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DOKTORANDUSZ ÖNKORMÁNYZAT

University Doctoral Students Union of Eötvös Loránd University
Faculty of Humanities Doctoral Students Union Representative candidates 2026

Sergio Chaparro Arenas



¡Hola! Szia! I'm Sergio Chaparro Arenas, an active member of the Doctoral School of Philosophy. I am currently pursuing the second year of my PhD in Philosophy at the beloved Faculty of Humanities (BTK). I come from Colombia, in Latin America. As a 2026-2027 PhD Student candidate, I am committed to strengthening a team and further democratizing the Doctoral Student Union (EDÖK). It's imperative to contribute to build an inclusive ELTE doctoral community that brings together both Hungarian and international students, within the Faculty of Humanities and across all faculties of the university. With patience, determination, and persistence, I believe it is essential that we join forces on two strategic fronts:

1. To consolidate an academic movement, collective campaign, and petition aimed at the new government to increase both the Hungarian doctoral scholarship and the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship. Our national and international doctoral community faces serious existential threats, and many students struggle daily to balance their academic responsibilities with the cost of living.

2. To strengthen cooperation and build closer alliances with DOSZ, ISAC, and HÖOK to improve our overall well-being through greater access to research funding, scholarships, employment opportunities, representative assemblies, dormitory accommodation, intercultural events that connect Hungarian and international students, and broader democratic participation.

Thank you for your trust, accountability, and vote for these common causes!

Gizem SAHIN



I am aware of the areas I need to develop as a doctoral student. Just as I did last year, I want to do my best and make our voices heard this year as well.

Tahereh Mousavi Maaf



I've been member of the doctoral student representative for the past two years. I believe it provides a valuable opportunity for PhD students to communicate directly with the university, raise concerns, and contribute to improving the academic and student experience.

Dorka Lippai



Hi! My name is Dorka Lippai, and I am a third-year PhD student at the Doctoral School of Literary Studies, in the Modern English and American Literature and Culture Doctoral Program, and my field of research is 19th-century British art. During my BA and MA years, I worked in the Student Union, and since the beginning of 2025, I've been working with the PhD Student Union of the Faculty. I would appreciate it if you could support me, as well as all the other applicants with a ‘yes’ vote, in order for us to be able to continue our student representative work! :)

Dóra Busi

Hi! My name is Dóra Busi and I am in my fourth year in the American Studies program at the Doctoral School of Literary Studies. Although my research deals with conspiracy theories, I believe that the representative work of the Student Union must be transparent and democratic. If you support us with your vote, my fellow candidates and I will work together to advocate steadfastly for doctoral students at ELTE.

Bekbalaeva Akylai



Phd research life is quite a solitary experience, being an international researcher makes it even more so. I believe we can learn a lot from each other and having a peer reviewing space (or academic venting space if you will) with no pressure of academic evaluation sounds like a nice start.

Haroun Umair Ali

I am an American history PhD student studying fascism and World War 2 in the Balkans. As a former U.S. Peace Corps volunteer, I have a passion for volunteer work and service to my community, be it in the U.S., Kosovo, or Hungary.

Yenni Alejandra Marin Casallas



Dear colleagues,

I am Yenni Alejandra Marin Casallas, a second-year doctoral student in the Literary Sciences PhD Programme at the Spanish Department. I have been part of ELTE BTK since 2022, when I began my studies in the Semiotics MA. Having experienced both the master's and doctoral programmes at ELTE, I have been aware of certain questions and challenges that may also concern other doctoral students. This experience has motivated me to share my perspective and support initiatives that foster a more inclusive academic environment, where everyone feels heard and has timely access to relevant information and opportunities. I would be happy to contribute to building a supportive academic community in which doctoral students feel represented and their needs are considered.