POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
A PROJECT SUPPORTED BY SZÉCHENYI ISTVÁN UNIVERSITY
Academic Year 2027/2028

Aim of the Programme:

The Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Programme at Széchenyi István University invites promising researchers and university lecturers who have recently completed their PhD degrees and are seeking to further develop their academic careers in an international research and higher education environment.
The programme aims to support early-career academics through international research collaboration, university teaching, scientific publication, and professional networking. Its objectives are to strengthen research cooperation between SZE and international academic institutions, encourage joint publications in Scopus-indexed, Q-ranked journals, contribute to teaching at bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels, and support the development of emerging researchers.

Eligibility:

Applications may be submitted by individuals who:

- Hold a **PhD** degree or an equivalent doctoral qualification, preferably **obtained within the previous seven years**;
- Demonstrate research potential and an interest in developing an international academic career, as well as a strong motivation and willingness to collaborate with SZE academic staff on research and publication activities;
- Possess relevant research experience and, where applicable, university teaching experience;
- Have sufficient English-language proficiency for teaching, research, and academic communication.

Professorship Duration:

The programme invites applications for **four to twelve months** period during the **2027/2028** academic year. Applicants should indicate their preferred semester and availability.

Expected Tasks and Responsibilities:

Visiting professors are expected to:

- Involvement in teaching on English-taught courses (Bachelor's or Master's degree programmes) offered by Széchenyi István University
- Involvement in teaching on a doctoral programme
- Participation in monthly meetings organized by supervisor
- Participation in monthly Faculty committee meetings
- Participation in monthly internationalization meetings

- Production of at least one Scopus registered journal article during the 4-month period of the visiting professorship. For publications produced together with SZE affiliated co-authors, minimum requirements are submitted status and Q-rated
- Availability in offline and online media

Teaching assignments and research activities will be coordinated with the relevant faculty, considering the visitor's expertise and the University's academic priorities.

Required Documents:

Applicants must submit:

1. Copy of passport;
2. Curriculum vitae, including research and teaching experience;
3. Research plan (maximum 4 pages);
4. Teaching portfolio, where available;
5. PhD certificate and other relevant degree certificates and annexes (electronic copy for application; verified copy upon selection);
6. List of publications, with Scopus-indexed and Q-ranked publications indicated separately;
7. Proof of English-language proficiency, or evidence of previous teaching or research activities conducted in English;
8. Statement of motivation (maximum two pages), outlining research interests, expected contributions, and potential areas of collaboration with SZE.

In the case of a successful application, employment conditions will be as follows:

- Mode of employment of visiting researcher: contract of employment
- Széchenyi István University will provide accommodation via its own infrastructure
- If required, Széchenyi István University will provide assistance in obtaining visas and residence permits
- The tax and contribution obligations on the remuneration are subject to the current legislation and international coordination regulations

How to apply:

Submit your application and the required documents electronically to **international@sze.hu**, with the subject line: *"Early-Career Visiting Professorship Application – [Field of Specialization]"*

Indicate in your application in which semester of academic year 2027/2028 you would be able to join the programme.

Application deadline:

For applicants for the 2027/2028 academic year: 30 April 2027

Further information:

- Széchenyi István University accepts applications as an accredited research organization
- A four-member committee will evaluate the applications received based on academic qualifications, research potential, teaching experience, publication record, proposed activities, and alignment with the University's strategic objectives, and recommend the successful applicant for a visiting professorship.

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