

Talent Point in Action: Faculty of Teacher Training of the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary

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It is the primary objective of the Faculty of Teacher Training of the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary to develop the abilities of gifted students and to support the enhancement of their high quality scientific research activity. To this end, the University wishes to provide high standard training based on

Christian values. We follow our students' professional progress with attention to their personal needs and organize various talent support research workshops in diverse fields of art and science. Student participation in different competitions, exhibitions and conferences which foster their scientific development is also supported.

We organize our talent support research workshops in connection with Gardner's areas of intelligence, with the aim of complex personality development, also building on the methodological diversity of teacher training. We place special emphasis on the personality and pedagogical tools of the Christian teacher, particular emphasis on raising awareness of the Christian pedagogical impact, studying it scientifically, and helping it to develop in practice. The aim of our other talent support research workshops is to provide development opportunities in language – art and natural – logic skills, continuously helping to support intrapsychic and interpersonal skills areas. Our institution considers the basic goal of talent development not only in terms of developing the abilities of our students, but also in order to be able to effectively help the enrichment of the skills of talented children in the later period of their teaching profession.



The sharing of professional experience, research results and good practices at conferences is of key importance for talent development. The publication of conference lectures can be regarded as a reliable indicator of success. In 2019, we compiled a volume of scientific student works: Attila Tibor Kovács (ed.): “Faith of the Talents”.

Our students’ progress and their personality development is followed with personal care. In the University there is opportunity to consult psychologists in order to cope with occasional difficulties.

We also believe that: the chance for gifted students to meet their peers from other institutions also offers a unique enrichment opportunity beyond acquired professional knowledge. Joint talent days can also be identified as target. A further aim is to conduct joint researches providing opportunity for the comparative analysis in the different fields and practices of Christian pedagogy. By identifying the individual features of different countries, understanding the common characteristics and differences is helpful for the further development of the countries and for the advancement of their educational aims.

As a European Talent Point, the University is continuously to the representation of high-standard, scientifically based learning and to the further development of student ambitions and refined skills. An important opportunity for all these aims is provided by the widening of the international relations which provides an opportunity to examine and compare each other’s talent support strategies and good practices.

Continuing the traditions of Reformed colleges with a long history, the talent management activities of our institution simultaneously represent the traditions of Reformed education and openness to professional renewal. The expertise, scientific and artistic activities of our teachers are an important example for future teachers and those who want to further expand their knowledge. Among our fields of training, we take special care of our training in the field of talent care, and we also strive to develop the knowledge of the field through our scientific research. In recognition of our talent care work, we became a Registered Talent Point in 2020 (TP 181 002 720, <https://tehetseg.hu/tehetsegpont/tp-181-002-720>).