

## Dear Students,

Welcome to Szent István University. In this letter, we would like to share with you some information about your stay and living in Hungary, as well as your studies.

### STAYING IN HUNGARY

#### RESIDENCE PERMIT

You will need a residence permit to stay in Hungary during your studies. For detailed information, please read carefully the webpage of the Hungarian [Office of Immigration and Nationality](#) and the [page focusing on Residence Permit for the Purpose of Studies](#)

During the first weeks after your arrival, we will reserve some administration days at the Immigration Office so that you can arrange your residence permit as easily as possible.

#### ACCOMODATION/DORMITORY

##### Gödöllő Campus

If you are a [Stipendium Hungaricum](#) or [FAO scholar](#), you will be accomodated in the [dormitory of Szent István University](#).

We have already informed the hostel about your arrival, but you are also requested to send the „*Hostel\_application\_form*” (at the bottom of the [homepage of the dormitory](#)) directly to the dormitory international coordinator, Ms Ágnes Lendvai at [lendvai.agnes@fh.szie.hu](mailto:lendvai.agnes@fh.szie.hu). The application form to the hostel includes some terms of payment. Please ignore those, just write 'Stipendium Hungaricum/FAO student' on the sheet, since your accomodation fee will be covered by the scholarship through the university.

If you have an *accomodation outside our dormitory*, please let us know. (Please note that FAO scholarship covers accomodation only in the dormitory)

If you are a **self-fincancing student**, please follow the instructions on the [homepage of the dormitory](#) and contact Ms Ágnes Lendvai at [lendvai.agnes@fh.szie.hu](mailto:lendvai.agnes@fh.szie.hu) by sending the „*hostel\_application\_form*” at the bottom of the [homepage of the dormitory](#).

## **LIVING IN HUNGARY**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

If you are not familiar with our country, please read the [Wikipedia page on Hungary](#)

There are a lot of *sights to see and things to do* in [Hungary](#). Have a look at these pages: [Gödöllő](#), [Budapest](#), [Hungary](#)

### **FACILITIES**

In the dormitory rooms (and most houses in Hungary) you will have *clean running water (drinkable without boiling), electricity, central heating, and internet.*

### **FOOD and DRINKS**

You can have a variety of foods and drinks, in grocery stores, market places as well as in restaurants. *Vegetarian food* is available also in the two restaurants/canteens of the Gödöllő Campus.

*Halal food* is available in Budapest. Some well-known restaurants that serve Halal food in Budapest include Szeraj, Al-Amir, Cairo Café, and Antalya Kebab. There are a few Halal meat shops in Budapest. More information regarding the best Halal restaurants in Budapest can be found at one of the mosques or Islamic Centers in the city, such as the Budapest Mosque which is located at H-1119 Budapest, Fehérvári út 41.

### **CLOTHING**

Those who come from tropical countries should note that there are colder seasons in Hungary including a winter, so be prepared to bring or buy *warmer clothes*.

### **STUDIES**

Having a *laptop* for researching and writing is strongly recommended, although the university campus has computer facilities.

We have a *mentoring system* in the Gödöllő campus. Mentors will be at your disposal in any kind of matters. However, You should also feel free to seek contact with *senior students* already here, they can help you a lot. In addition, our *Hungarian students* will be also eager to help you.

For details of your programme and faculty, visit the various [faculties' homepages](#).

**We hope you will have a pleasant time at SZIU, and we are looking forward to meeting you soon!**

[International Relations Office](#)