

Hungarian Research Fellowship

Research Mobility for Hungarian Doctoral Students

at the University of Alberta

Are you a Hungarian doctoral candidate looking for a supportive research environment to advance your dissertation while connecting with an international academic community?

The Hungarian Research Fellowship is open to doctoral research across all fields in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts. We welcome diverse topics, approaches, and methodologies, and encourage you to apply if your work would benefit from the University of Alberta's research environment, resources, and academic community.

The call for applications for the Hungarian Doctoral Research Fellowship for the 2026-2027 academic year is now open.

- Duration: 8-month research residency (October 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027).
- Award Value: **\$27,600.00 CAD**.
- Eligibility: Hungarian citizens at the PhD level (ABD) in the Humanities, Social Sciences, or Fine Arts.
- Community Engagement: Successful candidates serve as a liaison between the local Hungarian community and the Wirth Institute.
- Application Deadline: 6 April 2026
- How to Apply: Visit the [Wirth Institute Opportunities Portal](#)

Your Academic “Home Base” in Canada

The [Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies](#) provides a supportive and interdisciplinary academic home where you can advance your research, engage with a vibrant scholarly community, and make the most of your time in Canada.

- **A dedicated network:** You will join a collaborative network of researchers from Central and Southeast Europe, while connecting with a wider community of scholars in Edmonton and across North America.
- **Research resources:** Access Canada's second-largest research library system, with extensive collections across disciplines to support your research.
- **An established community:** With over 15 years of experience running this fellowship, the Wirth Institute offers a well-established fellowship and a strong, connected network of fellows and [alumni](#).
- **Engage with the TRSI Hub:** Use the Transforming Research for Social Impact Hub to turn your research into evidence-based solutions through community-engaged research frameworks.
- **A Familiar Connection:** Edmonton is a city with a diverse and deeply rooted Hungarian community, offering a welcoming “home away from home.”

Explore Research Areas and Connections

The following themes highlight areas of research strength and potential collaboration at [the University of Alberta](#), including areas of shared interest with the John von Neumann Programme and Hungary's RDI Strategy 2030. These themes are provided as examples – not requirements – and we strongly encourage applications from all fields within the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts.

1. Healthy Living & Human Longevity

In alignment with Hungary's "Healthy Living" mission, the University of Alberta offers an interdisciplinary research environment. Opportunities exist to engage with initiatives such as the Community-University Partnership (CUP), which connects the university's external community with faculty and students in the College of Social Sciences & Humanities.

- **Multidisciplinary Synergy:** This framework links Sociology, Education, and Psychology with Public Health and Pediatrics, supporting a holistic approach to research on human longevity.
- **Early Childhood Development (ECD):** Opportunities to collaborate with interdisciplinary teams examining the foundational stages of human development, a key priority in Hungary's human resource development.
- **Socially Responsive Care:** Research may explore ways of connecting academic theory with community-engaged approaches to family wellbeing and care systems for aging populations.

2. Disability Justice & Inclusive Societies

The University of Alberta has strong expertise in Critical Disability Studies (CDS), bridging social sciences, humanities, and health disciplines. This environment extends beyond medical models toward a rights-based approach, with opportunities to engage with:

- **The Disability Cultures + Access Hub (DCA Hub):** A specialized resource supporting work on accessibility, barriers, and disability cultures.
- **Political Science & Education:** Opportunities to collaborate with researchers working on rights-based policy and inclusive pedagogy, including research on human dignity and social equity in relation to Hungary's accessibility goals

3. Digital Transformation & "Human-Centric" Technology

The University of Alberta offers an expansive Digital Humanities (DH) ecosystem, providing a strong environment for exploring the societal impacts of automation and AI. This includes access to engage with specialized DH facilities and Media and Technology Studies units to support critical inquiry into human rights, digital inclusion, and ethical governance in the context of technological change. This work contributes to broader discussions on innovation and may offer insights relevant to the Hungarian National Digitalisation Strategy.

4. Green Transition & Circular Economy

In alignment with Hungary's focus on a climate-neutral energy system, the University of Alberta offers a research environment for studying the political economy of green transitions. This environment supports research on initiatives such as the Transforming Research for Social

Impact (TRSI) Hub to examine the social infrastructure of decarbonization and the social dimensions of environmental change.

5. Cultural Heritage & Knowledge Utilization

Hungary's strategy emphasizes "Knowledge Flow" between academia and society. The University of Alberta provides access to one of North America's significant Slavic and Central European archives, supporting research that connects traditional scholarship with digital curation and approaches to preserving cultural heritage in the context of contemporary innovation.