



THE OBUDA UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADMISSION

for a 4-year doctoral (PhD) training programme and individual preparation for obtaining the doctoral degree

Starting from September 2026, Obuda University launches doctoral training programmes aimed at obtaining the PhD degree within the

- **Doctoral School of Applied Informatics and Applied Mathematics (DSAIAM)**
- **Doctoral School on Safety and Security Sciences (DSSSS)**
- **Doctoral School of Innovation Management (DSIM)**

in the following forms: state-funded full-time organized training (except DSAIAM and DSIM), self-funded full-time organized training, self-funded part-time organized training (except DSIM), "Cooperative Doctoral Training" supported by additional state scholarship (except DSAIAM), self-funded Research Excellence Doctoral Training (except DSAIAM), as well as individual preparation.

The doctoral training consists of two phases: the first four semesters constitute the "Training and Research" phase, and the second the "Research and Dissertation" phase. At the end of the fourth semester, as the conclusion of the Training and Research phase and as a prerequisite for starting the Research and Dissertation phase, a complex exam must be completed, which measures and evaluates academic and research progress. In organized training, doctoral students must submit their dissertation within three years following the comprehensive exam. In the case of individual preparation, student status is established upon completion of the complex exam, and the dissertation must be submitted within five academic years in accordance with the doctoral regulations.

Application deadline: May 27, 2026 (Wednesday)

Admission Requirements

- a Master's degree (MA/MSc) with at least a "good" qualification, or an equivalent university degree obtained in the previous (pre-Bologna) system (the qualification of the diploma is not a disqualifying factor after two years of graduation); the exceptionally talented applicants holding a Bachelor's degree and professional qualification may also apply for the doctoral programme concurrently with their Master's studies¹
- knowledge of a foreign language
- initial scientific or artistic achievements (e.g. thesis submitted to a Student Research Society (TDK), conference presentation, publication, etc.)
- adequate academic qualifications, clearly formulated research ideas, and a detailed Research plan

¹ A candidate is considered exceptionally talented if their academic average from the previous academic year is at least 4.5 and they have achieved one of the top three positions (I-III) in the OTDK (National Scientific Students' Associations Conference). The further requirements are specified in the Operational Regulations of the doctoral schools.



Applications for the doctoral programmes may be submitted via the online platform available at the following link by completing the *Application Form* and submitting the required attachments:

<https://doktori.uni-obuda.hu/en/application-form/>

The application submitted for admission to the doctoral programme must include the following documents:

- the online application form;
- payment of the application fee (9,000 HUF) to the selected doctoral school as described below;
- a copy of the MSc/MA/university diploma (the original must be presented upon admission);
- copies of documents certifying language proficiency (the original must be presented upon admission);
- curriculum vitae;
- list of publications;
- statement of acceptance signed by the selected institute, research site, and supervisor;
- preliminary research plan (1–2 pages) with the approving signature(s) of the prospective supervisor(s);
- for applicants for individual preparation, the publication list according to the MTMT Database;
- supporting statement from the employer for applicants who are employed;
- for applicants to the Cooperative Doctoral Training, proof of employment relevant to the program format²
- other documents (e.g. recommendations);
- a declaration on whether the applicant requests admission even without scholarship.

Diplomas obtained abroad must be recognized and validated in accordance with the relevant legal regulations prior to application. We can only recognize foreign diplomas in compliance with these regulations.

² As specified in Section 108(22a) of Act CCIV of 2011 and Section 8/C(3) of Government Decree No. 387/2012 (XII. 19.)



DOCTORAL SCHOOLS OF OBUDA UNIVERSITY:

Doctoral School of Applied Informatics and Applied Mathematics

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The application fee is 9.000 HUF. Payment can be made via credit card through the following link:

<https://edupay.uni-obuda.hu/basket/ee809346-29e4-4996-b39c-7a39ee15bb82/en>

Payment deadline: May 27, 2026.

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The application fee is 9.000 HUF. Payment can be made via credit card through the following link:

<https://edupay.uni-obuda.hu/basket/c7d91dc0-72ac-4213-8eab-48c7435d9c9e/en>

Payment deadline: May 27, 2026.



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The application fee is 9.000 HUF. Payment can be made via credit card through the following link: <https://edupay.uni-obuda.hu/basket/c128357b-b394-47f9-b089-51657aa1ca8b/en>

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It is **important** for applicants to use their own regularly used email address during the application process, as all further communication and notifications will be sent through this channel.

Applicants will receive written (email) notification about the date, location, and method of the admission interview.

Admission Interview

The Admission Committee of the Doctoral School will conduct an interview with the applicants. Applicants will receive detailed written information in advance. Based on the submitted documents and the admission interview, the committee evaluates applicants on a 100-point scale according to the following criteria:

- previous academic performance (classification of MSc/MA/university degree) – maximum 30 points (excellent 30, good 20, satisfactory 10);
- English language proficiency – maximum 15 points (advanced 15, intermediate 11, basic 7 points for complex exams; for written or oral exam only, 50% of the difference between the point values for the complex level; without language exam, 0–7 points based on on-site oral assessment);
- results achieved during previous research, creative or professional work (student research awards, professional publications, patents, documented developments) – maximum 30 points;
- the applicant's ideas regarding the doctoral research, feasibility of the research programme – maximum 25 points.



Further details of the scoring system are included in the Operational Regulations of the doctoral schools.

A minimum of 60 points is required for admission. Obtaining 60 points is only a necessary condition but does not guarantee admission nor the award of any scholarship.

The admission decision is made by the President of the University Doctoral and Habilitation Council based on the recommendation of the Admission Committee, and an official decision is issued. Applicants will receive the decision from the President of the University Doctoral and Habilitation Council.

FORMS OF TRAINING

Organized full-time doctoral training

This form supports the acquisition of the knowledge and research practice required for obtaining the doctoral (PhD) degree. The Doctoral School evaluates doctoral students' performance using a credit system. Every successful exam and research achievement represents a certain number of credits. Students may also perform teaching activities, which also count as credits. Students complete their training with an absolutorium, for which they must collect at least 240 credits. Doctoral students in organized training are in student status with the university. Hungarian state scholarship may be granted not only to Hungarian citizens but also to applicants who meet the requirements specified in Section 39 (1) of the Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education.

The tuition fee for self-funded full-time training is EUR 4,500 per semester for applicants from non-EEA countries and EUR 3,500 per semester for EU/EEA applicants.

Organized part-time doctoral training

This form also supports the acquisition of the knowledge and research practice required for the PhD degree. The Doctoral School evaluates doctoral students using a credit system. Every successful exam and research achievement represents credits. Students may also perform teaching activities, which also count as credits. Students complete their training with an absolutorium, requiring at least 240 credits. Doctoral students in part-time organized training remain in student status with the university and pay tuition fees.

The tuition fee for the self-funded part-time doctoral program is EUR 4,500 per semester for applicants from non-EEA countries and EUR 3,500 per semester for EU/EEA applicants.



Individual Preparation

Individuals who have prepared independently for obtaining the doctoral degree may also join doctoral training, provided they meet the admission and training requirements. Student status is established upon applying for and being accepted to take the comprehensive exam. The dissertation must then be submitted within five academic years, in accordance with the doctoral regulations.

State-supported „Cooperative Doctoral Training”

Cooperative doctoral training is a type of doctoral training where the doctoral student, in parallel with their doctoral student status, **works at least 20 hours per week** in a field related to their doctoral topic:

- a. in a teaching or research position at a higher education institution;
- b. at a healthcare provider; or
- c. at another organization that meets the conditions specified in the Government Decree.
 - ca) holds a research and development qualification report issued no more than three years prior to the start date of the doctoral program, in accordance with Act LXXVI of 2014 on Scientific Research, Development, and Innovation; or
 - cb) has participated or is participating as an employer in the Cooperative Doctoral Program announced by the National Research, Development and Innovation Office or in the Cooperative Doctoral Program of the University Researcher Fellowship Program, or
 - cc) has received research and development funding from the National Research, Development and Innovation Office no more than three years prior to the start date of the doctoral program.

Self-funded research excellence doctoral training

A self-funded doctoral training form in which the doctoral student is employed full-time in a doctoral position created under a project-based research support programme at a higher education institution or within the HUN–REN Hungarian Research Network, while simultaneously pursuing doctoral training in accordance with Government regulations.

For admitted students, the provisions of the University Doctoral and Habilitation Regulations in force at the time of enrolment shall apply.

Further information about the doctoral training and other matters concerning the doctoral schools is available on the websites of each doctoral school. Questions regarding the application may be addressed to the secretariat of the respective doctoral school via the contact details indicated above.

Budapest, April 29, 2026

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