

External Membership in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Public Body

The Public Body of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) was established in 1994 with Act XL of 1994 on MTA coming into effect. From 2000 onwards, scientists and researchers living and/or working outside Hungary have also been able to apply for membership to the public body. An external member of the public body can be a researcher who lives abroad and conducts scientific activities abroad, who holds a scientific degree (at least PhD equivalent) which is recognised in their home country and/or in Hungary, who engages in their scientific field creatively, identifies themselves as Hungarian or partially Hungarian, and maintains connections with the Hungarian scientific community.

Eligibility for External Membership:

- The external membership is open to researchers who live abroad and conduct scientific activities abroad.
- Applicants must have a scientific degree which is recognised in their home country and/or in Hungary.
- Applicants must be actively engaged in their scientific field.
- Applicants must identify themselves as Hungarian or partially Hungarian.
- Applicants must maintain a connection with the Hungarian scientific community.

Applicants for external membership to the MTA Public Body can request their admission through the Academy's data repository (Academy database) at <https://aat.mta.hu/aat/Registration/ExternalPublicBody>.

Complete the electronic application form and print it using the *Registrate* button. Sign the printed admission statement and send it along with a copy of the document proving your scientific degree to the following address: [Secretariat of Hungarians Living Abroad](#), MTA, 1051 Budapest, Nádor utca 7.

Contact details for the Secretariat: Phone: +36 1 4116196

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Evaluation and Certification:

Applications are evaluated by the Presidential Committee for Hungarian Science Abroad.

MTA recognises external membership with a personalised certificate signed by the president of MTA, issued and sent twice a year following the regular General Assembly in May and during the Hungarian Science Festival in November.

Benefits for External Members include:

- Gaining “Hungarian scientific citizenship.”
- Receiving monthly updates about the Hungarian scientific community abroad through the electronic newsletter of the Presidential Committee for Hungarian Science Abroad.
- Access to the Academic Database, which includes information about all full, corresponding, external, and honorary members of MTA, as well as Hungarian and external public body members.
- Participation in the work of the scientific sections of the MTA.
- Eligibility to apply for the Domus Senior Scholarship, which supports research work in Hungary and in the applicants’ home countries, within the framework of the Domus Hungarica Scientiarum et Artium Scholarship Program in Hungary. Applicants may also participate in other calls announced by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (e.g., the Bolyai Scholarship or the Academic Book Publishing Support Program) and benefit from discounted accommodation at the Domus 'Collegium Hungaricum' as well as at all regional resorts of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Additionally, support can be requested for participation in conferences in Hungary. Under the *home country application*, individuals living in the Carpathian Basin can receive support for their research work conducted in their place of residence.

Detailed information about MTA’s programme for Hungarian science abroad can be found here on the MTA website: <https://mta.hu/english/hungarian-science-abroad-106007>. (Or you can choose the “English” site button (located on the top right of the mta.hu website), then go to “About Us” at the top of the menu, then “Secretariat of Hungarians Living Abroad”.)