

## MTA Momentum Programme – Advanced category

According to information received from MTA, the average success rate of the Momentum Programme over the past 10 years was **17%**, while last year it was **15.5%**. MTA believes this ratio to be so low that in the long term, it may discourage even the most outstanding domestic researchers from applying.

Due to the scarcity of resources, **MTA will thus suspend the “Advanced” category from 2026**, originally created to replace the discontinued “Integration” category, with a view to increasing the chances of younger applicants to win.

MTA affirms that there is a crucial need to substantially increase the funds available in the Momentum Programme, which MTA’s leadership has been regularly requesting from politicians and science policy decision-makers.

The above information has been provided to us by Andrea Balla, Head of the Secretary General’s Office, on behalf of Secretary General Prof. Dr. László Kollár, whose quick response is greatly appreciated.