

Research Mobility for Hungarian Doctoral Students at the University of Alberta



Advancing Mission-Driven Innovation: From Hungary to Western Canada

Are you an advanced **Hungarian doctoral student** seeking an international research environment that understands your region's history, politics, and socio-economic landscape for an 8-month research stay?

[The University of Alberta \(U of A\)](#) is an ideal partner for the **John von Neumann Programme and Hungary's RDI Strategy 2030**. Through the research mobility programs at the U of A's **Wirth Institute**, you will join a top-tier research institution that mirrors Hungary's commitment to high-impact research in digital ethics, healthy aging, and the green economy.

Research Pillars of Alignment

1. Healthy Living & Human Longevity

In direct alignment with Hungary's "**Healthy Living**" mission, the U of A offers an elite interdisciplinary landscape. You will **benefit from the Community-University Partnership (CUP)**, which serves as a vital bridge between the **university's external community** and the faculty and students of the **College of Social Sciences & Humanities**.

- **Multidisciplinary Synergy:** This framework links **Sociology, Education, and Psychology** with **Public Health and Pediatrics**, providing a holistic environment for researching human longevity.
- **Early Childhood Development (ECD):** Engage with interdisciplinary teams to study the foundational stages of human potential, a core priority of Hungary's human resource development.
- **Socially Responsive Care:** Conduct research that translates academic theory into community-engaged solutions for family wellbeing and socially responsive care systems for an aging population.

2. Disability Justice & Inclusive Societies The U of A is a leader in **Critical Disability Studies (CDS)**, bridging social science, humanities, and health disciplines. This environment moves beyond medical models to a "rights-based" approach, where your work can leverage:

- **The Disability Cultures + Access Hub (DCA Hub):** Benefit from a specialized resource designed to navigate barriers and engage deeply with **disability cultures**.
- **Political Science & Education:** Work alongside experts in rights-based policy and inclusive pedagogy to explore the preservation of human dignity—an experience that directly supports Hungary's social equity and accessibility goals.

3. Digital Transformation & "Human-Centric" Technology Your research will **benefit from** the University of Alberta's expansive **Digital Humanities (DH)** ecosystem, a premier environment for exploring the societal impacts of automation and AI. By engaging with our specialized DH facilities and **Media and Technology Studies** units, you can conduct critical inquiry that ensures technological transitions remain grounded in **human rights, digital inclusion, and ethical governance**—advancing the global dialogue on innovation while providing high-value 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 U of A offers a setting to study the **political economy of green transitions**. You can leverage the **Transforming Research for Social Impact (TRSI) Hub** to examine the social infrastructure needed for decarbonization and the social dimensions of environmental change.

5. Cultural Heritage & Knowledge Utilization Hungary's strategy emphasizes **"Knowledge Flow"** between academia and society. At the U of A, you can access one of North America's most significant **Slavic and Central European archives**, integrating traditional scholarship with **digital curation** to preserve cultural heritage through 21st-century innovation.

Beyond these Priorities

While these themes reflect current **strategic alignments** between Hungary and Canada, these fellowships are **open to all innovative Ph.D. research** within the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts. If your work falls outside these specific pillars but aligns with the University of Alberta's extensive faculty expertise and would **benefit** from our research infrastructure and local diaspora connections, we **strongly encourage you to apply**.

Your Academic "Home Base" in Canada

The [Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies at the University of Alberta](#) is your gateway to Austrian and Central European scholarship, culture, and creativity in North America. We provide more than just resources; we provide a **welcoming, community-driven environment** where you can thrive:

- **The Wirth Institute Network:** Join a community of scholars from across the former Habsburg lands, creating a "home away from home" in Edmonton.
- **Austrian and Central European Library Collection:** Access a **Top 5 North American collection** for Habsburg and Central European materials to support your archival research.
- **TRSI Hub Engagement:** Utilize the **Transforming Research for Social Impact Hub** to ensure your research results in the "real-world social impact" prioritized by the Hungarian NRD Office.

Fellowship Call: Hungarian Doctoral Research Fellowship

Competition for the 2026-2027 Academic Year is now open.

- **Format:** 8-Month Research Residency (October 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027).

- **Award Value: CAN \$27,600.00.**
- **Eligibility:** Hungarian citizens at the Ph.D. level (ABD) in the **Humanities, Social Sciences, or Fine Arts.**
- **Community Liaison:** Successful candidates serve as a liaison between the local Hungarian community and Wirth Institute.
- **Deadline: April 6, 2026.**
Apply now: Visit the [Wirth Institute Opportunities Portal](#)