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PROGRAMME BROCHURE



RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT | HUNGARY

Hungary Residency by Investment – Donation to Public Trust Route

Donate €1,000,000 to a Hungarian higher education institution maintained by a public trust and obtain a residence permit of up to 10 years, extendable once by another 10

INVESTMENT FROM

EUR 1,000,000

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At a glance

COUNTRY **Hungary**	ROUTE **Residency by Investment**
MINIMUM INVESTMENT **EUR 1,000,000**	LAST UPDATED **1 October 2026**

Two qualifying investments — direct property purchase is not one of them

Hungary's **Guest Investor Programme** opened on **1 July 2024**. There are exactly two qualifying investments:

Option	Amount
Units in a real estate investment fund registered with the Hungarian National Bank	**€250,000**
Donation to a Hungarian higher education institution maintained by a public trust	**€1,000,000**

Buying a house or flat directly does not qualify. It is not on the official list of qualifying investments.

The fund must hold at least **40% of its net asset value in Hungarian residential property**, and the units must be held for **five years**.

The permit itself is unusually long: **10 years, extendable once by another 10**. At extension the fund investor must still hold the units; the donor needs no further investment. Family members can join on family reunification permits. Naturalisation is a separate process that requires **eight years** of continuous residence in Hungary.

One thing to settle before you start

These are **residency** programmes, not citizenship. That distinction matters more for an Indian passport holder than for most, because **India does not permit dual citizenship**: under Section 9(1) of the Citizenship Act 1955, voluntarily acquiring another citizenship ends your Indian citizenship automatically.

Holding European **residency** does not affect your Indian citizenship at all. Only naturalising would. So the residence permit is the safe part; the decision point comes years later, if and when you choose to naturalise.

Key benefits

- Residence permit of up to 10 years for the main applicant, extendable once by another 10
- Schengen mobility (90/180 rule) for residence permit holders
- Family members can join on family reunification permits
- No further investment needed when the permit is extended
- Naturalisation possible after 8 years of continuous residence
- No real-estate management risk; donation is administrative and straightforward

Requirements

- Donate at least €1,000,000 to a Hungarian higher education institution maintained by a public trust
- Provide a clean criminal record and pass security screening (no SIS alerts)
- Demonstrate sufficient means to support the family without local employment
- Provide biometrics and maintain a valid address in Hungary

When this route may not fit

- Entry bans, SIS alerts, or national security concerns
- Unverifiable or illicit source of funds
- Material misrepresentation in the application

Costs and government fees

Programme costs

Item	Amount	Notes
Minimum donation	EUR 1,000,000	Before filing the residence application. To a Hungarian higher education institution maintained by a public-interest trust foundation, for educational, scientific research or artistic purposes. Non-refundable.

Funds to show

Requirement	Amount	Notes
Source-of-Funds Evidence	EUR 1,000,000	Bank statements and legal origin proofs sufficient to cover the €1,000,000 donation

How the process works

1. **Preliminary check**
   Preliminary check by a certified AML officer
2. **Choose the beneficiary institution**
   Select a Hungarian higher education institution maintained by a public trust, in line with programme rules
3. **Type D visa & pre-clearance**
   File long-stay visa with KYC/AML package and source-of-funds proofs
4. **Travel & identity verification**
   Arrive in Hungary and complete in-person checks as directed
5. **Complete donation**
   Pay the €1,000,000 donation and obtain official payment confirmation

6 **Residence cards**
Receive residence cards for a permit of up to 10 years after approval

Questions clients ask

What is the minimum donation required for this route?

At least €1,000,000 to a Hungarian higher education institution maintained by a public trust, for educational, scientific research or artistic purposes.

Can my family be included?

Yes. Family members can join on family reunification permits.

How long is the permit valid?

Up to 10 years, extendable once by up to another 10 years for the same purpose. At extension the fund investor must still hold the units; the donor needs no further investment.

When can I apply for Hungarian citizenship?

After 8 years of continuous residence in Hungary, with a clean record, sufficient means and Hungarian language and civics requirements. Hungary permits dual citizenship; India does not.

Is there a minimum stay to keep residency?

No fixed annual minimum to keep residency, but physical residence is required for the naturalisation timeline.

Is the donation refundable?

No. It is a non-refundable donation.

Important notes

- Direct purchase of residential property does not qualify. It is not on the official list of qualifying investments.
- The fund unit route requires an MNB-registered real estate fund that holds at least 40% of its net asset value in Hungarian residential property, and the units must be held for 5 years.
- Hungary is a Schengen member, but a residence permit is not citizenship. Naturalisation is a separate process requiring 8 years of continuous residence.

Compliance

- Two qualifying options only: €250,000 in units of a real estate investment fund registered with the Magyar Nemzeti Bank, or a €1,000,000 donation to a Hungarian higher education institution maintained by a public trust.
- The fund must hold at least 40% of its net asset value in Hungarian residential property, and units must be held for 5 years.
- The guest investor residence permit runs for 10 years and can be extended once by a further 10 years.
- The programme opened on 1 July 2024.

Official sources: Hungarian National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing — guest investor residence permit; Magyar Közlöny — Hungarian official gazette.



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Plan your Hungary application with our Dubai team

Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will confirm whether **Hungary Residency by Investment – Donation to Public Trust Route** fits, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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