

Scholarships for the best students will be awarded in four categories:

- 1) Scholarship for academic excellence;
- 2) Art scholarship;
- 3) Sports scholarship;
- 4) Scholarship for social engagement/community service.

Scholarship for academic excellence is awarded separately to:

1) first-year bachelor's degree students and first-year students of long-cycle programmes who, within the year preceding the academic year in which the call for scholarship applications has been announced, met each of the following criteria:

a) achieved excellent results in their Polish secondary school-leaving exam (Matura exam), with at least an 80% score in one of the compulsory subjects taken in the written part of the examination at the extended level;

b) were laureates or finalists of subject Olympiad competitions at an international or a national level, as referred to in the provisions on the Education System in Poland; or were winners of a nation-wide competition, including those organized by Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin.

2) other students of bachelor's degree, master's degree and long-cycle programmes who, within the year preceding the academic year in which the call for scholarship applications has been announced, met each of the following criteria:

a) displayed academic excellence, with GPA of at least 4.4;

b) demonstrated individual scientific achievements, including starting or completing a research and scientific project within the area of their UMCS study programme;

c) when working on their bachelor's/engineer's or master's degree thesis, they participated in research in the field identified by UMCS as a priority research area, which contributed/will contribute to an increase in UMCS research output or enhancing cooperation between UMCS and the social and economic environment as well as the business sector.

Art scholarship is awarded to students who, within the year preceding the academic year in which the call for scholarship applications has been announced, received awards or honourable mentions in artistic competitions at an international or national level and their winning projects were created in cooperation with UMCS units, especially the Faculty of Arts

or within the statutory activities of “Chatka Żaka”, the academic cultural centre of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University.

Sports scholarship is awarded to students who, within the year preceding the academic year in which the call for scholarship applications has been announced, met each of the following criteria:

- 1) achieved high positions (I-III) in sports competitions at a national and international level;
- 2) were members of the Academic Sports Association of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (AZS UMCS).

Scholarship for social engagement/community service is awarded to students who, within the year preceding the academic year in which the call for scholarship applications has been announced, met at least one of the following criteria:

- 1) were members of scientific clubs or student organizations operating at UMCS and were actively involved in at least one of the scientific events, especially such as: the Lublin Science Festival, the UMCS Open Day etc.;
- 2) were involved in activities and events promoting the University.