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hereby announce the following call for applications for 2027, open to students of the Doctoral School of the Hungarian University of Fine Arts:

PETER AND IRENE LUDWIG FOUNDATION AACHEN RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Call for Applications

1 General Information

The call for the research scholarship will be issued annually for three years, from 2026 to 2028. All students of the Doctoral School who are enrolled in the current semester and have active student status at the University may apply, provided that they can complete their research plan while they remain active students.

The research scholarship may be awarded to two doctoral students each year.

The amount of the research scholarship is EUR 3,000.00 per student per year (excluding travel expenses). Travel expenses are covered by the Hungarian University of Fine Arts.

Travel expenses may be funded through the University's call for travel scholarships for study trips, which is issued alongside the HUFA Ludwig Scholarship call. The scholarship reimburses actual travel expenses documented by invoices, up to a total of HUF 150,000.00 for the two scholarship recipients. Following the evaluation of applications, the Chancellery shall decide how this amount is allocated.

Applicants may apply for the travel scholarship by completing the form attached to this call.

The applications shall be assessed by a selection committee, which shall decide on the award of the scholarships.

The committee shall consist of:

- the head of the Peter and Irene Ludwig Foundation,
- three members of the University's Doctoral Council,
- one representative of the Ludwig Museum Budapest,
- a former visiting professor or another distinguished representative of the international art world.

Upon request, the Peter and Irene Ludwig Foundation shall issue letters of recommendation for scholarship recipients, addressed to the research institutions they have chosen.

2 Content Requirements for Application Materials

a) Outline of the research plan

A statement of the research topic, written in Hungarian and in English or German.

A description of the planned stages of the research and of the substantive connection between the research topic and the proposed research location.

The Hungarian-language application text must be between three and five DIN A4 pages long.

The English- or German-language application text must be between three and five

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- b) A curriculum vitae in Hungarian and in English or German.
The Hungarian-language CV must not exceed three pages (DIN A4). The English- or German-language CV must not exceed three pages (DIN A4).
A digital portfolio presenting the applicant's artistic practice visually. Applicants must present no more than five works, which they consider their most significant. A series counts as one work and may include no more than five individual pieces.
- c) Annex 1 / Travel Scholarship
Applicants apply for the travel scholarship by completing the attached form and declaring their acceptance of the conditions of this call. All active students of the Doctoral School will receive the form by email as an annex to this call and must attach the completed form to their application materials.

Compliance with the above content requirements is mandatory for all applicants. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in exclusion from the application process.

3 Formal Requirements for Application Materials

The application materials must be placed in one folder, compressed into a ZIP file, and sent to ludwig.palyazat@mke.hu e-mail address. The ZIP file must not exceed 300 MB.

Folder and ZIP file name: applicant's name_2027_Ludwig_Stip

The folder inside the ZIP archive must include the following four files:

- a) Name of the first file: 001_applicant's name_H_2027_Ludwig

This PDF file must contain the research plan and curriculum vitae in Hungarian.
DIN A4 page, portrait orientation, text area: 26 cm × 17 cm, font size: 12 pt.

- b) Name of the second file: 002_applicant's name_E_2027_Ludwig
or
002_applicant's name_D_2027_Ludwig

This PDF file must contain the research plan and curriculum vitae in English (E) or German (D).
DIN A4 page, portrait orientation, text area: 26 cm × 17 cm, font size: 12 pt.

- c) Name of the third file: 003_applicant's name_portfolio_2027_Ludwig

This file is the portfolio of up to five of the applicant's most significant works. For still images, it must be submitted as a single combined PDF file; for moving-image works, it must be submitted in MP4 format.

Links may be included. One link counts as one work, and the links and files combined must not present more than five works. Links to personal websites are not permitted, in order to ensure impartial assessment.

All texts accompanying the portfolio must be in English or German.
The portfolio must specify the following details for each work: medium, materials, dimensions, duration and year of creation.

- d) Name of the fourth file: 004_applicant's name_melleklet1_2027_Ludwig

This PDF file must contain the completed and signed application for the travel scholarship provided as an annex to this call.

Compliance with the formal requirements is mandatory for all applicants. The ZIP archive and each individual file must also be named according to the conventions specified above. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in exclusion from the application process.

4 Submission Procedure and Deadline

The application materials must be placed in one folder and compressed into a ZIP file (maximum size: 300 MB), then sent to the following email address:
ludwig.palyazat@mke.hu

Deadline for receipt of applications: Friday, 20 November 2026, at 24:00 CET (midnight).
Applications received after the deadline or sent to another email address will not be considered.

5 Evaluation of Applications Received

Within five days of receipt, the Doctoral School Secretariat shall send all applications and the list of applicants by email to every member of the selection committee.
The external member shall be selected jointly by the University and the Peter and Irene Ludwig Foundation.

The members of the selection committee shall undertake in writing to maintain confidentiality regarding the applications received for assessment, the evaluation procedure and all related details.

Between 23 November and 12 December 2026, committee members shall independently review and assess the applications. Applications shall be scored on a scale of 1 to 10. Each committee member shall record their individual scores next to the applicants' names on the list. Applicants may view only the assessment of their own application; the identity of the assessors shall not be disclosed.

At a meeting to be held between 23 November and 12 December 2026, the selection committee shall discuss and assess the applications and decide on the award of the research scholarships.

The University shall prepare minutes of the committee meeting in Hungarian and in English or German. For data-protection reasons, the minutes shall not be made available to students. The University shall forward the English- or German-language version to the Peter and Irene Ludwig Foundation.

6 Announcement of the Results

The decision of the selection committee shall be made public within three working days of its meeting. The University's press officer shall inform the media, and the application materials of the two scholarship recipients shall be made available on the University's website.

7 Commencement of the Research

During December 2026, the University's management, in cooperation with the project officer, shall request the scholarship funds from the Peter and Irene Ludwig Foundation.

In accordance with the commitments set out in Annex 1 to this call, scholarship recipients must purchase the tickets required for research-related travel. (Invoices must be issued in the name of the Hungarian University of Fine Arts.) They must then submit the invoices to the project officer for reimbursement.

At the same time, they must begin the organisational preparations for their research.

With the assistance of the project officer, scholarship recipients must submit a written request to the Peter and Irene Ludwig Foundation for a letter of recommendation.

Scholarship recipients must promptly inform the project officer by email of any unforeseen issues or justified requests arising in connection with the research. The project officer shall

take up the matter without delay and make every effort to resolve such matters swiftly.

8 Conduct of the Research

Scholarship recipients may determine the duration of their research in accordance with their topic and chosen location, provided that they spend at least two weeks at that location carrying out focused research.

9 Research Report and Presentation

On completion of the research, and no later than 14 April 2027, scholarship recipients must:

- a) Prepare a written report of approximately five to ten pages in Hungarian and in English or German, presenting the results of their research.
(DIN A4 pages, portrait orientation, text area: 26 cm × 17 cm, font size: 12 pt.)
- b) With the assistance of the project officer, send the report to the Peter and Irene Ludwig Foundation by post and electronically, and to the Doctoral Council by email at the following address: ludwig.palyazat@mke.hu
- c) During April-May 2027, give a public presentation at the University on their research topic and findings.

10 Publicity and Acknowledgement

Any student of the Doctoral School of the Hungarian University of Fine Arts who receives the Peter and Irene Ludwig Foundation Aachen Research Scholarship undertakes to acknowledge the contribution of the Peter and Irene Ludwig Foundation in all project-related printed materials, websites and other communications by displaying the Foundation's logo.

11 Checklist of Application Materials to Be Submitted:

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004_applicant's name_melleklet1_2027_Ludwig

Email address for submission:

Deadline:

ludwig.palyazat@mke.hu

Friday, 20 November 2026, 24:00 CET

Budapest, 15 October 2026

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