

# Hungarian Diplomatic Academy

The Hungarian Diplomatic Academy is an educational institution operating under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. This is the first diplomatic training institution in Hungary providing continuous, high-level theoretical and practical training for current members of the Hungarian Foreign Service, as well as for aspiring diplomats of the next generations. The Academy was established on 1 January 2020 and its three core programs are currently in progress.

The Academy is concerned with national, regional and international issues. Completing our training programs, Hungarian diplomats and foreign trade professionals can acquire new skills, get current information and gain useful experience to successfully represent Hungary's national interests all around the world.

The *Diplomat Training Program* is dedicated to recruit and train young diplomats. The one-year long course offers an opportunity at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade through a two-semester training and internship grant program. Successful graduates of the program will receive a full-time position at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. It was first launched in September 2020 with 26 students; the second program begins in the Fall of 2021. In the first semester, the training includes theoretical and practical courses. In the second semester, students complete an internship program at the ministry and at a Hungarian mission abroad.

The *Diplomatic Leadership Program* started in 2020, offers mid-career public administration professionals and managers a development opportunity with international outlook which is unique both in Hungary and the region. During this 10-months program, the training combines a professional diplomatic course and a skill-oriented, business-focused higher education program.

The *Corporate Diplomacy Program* will first take place in 2021. The Program offers a unique opportunity for companies to engage their employees in a complex training that combines foreign trade and foreign policy issues. In addition, it provides mutual networking opportunities for the participants with those of the Diplomatic Leadership Program.