

CALL FOR APPLICATION

for the title

„Starting Excellence Researcher of Obuda University”

by Obuda University

Obuda University (hereinafter referred to as: University) announces an internal call for applications for the title "Starting Excellence Researcher".

1. Introduction, purpose of the application

The University aims to support academic researchers who has an agency contract with the University and have a notable record of scientific research, innovation, and/or significant publications. The goal is to assist the recipient in achieving habilitation and the title of university professor.

2. Amount of scholarship

2.1. Amount of scholarship: 40 000 000- HUF/person/supported period.

2.2. Duration of support provided by the University: 48 months in case of a continuous contract.

3. Eligible Fields of Science

We welcome applications in the following fields of engineering and economic sciences, especially in: control system, control theory, artificial intelligence, cyber medical systems, robotics, intelligent systems, innovation management

4. Eligible applicants

4.1. Applications for this call are invited from researchers under 40 years of age, who have an agency contract with the University or who are willing to have an agency contract, who have a proven track record of scientific research and innovation and/or significant publications, and who are under 40 years of age and who fully meet the following criteria.

4.2. Conditions:

- PhD degree;
- Hirsch Index of at least 10 and 300 independent citations (Google Scholar);
- 50% compliance with the Hungarian Academy of Science (MTA) doctoral numerical scientific requirements.

5. Grounds of exclusion

Applicants may not receive a scholarship in the following cases:

- if it is established, to the satisfaction of the applicant, that he or she has supplied false, incorrect or misleading information or made false or misleading statements when submitting the application;
- fails to make the declarations, submit the documents or withdraw the declarations made in the Call for Proposals or as conditions of the grant.

6. Number of applicants for the scholarship

Number of persons eligible for funding: 5.

7. Supported period

The supported period is 48 months.

8. Deadline for application

Applications can be submitted between 02.03.2026 and 15.05.2026.

9. Instructions for Application and Required Documents

Applications must be submitted electronically to the Rector of Obuda University (rektor@uni-obuda.hu) by uploading the following documents:

- CV in Hungarian and English, format: PDF;
- a diploma certifying a PhD degree;
- if applicable, a document certifying habilitation (only for Hungarian applicants);
- publication list with impact factor, journal ratings (Scimago) and Hirsch Index;
- research plan for the four years of the period covered by the grant, max. 5 pages A4 format, font size 12 in English.

10. Assessment of the application

10.1. During the decision process, formal and substantive evaluation will be carried out. Based on the proposals submitted, a decision will be made by 15.06.2026. The decision will be taken after an oral hearing of the shortlisted applicants.

The project will start on 01.09.2026. There is no right of appeal against the decision to award a grant.

10.2. The professional management and organisation of the application is the responsibility of a Committee appointed by the Rector.

The Rector will decide on the award of the title “Starting Excellence Researcher” and the use of the grant on the basis of a proposal from the Commission.

11. Tasks undertaken by the supported applicant after receiving the grant

Supported applicant will undertake:

- significant research and publication activity, with an affiliation to Obuda University;
- at least 3 Q1 publications per year in which the applicant is the first or last author;
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- achieve at least 70% of the relevant department's of the doctoral requirements of the Hungarian Academy of Science (MTA) by the end of the funding period (Hungarian applicants);
- doctoral thesis supervision by the end of the funding period, have a student with a degree or in the final phase (absolutorium);
- submit several major national and international tenders during the period;
- attend our IEEE Hungary Section conference (<http://conf.uni-obuda.hu/>) on a biannual basis;
- organise 2 special sessions at a high-ranking conference in the field during the funding period.
- provide an annual plan prior to the beginning of the academic year and progress reports, at the close of the academic year, both written and oral. (Academic year runs from September to July.)

12. Use of the grant

The full amount of the scholarship can be used freely in compliance with the legal provisions in force with the proviso that no more than 20 % of the grant may be claimed as indirect costs by the applicant.

13. Termination of the Fellowship

The right to use the title and the grant expires at the end of the supported period and before the end of the supported period, if the applicant's contract ends with the University.