

Szent István University (SZIU), Hungary's **flagship life sciences university** consists of **8** different **faculties** for study and research hosting approximately **11 000 students**. With parts of its history dating back almost 165 years, SZIU blends Hungary's rich traditions with cutting-edge technology to meet the needs of its students in today's competitive labour markets.

SZIU understands the importance of **internationalization** and promotes a variety of international activities. We have always been making great efforts to expand our international relations outside Europe to strengthen the existing cooperation with foreign universities and businesses as well as to join the scholarship programmes supported by our or other governments. With active partners on almost every continent (more than **250 partner institutions in 50 countries**), SZIU students and staff can operate on a global scale to gain and share the essential knowledge for success in the globalized world. We see this as the cornerstone for a more secure tomorrow and are proud to be a vital part of it.

In addition to the courses offered in Hungarian, the university has launched a number of BSc, MSc and PhD programmes in English as well. Within the eight faculties, **degree programs are offered in a wide variety of subjects** ranging from **natural and environmental sciences, food engineering, horticulture, landscape architecture, mechanical and civil engineering to business economics, social sciences and architecture**.

The **main campus** is located in Central Hungary, in **Gödöllő**, which is approx. 25 km from the capital, Budapest. The various associations and organizations of students contribute to an active student life on campus. The sport center and the recently renovated football fields provide several sport facilities to the youth.

SZIU has established a **widespread corporate network** with national and multinational companies located in the country or beyond the borders to allow the students to spend their internship at well-established businesses to gain practical experience before entering the labour market.

Some of the strengths of our institution:

- SZIU is among the best universities for teaching excellence in Europe. It is **ranked 126-150** in the **Times Higher Education Europe** Teaching Rankings 2019.
- SZIU is devoted to carrying out good quality research. One of our faculties has been awarded the national title of **“Research Faculty”** by the Hungarian Government - our **Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences** is among the four faculties that have received this title in Hungary.
- **High rank governments’ personnel** have always been appointed from our Alumni. There are ministers in Hungary, Vietnam, Thailand, and in Mongolia who graduated at our university.
- One of the associate professors of SZIU, namely Mr. Zoltán Somogyi from the **Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences**, is the member of the **IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)** team that has been awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize in 2007**.
- We employ **nationally and internationally acknowledged professors and members of the Hungarian Academy of Science** that ensures the high quality of education and research projects as well.
- There are **10 Doctoral Schools** at SZIU which provide numerous opportunities to study for those who wish to get a PhD in *animal husbandry, biology, management and business administration, environmental science, mechanical science, horticulture, food engineering, landscape architecture, plant science and regional science*.
- **Faculty of Mechanical Engineering** is a prominent institution providing highly qualified professionals for the multinational companies of the automotive, transportation, aerospace and agriculture industries.
- Based on the professional knowledge of lecturers and the ratio of teachers holding PhD titles, the **Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences is ranked No. 2 in the country** among the business faculties, and according to a statistical survey of a monthly business magazine, **the graduates of the Faculty entering the job market receive the highest salary** compared to the graduates of other universities.
- Based on the achievements in the field of education and science, the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences was awarded the **Higher Education Quality Award** by the Ministry of Education in 2013.
- In the year 2013, Szent István University won the **International Cooperation Culture** award out of 72 higher education institutions for carrying out excellent student exchange projects and programmes.
- According to a **Student Satisfaction Survey** conducted by Tempus Public Foundation in 2016 when 1566 international students were interviewed, SZIU was ranked **No. 1 in three categories**: quality of institution and education, help in general orientation and student services of the institution.