

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Doctoral Programme

Sociology (in English language)

Information on the admission procedure is available at:

<https://tatk.elte.hu/en/doctoralschool/sociology-en/appl>

Head of Programme: Professor Domonkos Sik

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Doctoral Programme

International Studies (in English language)

Information on the admission procedure is available at:

<https://tatk.elte.hu/en/content/international-studies-phd-programme-english-training.t.8341>

Head of Programme: Professor Balázs Majtényi

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Doctoral Programme

Interdisciplinary Social Research (in English language)

Information on the admission procedure is available at:

<https://tatk.elte.hu/en/content/interdisciplinary-social-researches.t.9891>

Head of Programme: Professor György Csepeli

Email: doktori@tatk.elte.hu

Application deadline: 20th March - 30th Apr 2026

EU citizens who wish to apply for a Hungarian state scholarship should apply through

<https://doktorifelveteli.elte.hu/>

Applicants with Hungarian citizenship and/or dual citizenship should apply through

<https://doktorifelveteli.elte.hu/>

Non-EU citizens or EU citizens applying for self-funded positions should apply through

<https://apply.elte.hu/>

Applicants need to register in the system, fill in the online application form, upload the required documents and follow the instructions during the application process.

Application fee:

For EU citizens and people with a permanent residence permit: HUF 9000

For citizens outside the EU: EUR 100 (non-refundable)

Data of payment:

Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem

Hungarian State Treasury Ltd. (1139 Budapest, Váci út 71.)

IBAN: HU03 1003 2000 0142 6201 0000 0000

Swift code: HUSTHUHB

Payment note: TáTK/F0000/F11150/18 and [NAME]

Date of the admission interviews: between June 01 and June 30, 2026

Applicants shall be informed about the exact date of their admission interview to be carried out via Skype. E-mail: doktori@tatk.elte.hu

Homepage: <https://tatk.elte.hu/en/studies/phd>

Tuition fee:

For EU citizens: EUR 1200 per semester.

For citizens outside the EU: EUR 1750 per semester

Students must have a passport valid for at least a year from the beginning of the academic year, and visa if required.

Application documents:

· Copy of university diploma (obligatory)

Sociology Programme: the programme mainly – but not exclusively – expects candidates having obtained a degree from the field of humanities and social sciences.

International Studies Programme: the programme mainly – but not exclusively – expects candidates having obtained a degree from the field of social sciences, communications or cultural studies.

Interdisciplinary Social Research Programme: the programme mainly – but not exclusively – expects candidates having obtained a degree from the field of social sciences, humanities, economics, law or engineering studies.

· Evidence of sufficient proficiency in English to be able to read English academic literature, to write academic papers in English and to participate in English-language courses: a copy of the certificate of English language proficiency and the results/scores (TOEFL, IELTS, GRE, etc.) equivalent to the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference Level B2 or above. If the applicant's language of instruction during their previous training was English, a university degree or high school diploma will suffice. (obligatory)

· Curriculum Vitae (1–2 pages) in English with original (not copied) signature (obligatory)

· Research plan signed by applicant (obligatory)

· Motivation letter (obligatory)

· A statement by the supervisor that they accept the role of supervisor/tutor until the end of the student's academic career (optional)

- Reference work (length no more than 6000 words), which is an earlier work done by the applicant (e.g.: workshop work, shortened version of a thesis or published scientific paper) (obligatory)
- List of publications (optional)
- Copy of awards in professional competitions (optional)
- A letter of recommendation in English from a qualified supervisor (optional)
- Transcript of university courses taken (obligatory)
- Copy of the application fee transfer (obligatory)

Admission process

The admission procedure is based on the same requirements and conditions for each programme. The admission is evaluated by the following aspects:

- the applicant's academic results, list of publications and language skills,
- feasibility of the research plan,
- and professional skills shown at the interview.

The admission committee evaluates the candidate's scientific aptitude, scientific achievements and the quality of the research plan. The admission committee suggests a ranking of the candidates, and the admission decision is made by the Doctoral Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Date of the admission decision: August 1, 2026 the latest.

Applicants with a significant scientific output may be admitted to a thesis-only option.

For more information, please contact us at doktori@tatk.elte.hu.