state-funded PhD students in the University's doctoral schools. Eligible applicants must **actively participate in elite-level sports while meeting academic requirements**, contributing significantly to the success and development of sports life and enhancing the University's reputation.

Basic Evaluation Criteria

- The applicant must have completed **at least 20 credits** in the semester preceding the application submission. Exceptions are made for students who **postponed or took a passive semester due to preparation for the Olympics or World Championships**.
- First-year, first-semester applicants must have **at least 260 admission points**.
- Students in **partial study programs** can only apply if they have enrolled in or completed **at least 10 credits worth of courses**.
- If the number of successful applicants **exceeds the available budget**, the evaluation committee may **tighten the selection criteria based on academic performance and admission scores**.
- Olympic sports are defined as those **included in the program of the next Olympic Games**.

Ineligible Applicants

The following students **cannot** apply:

- Those who have been granted a **study break** or **leave of absence** (except for those preparing for the Olympics or World Championships).
- Those who have been **temporarily suspended** from their studies.
- Those who **did not enroll** in an active semester required for continuing their studies.
- Those who **obtained their final certificate (absolutorium)** but have not met the conditions for taking the final exam or failed the final exam.
- Doctoral students who **suspended their studies (passive semester)**.

Scholarship Funding

According to **Appendix 5.1 of the Student Benefits and Fees Regulation**, the scholarship **is funded** by the University's own revenue, grants, partnerships with external sponsors, external donations, and contributions.

The **maximum available budget** for the scholarship is **20 million HUF per semester**. If the total number of successful applications exceeds the available budget, **the ranking will be based on sports and academic achievements, as determined by the evaluation committee**.

Scholarship Amounts

Students can apply in four categories, based on their **achievements in the application year or the previous calendar year**:

Category 1 – 120,000 HUF/month

- **Team sports**: A permanent member of a national championship **top-division team** (Olympic or Paralympic), **which finished in the top 8 of the previous season**.
- **Individual Olympic/Paralympic sports**: **1st-3rd place** in the highest-level **national championship** (adult category).
- **National team representation**: Participation in **Olympics, European Championships, World Championships, or University World Games** (Olympic/Paralympic sports).

Category 2 – 70,000 HUF/month

- **Non-Olympic sports** or **non-Olympic events in Olympic/Paralympic sports**: **1st-6th place** in **World or European Championships** (adult category).

Category 3 – 50,000 HUF/month

- **Team sports (junior categories)**: Competing in the highest national league, **with the team finishing in the top 8 of the previous season**.
- **Individual Olympic/Paralympic sports (junior/U23 categories)**: **1st-3rd place** in the highest national championship.

- **National team representation (junior categories) in Olympic/Paralympic sports** at events such as **age-group European Championships, World Championships, EYOF.**

Category 4 – 40,000 HUF/month

(Only available for athletes registered with **MATE-GEAC Sports Club**)

- **Lower-division team sports athletes** in national championships (Olympic team sports).
- **Individual athletes with first or second-class rankings**, gold/silver badge qualification, or those who placed **in the top 10** of the national championship.


Duration of the Scholarship

The scholarship covers **the Fall semester of the 2024/25 academic year (5 months).**

Obligations of Scholarship Recipients

- **Represent their sports club to the best of their ability** and participate in **MATE sports events**, especially **MEFOB (Hungarian University Championships) and international university competitions.**
- Upon request, actively participate in **University recruitment and PR communication programs.**
- If the recipient **fails to participate in MEFOB or inter-university competitions or misses training sessions without valid reasons**, they may be excluded from the scholarship in the next academic year.
- If a recipient's **student status changes or is suspended**, or if they **stop competing in sports**, they must **notify the relevant Campus Academic Office within 8 days.**
- In such cases, **they may be required to repay the scholarship.**

Application Submission

- **Deadline: October 25, 2024**
- **Expected Evaluation Date: October 31, 2024**
- Applications must be submitted **electronically** with all required attachments to:
 **sportosztondij@uni-mate.hu**

The **application form** can be downloaded from the **Educational Directorate website** (<https://oig.uni-mate.hu> → Student Welfare → Call for Applications).

Only applications submitted **by the deadline** will be considered.

Required Documents

- **Completed and signed application form.**
- **A recommendation letter from the sports club (not older than 30 days).**

- **Official certification of results achieved in 2023 and 2024** (National Championships, European/World Championships, Olympics, Paralympics, University World Games).
- **1 personal sports photo + half-page introduction** for University promotional purposes.
- **Proof of student status.**

Evaluation Process

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by a committee consisting of:

1. **MATE-GEAC Managing President**
2. **Director of MATE's Institute of Physical Education and Sports**
3. **Elected Student Government Representative for Sports**

The final decision will be made by the **Rector of MATE.**

MATE will handle personal data in accordance with applicable laws and University regulations.

Dated: Gödöllő, October 1, 2024

Dr. Gyuricza Csaba
Rector