

Stipendium Hungaricum Mentor Network
University of Debrecen
Barnabás Sarkadi

2024/2025/1

Time period: August, September, October, November, December

Name of the mentor's pair: Sharma Aaryan

Name of the mentees: Hassan Hassan, Siddique Huzaifa, Aijaz Kainat, Shahid Muhammad Adeel, Ahmad Aqeel, Kakar Inam, Mahdikhani Sepideh, Shaikh Sumayya Sana, Grof-Tisza Matyas, Mulwa Silvester

Calendar

Date	Location	Task
2024.08.	Online meeting	Group formation, discussion of key tasks
2024.09.	Online	Supportive conversation with mentors
2024.10.	In person	Meeting with the mentors
2024.11.	In person / online	Phone conversations and personal meetings
2024.12.	In person / online	Phone conversations and personal meetings

Written report:

August:

August was indeed a very busy and productive month, as this was the time, I connected with Aaryan and had frequent consultations with him. It was my first time as a mentor, so my dear friend introduced me to many tasks, and we supported each other a great deal. The application process for the mentees began, and after drafting the email, we informed everyone about how and on which platform we would share information and how we would assist them. Aaryan and I held a joint meeting where we discussed everything about how this semester would be structured.

The mentees arrived in Hungary in August, and we assisted them with everything they needed. For example, we helped them figure out how to get from the airport to Budapest or how to use public transportation in Debrecen and what they would need for it.

September:

During the month of September, we kept in touch with them daily and also tried to prepare the students arriving at this time. We helped answer their questions and encouraged them to participate in various programs.

We introduced them to the Neptun system, explaining how to use it, as well as guiding them on how to navigate and utilize various other websites. We supported them in every way we could.

October:

We rarely managed to meet with the mentees in person because we had many tasks to handle. However, we truly helped them with anything we could. They could reach out to us with any request, no matter the size.

In October, we kept in touch through phone calls and had individual, in-person conversations as well. Some mentees approached us privately with their problems or when they faced challenges in their studies.

November:

Since I was preparing for the Scientific Students' Conference, I didn't have time to participate in the programs due to this and other work-related and personal commitments. However, I made sure that, as much as possible, we continued to check in during November to ensure everything was going well for the mentees and to see if they needed any assistance.

We received fewer messages over time, which likely means they managed to settle in, get to know their classmates, and even make friends. In this regard, they started trying and were able to ask others for help as well.

December:

In December, we met up with a few mentees. We encouraged them to participate in as many programs as possible and to enjoy university life to the fullest.