

# Hungarian Nobel Prize winners born in Hungary and of Hungarian origin

| Nobel Prize Year | Category | Name                         | Country of birth | Place of birth | Year of birth/death | Place of residence | Country of death/grave location | Father's nationality | Mother's nationality | Mother tongue | Hungarian language knowledge | Citizenship (at the time of winning Prize) | Number of years lived in Hungary | Number of years worked in Hungary | View on their Hungarian identity | Egyetemi tanulmányok | MTA membership   |
|------------------|----------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1937             | P+M      | Albert Szent-Györgyi         | H                | Budapest       | 1893–1986           |                    | USA                             | h                    | h                    | h             | +                            | h+am                                       | 55                               | 17                                | yes                              | BTE                  | f, 1935          |
| 1943             | Ch       | György Hevesy                | H                | Budapest       | 1885–1966           |                    | G/H                             | h                    | h                    | h             | +                            | h+s                                        | 34                               | 7                                 | yes                              | BTE                  | h, 1945          |
| 1961             | P+M      | György Békésy                | H                | Budapest       | 1899–1972           |                    | USA                             | h                    | h                    | h/g           | +                            | h+am                                       | 47                               | 21                                | yes                              | U Bern               | f, 1939          |
| 1963             | Ph       | Jenő Wigner                  | H                | Budapest       | 1902–1995           |                    | USA                             | h                    | h                    | h             | +                            | h+am                                       | 17                               | 1,5                               | yes                              | TH Berlin            | h, 1988          |
| 1971             | Ph       | Dénes Gábor                  | H                | Budapest       | 1900–1979           |                    | GB                              | h                    | h                    | h             | +                            | h+br                                       | 24                               | 2                                 | yes                              | BME, Humboldt        | h, 1964          |
| 1994             | E/3      | János Harsányi               | H                | Budapest       | 1920–2000           |                    | USA                             | h                    | h                    | h             | +                            | h+am                                       | 28                               | 3                                 | yes                              | BTE                  | h, 1995          |
| 1994             | Ch       | György Oláh                  | H                | Budapest       | 1927–2017           |                    | USA/H                           | h                    | h                    | h             | +                            | h+am                                       | 29                               | 7                                 | yes                              | BME                  | h, 1990          |
| 2002             | L        | Imre Kertész                 | H                | Budapest       | 1929–2016           |                    | H/H                             | h                    | h                    | h             | +                            | h+g                                        | 87                               | >50                               | yes                              | –                    | SZIMA            |
| 2004             | Ch       | Avram Hersko (Ferenc Herskó) | H                | Karcag         | 1937–               | Israel             |                                 | h                    | h                    | h             | +                            | h+i                                        | 13                               | ---                               | yes                              | HUJ                  | h, 2007          |
| 2023             | P+M/2    | Katalin Karikó               | H                | Szolnok        | 1955–               | USA/H              |                                 | h                    | h                    | h             | +                            | h+am                                       | 30                               | 5                                 | yes                              | JATE                 | h, 2022          |
| 2023             | Ph/3     | Ferenc Krausz                | H                | Mór            | 1962–               | G/AU/H             |                                 | h                    | h                    | h             | +                            | h+au                                       | 26                               | 3                                 | yes                              | BME                  | e, 2007          |
| 2025             | L        | László Krasznahorkai         | H                | Gyula          | 1954-               | AU/D/M/HR          |                                 | h                    | h                    | h             | +                            | h                                          | 35                               | 10                                | yes                              | JATE/ELTE            | SZIMA            |
| 1905             | Ph       | Philipp E. A. von Lenard     | H                | Pozsony        | 1862–1947           |                    | G                               | g                    | g                    | g             | +                            | h/g                                        | 19                               | 0,5                               | yes/no                           | Bp., Vienna ...      | f, 1897; h, 1907 |
| 1911             | P/2      | Alfred Fried                 | AU               | Vienna         | 1864–1921           |                    | AU                              | h                    | h                    | g             | –                            | au                                         | –                                | –                                 | no                               | –                    | –                |
| 1914             | P+M      | Robert Bárány                | AU               | Vienna         | 1876–1936           |                    | Sweden                          | h                    | cz                   | g             | –                            | au/s                                       | –                                | –                                 | no                               | U Vienna             | –                |
| 1925             | Ch       | Richard Zsigmondy            | AU               | Vienna         | 1865–1929           |                    | G                               | h                    | h                    | h/g           | ?                            | au/g                                       | –                                | –                                 | no                               | U Vienna             | –                |
| 1976             | E        | Milton Friedman              | USA              | New York       | 1912–2006           |                    | USA                             | h                    | h                    | e             | –                            | am                                         | –                                | –                                 | no                               | Columbia U           | –                |
| 1976             | P+M/2    | Daniel C. Gajdusek           | USA              | Yonkers        | 1923–2008           |                    | Norway                          | sl                   | am/h                 | e             | –                            | am                                         | –                                | –                                 | somewhat                         | Harvard U            | –                |
| 1982             | E        | George, J. Stigler           | USA              | Renton         | 1911–1991           |                    | USA                             | b                    | h                    | e             | –                            | am                                         | –                                | –                                 | no                               | Chicago U            | –                |
| 1986             | P        | Elie Wiesel                  | R                | Sighet         | 1928–2016           |                    | USA                             | h                    | h                    | e             | +                            | ro/h/am                                    | –                                | –                                 | no                               | Sorbonne U           | –                |
| 1986             | Ch/3     | John C. Polanyi              | G                | Berlin         | 1929–               | Canada             |                                 | h                    | h                    | e             | –                            | g+c                                        | –                                | –                                 | no                               | U Manchester         | h, 2001          |
| 2004             | Ph/3     | David H. Politzer            | USA              | New York       | 1949–               | USA                |                                 | h                    | h                    | e             | –                            | am                                         | –                                | –                                 | no                               | Harvard U            | –                |
| 2020             | L        | Louise Glück*                | USA              | New York       | 1943–2023           |                    | USA                             | h*                   | r*                   | e             | –                            | am                                         | –                                | –                                 | no                               | Columbia U           | –                |

## Abbreviations:

**Categories:** P=Peace, P+M=Physiology/Medicine; Ph=Physics, L=Literature, Ch=Chemistry, E=Economics; /2, /3 = half/third of prize share

**Place of Birth / Residence / Place of Death / Burial place:** AU=Austria, G=Germany, GB=Great Britain, H=Hungary, HR=Croatia, R=Romania

**Father's/Mother's Nationality / Mother tongue / Citizenship:** am=American, au=Austrian, b=Bavarian, br=British c=Canadian, cz=Czech, e=English, g=German, h=Hungarian, i=Israeli, ro=Romanian, r=Russian, sl=Slovak, s=Swedish; \* =paternal grandparent

**University studies:** BME = Budapest Technical University, BTE = Budapest University of Technology, ELTE=Eötvös Loránd

University, JATE = Attila József University, HUJ = Hebrew Univ ersity of Jerusalem, TH = Technische Hochschule, U=University/Universität

**MTA membership:** e=external, f=full, h=honorary; SZIMA = Széchenyi Academy of Literature and Art