



EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS REGULATIONS

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Art. 1 Definition and area of application

Excellence scholarships are reserved to foreign students enrolled in a second cycle degree programme. For the first year, students have to meet specific merit requirements based on the Bachelor's degree academic records and on the curriculum vitae submitted during the admission application. For the second year, the merit requirements are based on their academic records.

Art. 2 Requirements and application modalities for first year students

International students, who have completed a first cycle degree (Bachelor or equivalent) abroad and who submit an application for admission to a two-year second cycle degree programme with no enrolment quota by 30th May, can apply for *Excellence* scholarships.

International students, who meet the same academic criteria and have passed the admission test for a second cycle degree programme with enrolment quota, can also apply.

A number of scholarships are reserved for candidates who have completed their upper school studies abroad and pass the admission test to the single-cycle degree programme in Medicine and Surgery taught in English (International Medical School).

Art. 3 Ranking criteria

3.1 The evaluation committees of each master programme will draw up a ranking list based on the sum of the scores obtained by the assessment of applicants' academic records and curriculum vitae.

Each committee can assign 30 points as follows:

Academic Records (average of exam marks)	Max 20 points
Curriculum vitae (work, research or study experience)	Max 10 points

Among applicants of equal merit, preference will be given to those with the best academic records. In the case of persisting equal merit, preference is given to the younger applicant.

Candidates who after this phase of assessment are awarded a score less than 21/30 are not eligible.

The ranking list for second cycle degree programmes with enrolment quota and for the International Medical School applicants will be based on the score obtained in the admission test.

3.2 A special examining committee appointed by Rectoral Decree will draw up a general ranking based on the individual rankings provided by each study programme. Benefits are distributed proportionally taking into account the number of admitted candidates to each Master Programme.

3.3 The general ranking will be approved by Rectoral Decree and will be published within 30th June on the University portal, on the pages devoted to International Students.

3.4 On pain of forfeiture, eligible candidates must enrol on-line no later than 31st July and must submit the documents required for enrolment by 30th September. Particular situations hindering timely completion of the abovementioned procedures will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, as long as they are suitably reported by said deadlines.



Art. 4 Scholarship payment

The scholarship will be paid in two instalments amounting to the half of the scholarship value:

- the first instalment will be paid once enrolment is completed and after the submission of all the required documents to the relevant offices;
- the second instalment will be paid once the recipient has earned 30% of the credits required in the first year of the degree programme study plan, by 10th August of the current academic year.

Art. 5 Withdrawal

5.1 Full withdrawal

Scholarship will be fully withdrawn in one of the following cases:

- withdrawal from studies
- failure to earn 30% of the credits specified in the first year of the degree programme study plan by 30th November of the academic year subsequent to that of enrolment on the programme.

In any of the above-mentioned case, the student has to repay the disbursement received and to submit the payment for the University fees due for the academic year of reference.

5.2 Partial withdrawal

In the event that the 30% of the credits specified in the first year of the degree programme study plan will be earned by 30th November of the academic year subsequent to that of enrolment on the programme, the student will keep the status of partial recipient and will not be eligible for the second instalment of the scholarship.

Art. 6 Scholarship renewal

The scholarship will be renewed only for the subsequent academic year provided that the recipient has earned at least 90% of the university credits (CFU) required for the first year of the degree programme, by 30th September of the current academic year. The student must be regularly enrolled to the second year of study.

The scholarship will be paid in two instalments amounting to the half of the scholarship value:

- the first instalment will be paid on renewal of the scholarship
- the second instalment will be paid when the recipient applies for graduation, as long as this is done by the last session of the second year of the programme on pain of total withdrawal of the scholarship.

In case of withdrawal, the student has to repay the disbursement received and to submit the payment for the University fees due for the academic year of reference.

Art. 7 Incompatibility with other scholarships

The *Excellence* scholarship is not compatible with any other scholarship, including those awarded by the education incentive programme (*Diritto allo Studio*) and those reserved to Erasmus and Mobility programmes.

Art. 8 Fees exemption

Scholarship holders are exempted from payment of fees and contributions.

Exemption from the payment of the second instalment of University fees is also accorded to students who do not hold scholarship but were in eligible position in the ranking list - within the



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limits of the benefits annually established by the Board of Directors - and provided that they enrol by the deadlines set out in art. 3 of these regulations. The exemption is limited only to the first year of study.

Art. 9 Entry into force

These regulations are approved by Rectoral Decree and come into force 10 days after the publication on the University portal.