

Regulations on awarding and scholarships payment for the best foreign doctoral students studying at Doctoral Schools as part of the Project „UMCS Doctoral Schools-Your Success in Globalized World of Science”

§ 1

[General provisions]

1. The Regulations define the conditions and procedure for granting scholarships for the best foreign doctoral students under the "UMCS Doctoral Schools-Your Success in Globalized World of Science" Project.
2. Regulations on awarding and paying scholarships for the best foreign doctoral students studying at UMCS Doctoral Schools as part of the Project entitled UMCS Doctoral Schools-Your Success in Globalized World of Science ", hereinafter referred to as the Regulations, is established on the basis of a project funding agreement no. BPI/STE/2021/1/00006 /U/00001, concluded between the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, hereinafter referred to as Beneficiary, and the National Agency for Academic Exchange based in Warsaw, hereinafter referred to as the Agency.
3. The scholarships are financed by the National Agency for Academic Exchange as part of the STER-Internationalization of Doctoral Schools Program
4. Scholarships may be paid to foreign doctoral students for 12 months, with the provision that in the 2021/2022 academic year, scholarships will be paid for 6 months from April to September 2022, and in the 2023/2024 academic year by 30 September 2024 at the latest.
5. The beneficiary plans to award a total of eight scholarships to foreign doctoral students studying at UMCS Doctoral Schools during the project implementation, who will receive the highest grade awarded by the Commission based on the adopted criteria. The maximum number of scholarships in the following years will be as follows:
 - 1) 2 in the academic year 2021/2022
 - 2) 3 in the academic year 2022/2023
 - 3) 3 in the academic year 2023/2024
6. In the academic year 2022/2023 and 2023/2024, scholarships will be awarded on a semester basis - in the periods: October 2022 - March 2023; April 2023 - September 2023; October 2023 - March 2024; April 2024 - September 2024.
7. The expected amount of the scholarship is PLN 3,000 gross-gross monthly. The scholarships will supplement the scholarships for doctoral students referred to in art. 209 of the Law on Higher Education and Science.

§ 2

[Method of qualifying candidates to receive a scholarship for the best foreign doctoral students]

1. Only foreign doctoral students of UMCS Doctoral Schools may apply for the scholarship.
2. The scholarship is awarded by the Rector at the request of the doctoral student.
3. The application will be assessed by the appointed Committee, which will recommend candidates for the scholarship to the Rector. On the basis of the Committee's opinion, the Rector will grant scholarships.

4. The Committee will be composed of, inter alia, Directors of Doctoral Schools, Vice-Rector for Research and International Cooperation and one representative of doctoral students representing each Doctoral School, designated by the Doctoral Students' Council.
5. The application for a scholarship in the academic year 2021/2022 shall be submitted by the doctoral student by 15 March 2022. The deadlines for submitting applications in the following years will be announced in advance at the Project Office, ul. Weteranów 18, 20-038 Lublin and on the website (www.szkolydoktorskie.umcs.pl).
6. An application form for the scholarship is attached as Appendix 1 to these Regulations. Applications will be available on the doctoral school website (www.szkolydoktorskie.umcs.pl).
7. The information contained in the application submitted by the doctoral student shall be verified by the Committee.
8. Doctoral students will receive a scholarship after meeting two key criteria, i.e.
 - after approval of an individual research plan
 - and
 - obtaining a positive evaluation of the Commission based on the criteria set out in these regulations in point 8 of this paragraph.
9. Assessment criteria:
 - a) average grade obtained in subjects (credits and exams), provided for in the education plan in the semester preceding the submission of the scholarship application - weight 10;
 - b) evaluation of the progress in the research work of the doctoral student together with the supervisor's opinion - weighting 10;
 - c) scientific publications in accordance with the scientific discipline in which the education takes place and from the list of bulleted journals - 40;
 - d) active participation of the doctoral student in scientific conferences with an oral presentation - weighting 10;
 - e) participation in research projects, research grants (confirmed by the concluded agreement) or obtaining scholarships or internships in scientific or research institutions - weight 30.
10. The commission prepares a point ranking of doctoral students who apply for a scholarship. The Commission shall establish the core and reserve list of scholarship candidates.
11. If a scholarship is awarded, a scholarship agreement will be concluded with the doctoral student in accordance with the template attached to these Regulations.
12. The payment of the scholarship is conditional on the stay of the scholarship holder on the territory of the Republic of Poland, excluding the period of mobility financed under the project referred to in these Regulations.

§ 3

[Payment of the scholarship of the grantee's scientific progress]

1. Payment of the scholarship will be made each eligible month, which will ensure the material stability of the doctoral student and will be a disciplinary factor for good study results and re-obtaining the scholarship.
2. The assessment will be made on the basis of these Regulations, which define the method of qualifying candidates for the scholarship.

§ 4

[Rules for suspending the payment of scholarships for the next period]

1. The factor causing the suspension of the scholarship payment will be the doctoral student's resignation from education at the doctoral school or his removal from the list of doctoral students. In such a case, the scholarship will be withheld the following month.
2. In the event of suspension of the payment of the scholarship to a foreign doctoral student, the Commission shall award the scholarship to the doctoral student from the reserve list. In the absence of a reserve list, additional recruitment will be carried out.

§ 5

[Final provisions]

1. These Regulations come into force on the date of signing and apply to proceedings on granting scholarships for foreign doctoral students studying at UMCS Doctoral Schools as part of the "UMCS Doctoral Schools-Your Success in Globalized World of Science" project, granted from the academic year 2021/2022.