

ROMAVERSITAS

**Creating equal opportunities in higher education
in Hungary**



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THE WAY TO ROMAVERSITAS

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

After the transition in the new republic in Hungary:

Educational expansion:

- secondary education
40% to 80%
- entering higher education
10% to 50%

Roma population:

- secondary school 20%,
- 5% graduates
- 1-2% enters higher education



Without Roma **graduates, professionals,**
and **leaders** in Hungary,
the deep-rooted problems of
poverty and **unemployment, isolation** and
prejudice continues to grow worse.

PRINCIPLES OF ROMAVERSITAS FOUNDATION

Direct financial support is **not sufficient**

Financial **support conditioned to participation** in special training programs - contract with each student

Romaversitas operates through a **set of integrated, long-term professional programs**

Program based on **academic competition**

BENEFICIARIES

- Full-time Roma university students
- From the second year of university studies
- The most highly talented and highly motivated students are selected
- 50 Romaversitas scholars in 2008/09
- Underprivileged backgrounds, substandard education



KEYSTONES OF THE PROGRAM

opens access to higher education
for promising young Roma students through:

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP GRANT

SKILLS TRAINING

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



MONTHLY GRANT

Many Roma students cannot afford the expenses of university; they cannot rely on family support.

Romaversitas provides **monthly scholarship fee** to help the students pay housing, books and other personal necessities.

Beneficiaries of the program are enabled to **fully concentrate on their area of study.**



SKILLS TRAINING

Disadvantage entering university
due to substandard schooling:

Language, IT training and
communication skills development

Students are offered professional
opportunities such as
basic and academic tutoring
seminars on various topics



COMMUNITY BUILDING

Discuss challenges and learn from Roma professionals on how to succeed at school and in their careers

self-recognition

identity

orientation

social problems



ACHIEVEMENTS

During the past ten years 198 students attended the program.

95% graduated successfully from a higher educational institute.

20% of the graduates is working in programs aiming at developing the Hungarian Roma situation.

10% of the graduates are PhD students at the moment.



For more information:

www.romaversitas.hu

„Education is vitally important to the health, well-being, and success of a community and society.”

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

